

ROTORUA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB (INC)



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Welcome to the May 2026 newsletter

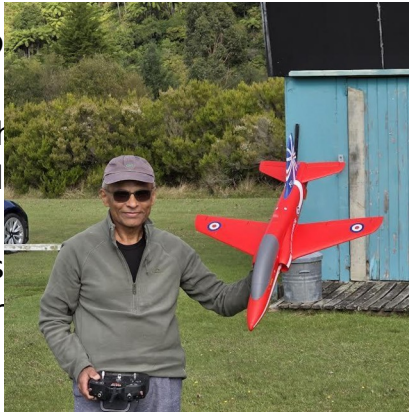
If you have anything you want me to add to the newsletter, send it through to alex.br.marsh@gmail.com. This includes updates on models you have under construction or anything you want to post for sale.

This month there have been two maidens. Maybe it's from kits that were started at Christmas. Next month we should try for three maidens. Probably not, that's already a lot. There have been some OK flying days this autumn with a run of good weather in the last few weeks. With summer closing out, flying days will become less common. Also with the cyclone and a string of thunderstorms we were lucky that the field wasn't reduced to a swamp.

New planes / maiden flights

Ashley's Red Arrows 50mm ED

The first flight, he hand launched, but he had a mishap with the throttle so it glided into the ground. But the second flight went well. It is 3-Channel and other than the first takeoff, it was successful.



Alex's (me) Seagull 10cc LW Sport Plane (nicknamed Sports S)

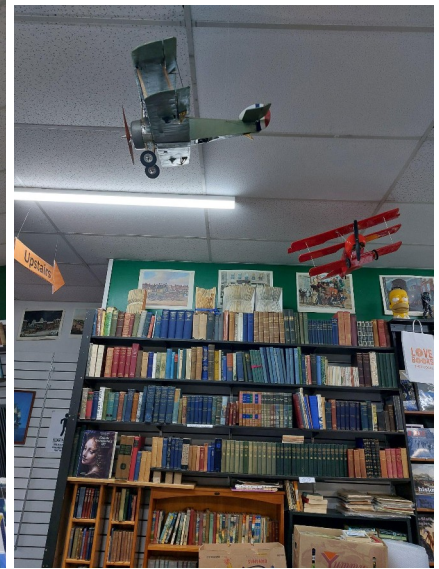
This plane is the first I've built myself that flies for more than a few seconds! It was challenging to put together with the motor and the engine (O.S. Max .55AX) brand new. Setup went well but because I forgot the wing bolts I had to borrow them from Andy - thanks Andy!

Once we got it up in the air it was going well. Heaps of fun but it was rolling to the right so I trimmed it. Not much I trimmed the ailerons it wouldn't stop rolling so I checked and found the trim was turned off in the controller. We fixed it and flew it again and it was fine. It has now had 5 successful flights and a few loops!



Interesting finds - Atlantis books

Atlantis books is a small second hand book shop in the middle of Rotorua, they sell all sorts of books but that's not the interesting part... they have an arrangement of old model aeroplane hanging from the ceiling. There are both foamies and balsa aircraft.



Who's training who?

I bet you can't guess who's training who in these photos:



Rabbit holes

For those that have missed it - Some people have noticed during mowing the runway that r holes (mostly old ones) could do with a top up of fresh soil. If you are one of the arrive at the airfield please take a few minutes to do a runway inspection and if necessary, mate and fill these in. Doing this could well prevent some undercarriage damage or even w They are mostly up the northern half of the strip.

Blast to the Past

This past month with the help of John I've started up an old control line model that's a years old. Before we even started the engine we had to tighten up the bolts holding the e on but they were in imperial size so we had to tighten them up with some plyers - that easy fix. We started up the diesel engine and started flying but we might need to get a s fuel tank because the lines are only six meters and it was spinning relatively fast, so we get dizzy and then we'd switch pilots and fall over! After about 30 seconds the pe ground would stop spinning and switch back.



Here's a video of us first getting it flying...

[Google Drive Link](#)

German Cammo

Check out this article on german cammo.

[German_cammo](#)

Upcoming events



Sunday 24 May 2026

Classic Flyers Aviation Museum

9 Jean Batten Drive, Mt Maunganui

Doors open 7.30 am. Auction starts 10.00am

For more information refer to website:
www.taurangamodelfly.org/annual-auction

or

Contact the Club Secretary - Garry Bentley

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Upcoming events continued

Date	Event	Location	Type
May 9	RC Scale Competition	Waharoa (Matamata)	Precision scale models
May 15	IMAC @ Galatea + AGM	Galatea (near Murupara)	Scale Aerobatics & Club Meet
May 23	Classic & Clubman Aerobatics	Hamilton MAC	Traditional pattern flying

June (TBD)	Winter Fly-In	Tauranga MAC (TECT Park)	Casual/All-comers meet
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Models under construction

All the models this month and previous months have been completed!
Has anyone got a model under construction? Let me know.

For Sale

Send anything you'd like to advertise for sale to other club members at
alex.br.marsh@gmail.com

That's all for this newsletter!