



# *Piston'n'Prop.*

## Newsletter

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## October 2024

### Committee Meeting notes for August / September 2024

The past couple of months seem to have been a quiet time – a pause between late Winter and early Spring before renewed activity of the Summer months. Activities have continued but at a reduced rate, partly due to variable weather and temperatures. Flying, boating and train running have continued, as has grounds maintenance and ground level track sleeper replacement, We have had a number of train ride parties as well as participating with other Park users in the Cancer Society Daffodil Day fund raiser but in general, members of the public visiting the

park have been down in number. Several pre-Christmas party bookings for train rides have already been made which is an indication of how quickly the year is passing. My thanks to the club members who have given of their time in helping with these train rides. It is a pleasure to see the enjoyment that the youngsters and adults derive from the rides.

A sub-committee is preparing drafts for a new Constitution as required by Government legislation. This draft will be considered by the committee with the intention of presenting a proposed new Constitution to the AGM in April for adoption and ratification. The Committee is also in the process of changing our current SBS Bank account to Kiwibank as a result of SBS policy changes affecting Incorporated Societies.

My thanks to those who have paid their annual subscriptions. There are still a number of members who haven't yet paid and your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

A MEANZ Audit of our track systems and procedures has been arranged for early October.

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### **Boating**

Boating has been pretty good lately. Winds have cooperated with good sailing to be had. Pond is still waiting for a clean but that shouldn't be far off. There is a nice yacht for sale (John Henson built), so it is an excellent build and looks good. \$150 with 27Mhz radio. Call Alan Gibbons on 0273459551 or call in at 140 Harvard



road, Omaka Landing to view.

### Flying Section Update –

Daylight saving is here again and Slope soaring sessions will start again for those that are interested on Wednesday evenings. We meet at the Car Park at Rifle Range Place, western end of the Withers Hills walk track (usuall near the NW Corner), at 5:30pm to discuss conditions etc and go to the flying site from there. The weather is warming up and we are getting some nice flying days, the glider guys are making use of Wednesday and Saturday sessions to fly NDC competitions or get in more practise, and it is good to see more people at the Sunday power flying sessions.

My long term build project, the F6F Hellcat, is progressing very slowly (photos below).



It is 1/6 scale and about 2.16 metre wingspan. With 50cc engine and retracts fitted it weighs 8.7kg, hopefully after finishing and painting and radio installation it will be about 10-11kg, not too bad for this type of model.

Have fun, fly safely.

(Carl M)

### **The Soaring Scene**

Most people will be looking forward to warmer weather as we approach the summer, but the glider guiders would be happy to see some calm Wednesdays and Saturdays. We can't really complain about the past week but prior to that it was like some weird Weather God's conspiracy as there were certainly some good days during the last couple of months, but they were conspicuously absent on soaring days at Tuamarina.

Nonetheless the guys kept turning up and we managed to get everyone through the September events. There were some good scores and some not-so-good but a signature part of the way the glider group operates is the way everyone tries hard, we all help one another and everyone goes home with a smile on their face. The camaraderie is always there which makes up for those days when your score is not quite what you were trying to achieve.

Rather than give readers a huge list of individual results for each flight, the following are the totals for each pilot in all the events flown since the last newsletter 2 months ago:

### **Event 426 - Class R, e-RES**

Rex Ashwell	Total - 1382
Peter Deacon	Total - 1169
Philip Gibbison	Total - 1092
Chris Hagen	Total - 956
Phil Elvy	Total - 916
Peter Smith	Total - 827

**Event 427 - X5J**

Carl McMillan            Total - 2312

Rex Ashwell            Total - 2309

Phil Elvy            Total - 2295

**Event 428 - F5K**

Rex Ashwell            Total 1703

**Event 429 - Thermal D**

Rex Ashwell            Total - 1254

Philip Gibbison            Total - 1251

**Event 430 - ALES 200**

Phil Elvy            Total - 2567

Phil Sparrow            Total - 2544

Rex Ashwell            Total - 2371

Carl McMillan            Total - 2366

Chris Hagen            Total - 2349

Philip Gibbison            Total – 1962

Peter Smith            Total - 1746

### **Event 431 - ALES Radian**

Rex Ashwell	Total -1406
Phil Elvy	Total -1399
Philip Gibbison	Total -1305
Chris Hagen	Total -1216
Carl McMillan	Total -1159
Phil Sparrow	Total -1156
Peter Smith	Total - 934

### **Event 432 - Thermal J**

Rex Ashwell	Total - 880
Philip Gibbison	Total - 867

We do get through quite a lot of events in a couple of months and the electric powered classes are usually well patronised. Some of the classes shown above don't have so many entrants and this is usually because not everyone has suitable models to cover everything. For instance the Thermal classes are for winch launch models which a couple of us can fly with small bungee launch models which qualify for the events but aren't really competitive with the 4 metre specialist models flown in some other parts of the country.....unless there are a few thermals to be found and then we can give them a scare.

Here's an interesting item from an earlier time in MAMS history. After Garry Morgan's recent death, his wife Kris gave me a Tee shirt that Garry had squirreled away. Anyone seen one of these? I certainly don't remember them from my earlier days in the club although I do remember the graphic which I think we used on badges and I have a recollection of transfers to stick on models. Maybe something worth looking at again.

Rex



## MAMS Membership and Subscription Structure

Ordinary Member (all Sections)	\$60
Family membership	\$65
Junior Member	\$40
Country Member (+40km from Blenheim)	\$40
Life Member	Nil.

Members may belong to any or all of the following Sections, for one Ordinary Membership fee:

Engineering - Boating - Flying.

*Flying Section members must join **MFNZ** for an **additional** annual affiliation fee of: **Senior \$95 Junior (under 26) Free, and Family \$100, paid to MAMS.***

*NOTE: MFNZ Fees must be paid to the club before **31 March**. NEW members joining after 1st October only have to pay half fees, however existing members renewing late, will still need to pay for a full year. *Peter Deacon* is the MAMS MFNZ Contact person regarding any MFNZ membership issues.*

For on-line payments members just have to use the club account number, give their name and purpose of payment, i.e. **MAMS subs**, and/or **MFNZ subs**.

SBS Bank Account number is 031355 0512739 00

**Subscription Policy:** Financial membership shall cease if the required subscription fee has not been paid by the **31<sup>st</sup> of July**. **Non-financial members are not covered by our insurance policy and therefore cannot operate their models at our designated sites**, and they do not receive a Newsletter.

(**New** members who have joined MAMS and paid their Subs from December 2024 onwards are still considered paid up club members for 2025/2026 year)

Those who have paid their subscription since the last AGM may collect their membership card and receipt from a folder on the notice board in the clubroom. Anyone not wishing to renew their membership please let the treasurer, or a committee member, know. If any flying section members are not renewing their membership could they also return their key to the flying field.

Publication dates: 1<sup>st</sup> week of February, April, June, August, October, and **December**.

Please get any items (Notices, articles, or for sale items etc) for the **December** issue to the editor a few days before the end of **November**.