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**Cover; Alan Rowson's PT-19 on takeoff**

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VENUE	Beerescourt Bowling Club	
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THEME: Mikey's Annual Quiz Night Extravaganza

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# ***Presidents Report***

And still the rain stays away. The field and the farm are taking on the look of the desert at present and there's still no sign of a serious dowsing of rain on the horizon. It's amazing how dry the Waikato has gotten and the farmers are really feeling it now. Surprisingly our runway grass has survived the big dry reasonably well, however the same can't be said of the pits area. It's so dry in there that the surface grass is merely peeling off the ground. We've also got a number of cracks showing up in the runway at present, but fair not for Gordon and Sel have plans afoot to fill some of the bigger cracks before we lose a model down them. Hopefully we will see some rain soon for everyone's sake.

I was reminded last weekend how our models live their life on the edge, just seconds from disaster at any one time. After eleven years of flying, my trusty Extra 300 flew it's final flight when both ailerons fluttered and broke. With no roll control, the ending wasn't pretty and it arrived inverted a couple of paddocks away. The cause was likely a broken hinge point on the outer tip of the left aileron which allowed it to flutter violently before departing the scene, the other aileron went out in sympathy, breaking the steel pushrod arm. Alas, this is the nature of our hobby and at the end of the day I still went home for dinner. Sadly the same cannot be said for our fellow modeller Daroish Kraidy from Auckland who is still missing after flying from Ardmore in his home built aircraft last week and as yet has not been located. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to his son Clinton and family.

March's Club night was our AGM. Thanks to everyone who turned up, it was an excellent evening with a good number present. The AGM went smoothly with some minor changes to committee. Gordon Meads is now Vice President and Mikey Wilson takes on



the role of Club Captain. Sel Melville also joins the committee in place of Laurie Chrystal who has served us well for some time now. Thanks to Laurie and to all those that remained on committee. Following the AGM we had a talk from Kevin Barnes and Loren Nell on their preparation for the upcoming World Control Line Championships later in the year. We look forward to having them report back after the event and wish them well in their preparations.

Also at the AGM, we honoured a couple of our long standing members with our own distinguished service award. Our Patron Stu Rogerson along with Jack Godfrey were both presented with a personalised plaque acknowledging their service to both the Hamilton Model Aero Club and the wider aviation community. Both Stu and Jack have been involved over the years with organisations such as the Air training Corps, numerous schools and other groups. They have provided the younger community with knowledge and experience in both model and full size aviation and both have made a huge impact on our club. Without them our club would not be the club we are today. Congratulations on your awards, they are well deserved.

This month's club night meeting is to be our Annual Quiz evening with your host and Quiz Master extreme, Mikey (I'm right, don't argue or you'll lose more points) Wilson. This is guaranteed to be a fun evening with plenty of laughs and lots of banter, so make sure you don't miss out on being in the winning team. Don't forget to bring along those projects and half constructed models, you never know what advice someone may be able to provide you with.

Our March Glider day went really well this month with near perfect thermalling conditions. Gordon organised the Altitude Limited event which was a lot of fun and surprisingly competitive. Alas the Warbirds day was a little less favourable coming on the end of the Cyclone we didn't have. Needless to say not a lot of flying happened that weekend due to the very windy conditions.

Our monthly fun fly event for April is going to be another Float plane day, this time up at Lake Puketirini in Huntly. This is scheduled for the last Sunday in April (27th). We will not be holding an event on our usual Sunday following club night, as it would clash with the Warbirds over Waharoa flyin which many of us intend flying at. There also is no Glider day scheduled for April due to Easter and the full calendar.

Daylight saving finishes this weekend, so that will see the end of our Wednesday evening flying sessions, but on the bright side it may allow a bit more time for building before the really cold weather sets in.

Finally, I'd like to wish Graeme Sonntag a speedy recovery following a series of strokes early in March. I'm sure Graeme would appreciate the support of visitors whilst he remains in Waikato Hospital.

Okay, that's my lot for now, safe and happy flying....and wish for rain for the farmers ....(doesn't that seem all wrong !!!! )

Grant



# *Captains Ramblings*

Hi everyone,

First report as club captain and as Gordon stated this must be one of the "perks" of the job even if he described it slightly differently. Before I start I would like to thank Gordon for the work he has undertaken as Club Captain. This has ranged from welcoming, motivating and being a "rule enforcer" as well as the over 100 newsletter and meeting reports. Luckily for us he is still around as the vice president of the club. While I am thanking people once again I would like to thank our illustrious leader, Grant who has been now guiding the club for a number of years and as the past vice president a great deal of his work is behind the scenes and unnoticed.

Now I thought I better do a quick bit of background into who I am as some of you have only met me in passing. I am Head of Faculty Science at a Girls school in Hamilton (I will leave it there). Originally from Weston, a small town inland of Oamaru in the mighty North Otago. I started flying at age 4 with chuckies and then an early plastic cox Cessna control line model that was held together by rubber bands. At 8 I started RC with a Modeltech trainer and have been addicted (with a couple of breaks) since then. Early influences on my aeromodelling was my father as well as another southerner Andrew Palmer (a NZ aerobatic rep who was a member of DMAC) and Frazer's exploits at the TOC. Me and a good friend used to study the videos frame by frame and try to emulate him which really is an important part of this hobby, set goals and challenge yourself and try to "master" whatever you are doing. My passion has always been aerobatics and the main reason of moving up to the Waikato was to get more involved with the people I had met in passing as a teenager at nationals and comps such as Frazer, Grant and James as well as many others.

The people and the fun you have with them make the hobby and I have made some great lifelong friends because of it.

As I start getting older I start finding gliders and scale interesting which is a bit of a worry! Vintage for me is a Hanno 61 so I don't think I will be building a playboy anytime soon... My challenge for the club is to make sure you move around the pits and introduce yourself and help others out. What makes this hobby so great are the friendships you make with people who have a common love of aeromodelling and who you normally would not associate with. Apart from that, put the fence up and don't fly over the pits (: and I am sure we will continue to become the best club in New Zealand.

Mikey



# *Subscriptions 2014/2015*



Subscriptions for 2014/15 are due from 1 April 2014 and early payment would be appreciated to enable prompt affiliation with MFNZ.

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# *Tuakau RC Vintage and Classical Contest and Rally*

## **22-23 March**

Wayne Cartwright

This was an enjoyable event with 11 registrations, 35 entries and 101 recorded flights. The weather was fine until early afternoon on Sunday when showers began to come through. The breeze was brisk and from a direction that provided a lot of turbulent air. Lift was around on Saturday, but hard to find on Sunday.

Brian Harris established an excellent precedent when he produced a bottle of wine for all to share, to celebrate his perfect score in Precision. It was immediately decided that this procedure is retrospective so Gordon Meads, who made a perfect score in January, is on notice to provide a bottle at the next event! Gordon took third this time.

There were other excellent performances. Rex Anderson won Vintage IC Duration with a fly-off over 8 minutes, and Keith Trillo flew his Tomboy to 19 minutes in E Tomboy and 24 minutes in his 1/2E Texaco fly-off.

The writer won E Texaco, which had a record four entries, and also 1/2A Texaco. Both Rex, who was second, and I are still rising to the challenges of running those cuteXXX Cox Babe Bees on big props to get long motor runs. Unfortunately, Phil Hall decked his Bombshell when the wings clapped hands. He says that it will rise again.

The Tuakau MAC folk were excellent hosts – special thanks to John and Janice Butcher and David Gush.

We can now look forward our next event on 12-13 April at Thames Blackfeet.

# *RC Pylon Racing at JR Airsail, Pukekawa*

Hi everyone, another great day's pylon racing here last Sunday, only a small entry with clashing local events elsewhere, but some great match ups in the only class flown, Q500 Sport. A hot last Sunday of summer with little wind, a perfect time of the year to go racing.

Only one casualty with Marcel losing a wing on his Viper during a practice flight, luckily he had a number 2 model with him to compete with. Also another new face here to test his new Viper was Stephen Collins, the model flew well with very little trim required, but because of lack of practice he decided to sit out the comp. However his help with timing was most appreciated. So Stephen, get some practice in before the next event at Paul's on the 27th April and join in the excitement.

As mentioned earlier some great match ups with Ross going head to head with James and Gary with Marcel.

Results;

Q500 Sport

1st. Ross Craighead 389

2nd James Danby 406

3rd Gary Briggs 441

4th Marcel LaGrand 448

See you all at Paul Clausen's on the 27th April.

Until then go fast, turn left

Cheers John Danks

JR.Airsail

# *Vintage SIG Thames Blackfeet RC Vintage and Classical Event*

## *April 2014*

**Dates:** April 12-13 2014  
**Times:** 9.30 am Saturday to 3.30 pm Sunday (flying permitted until dusk on Saturday and early morning Sunday).  
**Venue:** Torehape Road, Ngatea  
**Hosts:** Thames Blackfeet Club (rally) and Vintage SIG (contest)  
**Contacts:** **Rally** Martin Evans [martin.evans@ihug.co.nz](mailto:martin.evans@ihug.co.nz)  
**Contest CD** Wayne Cartwright, 07 210 0298 [wcartwright@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:wcartwright@vodafone.co.nz)

This is a combined contest and rally. All contest classes flown both days – contestants fly the classes they wish at any time they choose – and rally flying throughout the weekend, subject to the contest landing circle remaining free.

Classes flown to the rules published in the Vintage page of the MFNZ website:

**Vintage:** Precision, IC Duration, Open Texaco, A Texaco, 1/2A Texaco, E Duration, 1/2E Texaco, E Texaco, E Rubber Texaco  
**Classical:** IC Duration, E Duration  
**Tomboy:** IC and Electric – best flight of three attempts, with model specifications as published in AVANZ News. Each contestant may make **multiple entries in each class**, subject to different model(s) being used for each entry.

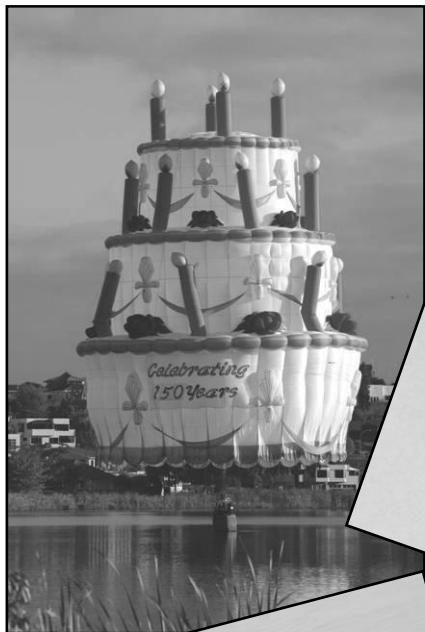
The Vintage SIG gratefully acknowledges Thames Blackfeet MAC for the use of their field.

**Future Event (same format):** May 10-11 JR Airsail, Pukekawa

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# ***Coming Events***

**April 6th** Te Awamutu Car Club - HMAC Flying Demonstration  
9:00am at Te Awamutu Race Course, Race Course Rd

**April 9th** HMAC Club Night - Miky's Annual Quiz Night

**April 12-13th** Vintage & Classical @ Thames Blackfeet, Ngatea

**April 12-13th** Waharoa Warbirds Flyin. Piako, Jaggers Rd

**April 19-20th** NZJMA Jet Meeting, Tokoroa

**April 27th** HMAC Float Planes @ Lake Puketirini (Weavers)  
Rotowaro Road, Huntly

**May 3-4th** MANZ AGM, Waharoa

**May 10-11th** Vintage @ JR Airsail, Pukekawa

**May 14th** HMAC Club Night

**May 18th** HMAC Scale Day 9:30am

**May 25th** HMAC Glider Day 9:30am

## **Flight Lines Deadlines 2014**

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