

BULLETIN OF THE AUCKLAND MODEL AERO CLUB INC. EST. 1928 February 2014



Ricky Bould, 66th Nationals Open Scale Champion, in action at the indoor scale events.



# Tomboy C Texaco

Tomboy and 1/2A Texaco will be flown as a monthly competition at either the AMAC field at Karaka or the Tuakau Club field.

Contact Keith Trillo for confirmation of site and possible postponement, Mobile: 027 460 7180.

AMAC placings count to event Club points

### Editorial - Grass roots response to the Nationals

Like a diminishing number of others in the Club, I have made the pilgrimage to the Nationals on fairly much an annual basis for a number of years.

Whilst the heat of competition amongst large numbers of like-minded fliers, may not be as prevalent as in yesteryears in most events, there is still the challenge of competing in an organised contest with others in one's flying discipline. I have enjoyed flying in the wide open spaces for free flight events, usually available. Nationals have also been an opportunity to see the skills of others outside Club membership and to renew friendships. After most Nationals, I have returned with resolve to work on new projects and to learn from what succeeded or what did not work, in both the models that I have entered and the models flown by others.

After the discussions about programme and format that preceded this year's Nationals, it is of value to reflect on what was achieved. The attendance numbers were up on last year, but that was to be expected as South Island Nationals have traditionally attracted fewer contestants that North Island Nationals. That 120 modellers made the trip to the Nationals, paid for accommodation and focussed on flying over the week still gives me hope that value is seen in keeping the Nationals alive. Whilst I did not get a chance to attend any of the rally events, they held the potential to interest both others outside respective disciplines and also the public attending these, in these flying disciplines.

There are, of course, a number of modellers in each SIG who put in the hours planning events, organising judges and ensuring that events continue. We should also thank the judges who often fit in this role around the other events that they have come to fly.

At this year's prizegiving, it was announced that next year's Nationals will be held at Matamata on the Waharoa and surrounding sites. Organisation is already well under way. For those like myself who have had to break the journey at Taupo when venturing to Carterton, this venue is in easy travelling distance. Wearing my Club Captain hat, I urge you all to give serious consideration to either building and trimming some models or attending and assisting others. This Nationals has the potential to see much greater contestant numbers and hopefully to cajole those of you who have not been to the Nationals for a number of years to come and enjoy flying in events there.

Stan Mauger

### Slipstream contributions

Contributions of photos and information about latest projects are very welcome for the Building Board section of the bulletin. Field reports and articles are too! Please just send them in.

### Deadline for articles for the March 2014 Slipstream is March 28

### AMAC 85th Anniversary - Mike Fairgray reports

### 4-11-13

Trevor Martin recently proposed to the Committee that the last club night of 2013 be given to celebrating the Club's 85th year of continuous operation. With the Committee's approval Trevor, with the assistance of Mike Fairgray, began to plan the event, which was to be a casual get together of past and present members with a few formal presentations thrown in.

Trevor was in charge of contacting present and past members, advising them of the event and encouraging them to come and partake in this moment of the Club's history. The final count of members and family who attended was 45.

Mike undertook to coordinate preparations for the event and received assistance from a number of members who are acknowledged at the end of this report. The team arrived at 6pm and set about organising the room, displays and preparing the supper. Guests started to arrive at 7.20pm and by 8pm there was a great atmosphere with guests meeting up with old friends and acquaintances from years past.

President Charles kicked off the evening by welcoming those present, commenting that a good number of past Presidents and Life Members were in attendance. Outlining the evening's programme he welcomed the first speaker, Michael Taylor, who presented a short overview of the Club's history.

Michael first noted the passing of Margaret Poletti, the wife of long standing member Maurice Poletti, and called for a minute's silence to reflect on her passing. The Club's past history was well documented with the majority of material being gathered and indexed by Maurie Poletti. He reflected on the way in which, in past years, Club members had been very active in competition flying and had a good presence in the main classes of free flight, control-line, radio control, outdoor, indoor and sport. AMAC was well represented at the Nationals, winning the Champion Club Cup fifteen times, mainly in the early years, and several members taking away Champion of Champions Cup over the years. Michael referred to Vern Gray's win in 1936 of the Moffet Trophy, his model proxy flown by Bert Pond in the USA, and noted that Bill McGarvey had brought along his replica of the

Bert Pond in the USA, and noted that Bill McGarvey had brought along his replica of the Moffett Trophy which he won at the club's memorial event in 1987. Members have been involved in the Trans Tasman competition and the UK Nationals. Over the years the Club has mounted a significant number of static and flying displays as well. The Club's once a month evening gatherings are one of the highlights of membership and present an opportunity for members to display their models and share information. In conclusion, Michael drew attention to his display of picture story boards, which showed the activities of the club over the years.

Next up was Angus Macdonald, a member since the age of 12 years which totalled 73 years of continuous service. Angus spoke on his reminisces of his involvement in the club, noting that the Club had held activities in several inner city buildings, halls, picture theatres and parks. However, due to noise, the club was forced to move further out of Central Auckland to establish its presence at Kids Farm in Karaka. The club erected its first Club House on a property across the road, but due to lifestyle blocks the club was forced to



*Top:* Michael Taylor (left) and Angus Macdonald (right) making presentations. *Centre and Lower:* Views of the gathering immediately before formalities got under way.

move this double garage across the road on to Kids Farm. This was a well executed manoeuvre using a trailer and a lot of club members' muscle. The new site allowed for running water and power and members stayed overnight on several occasions when two day competitions were run. The tenure on the farm came to an end due to the farmer's changing requirements for the land and the Club found a new site still in the Karaka area.

A further site was found on a farm at Aka Aka which is used mainly for power R/C models. Recently the Club has been able to negotiate associate membership of the Karaka Sports Park which has given access to their playing field and facilities.

President Charles called on Arthur Pearce to step forward and receive the honour of being inducted into the Club's Hall of Fame. Arthur had no



knowledge that he was to receive this acknowledgement for his past service to the Club. The President, in presenting the award noted that Arthur joined the AMAC in 1943 aged 10 years. This made him an active member for 70 years, and during this time he had given outstanding service over twenty years to the club in the following positions:

President 1972, 1973, and 1974 Vice President 1987 to 1992 and again in 2006 Committee Member 1967 and 1968 Bulletin Editor 1961, 1977 and 1980 Recording Officer 1955, 1986, 1978, and 1979 He was the club Junior Representative in 1969.

On receiving the award Arthur was surprised and thanked the Club for the honour of being inducted into the Hall of Fame and spoke a little about his past experiences in the Club. With the formal part of the evening over, it was time to cut the rather large 85th Anniversary cake and get down to the serious business of partaking of the supper that had been laid out, look at the storyboards and reminisce over past activities. From comments received it is clear that the evening was a great success.



Left: Man of the moment! Arthur Pearce very happy on his admission to the Hall of Fame and holding a certificate to record the moment. Here congratulated by Charles Warren Club president.

**Opposite page:** Charles Warren cutting the anniversary cake part of the

sumptuous supper that followed the formal part of the evening.

### Acknowledgments:

The following people assisted in the preparation and running of the 85th anniversary event:

Trevor Martin, who raised the need for a celebration to mark the clubs 85th year and for his work in contacting present and past members inviting them to the function.

Michael Taylor, for his presentation and effort in providing the story boards of club activities and past members contributions to the club.

Angus Macdonald, for his presentation and reminisces of years past.

Virginia Fairgray, for putting together a very well received supper.

Don and Lynn Spray, for the fruit platters and assistance during the evening.

Keith Williamson, for his assistance in setting up the room and cleaning up afterwards.

Keith Trillo, for looking after the toilets ensuring that a high standard of hygiene.

Stan Mauger, for taking a photographic record of the events.

John Bercich, for providing the sound system.

Charles Warren, for being Master of Ceremonies .

Thank you all for your assistance in making this event a memorable ocassion.

### Display Panels for the Club's 85th Anniversary

Mounted panels featured material and photographs tracing aspects of the club's history.

### AMAC members in the late 1940s and '50s

Ten black & white photos: - Bryan Marsh plus Wakefield, Noel Hewitson receiving the National Champion's trophy, Reg Fleet, Noel Maurice, Arthur Pearce and the Peperells with C/L models, among others. Also a group of club members & families from the 1930s

### **Moffett International Contest**

Memorabilia of Vern Gray's trophy win in 1936, Bill Alexander's 2nd placing in 1940, and the 50th anniversary commerative event flown at Karaka with nearly forty participants

### 50th and 60th Jubilee celebrations

Notices and posters from the Auckland MAC anniversary events held in 1978 and 1988

### 75th Jubilee celebration

Material from the reunion dinner, model exhibition and flying event at Bruce Pulman Park with photos and memento items from these occasions

### Club members with their model aircaft

Panels of photographs of men and their machines in action at the club's various flying sites

### Lest We Forget

Display recording the air force careers of ten club members who served in World War Two

**Below:** A view of part of the AMAC display at Logan Park Conference Centre as part of the Club's 60 Jubilee celebrations.



### AMAC members in the late 1940-1950 period

**Above:** Bryan Marsh with his successful Wakefield model.

**Below:** A young Arthur Pearce seen on the flying field.





#### This page

**Top:** The vintage Playboy Texaco model brought along by Mike Mulholland caught the attention of Michael Taylor.

**Below:** John Poletti brought this Privateer vintage gas model built by Maurice Poletti.

**Opposite page** A youthful John Poletti launching his Moffet Trophy model at the commemorative event in 1986.



### MARGARET POLETTI

On behalf of Auckland MAC members we extend our deepest sympathy to the Poletti family on the loss of Maurie's wife Margaret who died on 23rd November 2013. Eight members of the club were able to be present at the Service of Remembrance and Farewell to celebrate her life held at Papakura East Presbyterian Church. This was a wonderful occasion befitting a special person, loved by her family and esteemed by her many friends.

From the Minister's opening remarks, backed by John's eulogy to his mum, we learned – something that many of us already knew – about the terrific support that Margaret had been to Maurie throughout their life together and in his commitment to aeromodelling. Elena next paid tribute to her mother under four apt headings: Fabrics (Margaret's skill and pleasure in making things, especially clothes for her family), Flowers (her love of gardens and also wild flowers), Words (her aptitude with language and in writing, whether this be poems or personal correspondence) and Music (expressed in choir membership or by joyful singing within her daily round. Bruce Poletti's informal tribute included his moving recitation of the poem "Walking on my Feet' by A.R.D. Fairburn and emphasised the message of an inspirational family which was then reinforced by personal contributions from Margaret and Maurie's grandchildren. Following the committal and blessing the large congregation adjourned to the church hall for refreshments and further shared memories.

## Karaka Diary - Keith Trillo

### 3-11-13

In the AMAC/Tuakau competition we had eight competitors and Michael Taylor helpied out with the timing. It was a good day for model flying with light winds and just sufficient cloud cover to use as a back drop, also some good thermals.

John Butcher obtained 15.58 in the 1/2 Texaco and Charles Warren a 14.59 with his IC Tomboy having Angus Macdonald as his timer and thermal spotter.

The only downside of the day was Angus losing his model out of sight on his third flight, a search was carried out in the area of last sighting, but to no avail.

Results:		0	0,			
IC Tomboy	Charles Warren		3:12	14:49	6:56	
	Keith Trillo		10:50	6:06		
	Bill Bell		2:48	3:46	7:51	
	Angus Macdonald		4:34	3:52	6:16	OOS
	Bryan Spencer		1:56			
E/Tomboy	Keith Trillo		17:54			
Indurance	John Butcher		13:39			
	Bryan Spencer		6:52			
1/2 A Texaco	John Butcher		15:58	5:09	7:10	C
	Charles Warren		6:55	3:50	10:5	3
	Bryan Spencer		5:44			
E/Tomboy	Keith Trillo		4:04	2:31	9:2	28
(1 min LER)	David Gush		3:12	3:11	4:3	37
	John Butcher		2:07	2:20		
	Ross Northcott		1:56	2:09	1:5	50
	Bryan Spencer		2:09	esc problems		

### 15-1-14

Keith Trillo and Ross Northcott arrived at 8.15am and flew models until 10.00, in calm conditions. Keith flew his 1/2A 44" span Texaco Skipper, a 1948 design powered with a Cox .049, getting rather limited engine runs at the time. The model had previously been flown electric. It flew well with a good glide. Ross flew his new Tomboy.

**Opposite page Upper:** Where is that model? **Lower:** The gathering.



### Hoteo testing - Stan Mauger

The promise of calm conditions for flying and a quick phone call to interested fliers, had Ricky Bould, George Fay, Martin and Paul Evans and Stan Mauger bound for the wide open spaces at Hoteo. The morning stayed very flyable and it was a chance to trim models and enjoy some relaxed flying. However, normally reliable models seemed not to perform! Ricky's Tipsy Nipper stayed earthbound after problems with getting the Dart to run. His Seamew came in for a heavy landing removing a wing. Afterwards he discovered that the noseblock was the wrong way around. Despite some successful bench running, Stan could not get the ED Fury to run in his 48" Auster, so that could not be flown. George had problems trimming out his NA Mitchell. He had his Vought Corsair out for testing for the Nationals, but it was out of trim and came in hard, resulting in considerable damage.

Ricky's Fairey Barracuda and Pilatus Porter both flew nicely and George was getting good flights from his P-30 rubber. Martin and Paul had some good air time with both Voltimer and 150% Cherub.



**Upper :** Paul Evans assisting George Fay to get the PAW 1.5 to run in his Vought Corsair.

*Lower:* Martin Evans assisted by Paul, getting his Voltimer set up for flying.







**Upper:** Ricky working on the Dart in his Tipsy Nipper and George with his NA Mitchell.

*Centre:* George with P-30 model and Ricky with Pilatus Porter on the winding stooge.

*Lower:* Stan's 48" Auster, still unpainted and awaiting a good flight.

### Indoor Scale at Balmoral - Stan Mauger

### 24-11-13

A small group of fliers contested Peanut Scale and Open Rubber Scale. There were no profile scale fliers present, so hopefully there will be activity in this event again at the next indoor scale evening. Combining Kit Scale with Push E last month also took some pressure off competitors in getting in flights this month. Official flights were soon put in for these classes.

In Peanut Scale, Angus had his restored Nesmith Cougar flying every bit as well as in earlier days. Nor bad for a forty year old model. It was one of the early Nationals Peanut contenders. Ricky Bould's Fike also flew well but Angus was the clear winner in this event. Angus and Ricky both put in good flying scores with their well proven models in Open Rubber,.but Stan Mauger had an edge in static points that gave him the best overal score to win the event with his Fleet Canuck.

Don Spray's new Modelair Rearwin Speedster was being put through some test hops. Keith Williamson brought along his KeilKraft Fairey Junior for trimming. The model has been converted from electric back to rubber power, and with some helpful advice provided by Angus he should soon have it trimmed out for flying in Indoor Scale events. Many thanks to John Swales and Keith Trillo for looking after judging the events.

### Results

Peanut Scale	Static	Flying	
1. A. Macdonald	1	1	Nesmith Cougar
2 R. Bould	2	2	Fike

### Indoor Open Rubber Scale

1. S. Mauger	734	414	1148	Fleet Canuck
2 A Macdonald	478	562	1040	Auster Autocar
3. R. Bould	111	527	638	Ganagobie



Left: Don Spray seen setting up his new Rearwin Speedster for some test flights. To the left, Ricky Bould puts in a Peanut Scale entry with his Fike.



**Top:** John Swales hard at work judging Angus's Nesmith Cougar and at the other end of the table Keith Trillo marking Stan Mauger's Fleet Canuck for static points. Between them Angus and Keith Williamson conferring over setting up the Fairey Junior

Above: Keith, John and Angus in a post-flight post-mortem.

### Scale at the 66th Nationals - Ricky Bould

This article is a compilation of the Flypaper reports on free flight scale events during the Nationals - *Ed.* 

### Outdoor events Scale Free Flight Power F4A

This event was held in good flying conditions, on RC1. The weather was kind with a light breeze and mild temperature even at the 0630 starting time. The entry consisted of five regulars and the fortunes were mixed with some good flights and others not so consistent. Stan Mauger struggled with the Auster going into a tight left turn shortly after launch resulting into a rapid arrival after 29 seconds and some damage. The reason appeared to be a starboard trailing edge flap that had moved. George Fay's Dauntless performed well under power and gualified but the glide left a little to be desired and on the second flight some damage was sustained. The flight pattern represented that of a fighting aeroplane very well. The rumour is that a larger version is planned. The Bristol Brownie of Paul Evans was a handful with Paul struggling to get a consistent launch with a model that is difficult to hold especially when the surface is oily. Unfortunately the model sustained a lot of damage on the last attempt. The Piper Pawnee of Don Spray was not behaving and arrived rapidly back to ground after a tip stall after launch with no damage. The AOP9 of Ricky Bould which has had six rebuilds over a period of time has now finally found trim and climbed out strongly from launch to fly a good pattern before landing in the swedes on the other side of the creek running through the paddock. The camouflage of the model proved to be very effective and it was only the silhouette of the fin against a leaf that gave its position away. The retrieval took a little longer via the other side of the field.

### Rubber Free Flight Scale and Outdoor Kit Scale

The calm conditions again prevailed and some good flying was seen. Stan Mauger and George Fay put in some fine flights before Stan burst the second of two motors leaving the Helio a little the worse for wear. He is now considering the use of a blast tube. Ricky Bould and Don spray were struggling to qualify with Ricky managing one attempt and

*Left:* Ricky's AOP9 made "flight of the day" in F4A with a long cross country jaunt.

Opposite page Upper: Paul made a number of attempts to get the Bristol Brownie flying, but to no avail.

*Lower:* The broken propellor on Don's Piper Pawnee is indicative of trim problems with this model.



dismantling the Barracuda into four pieces in the process. Don was finding the trim of the Citabria difficult and elected not to record an attempt. The kit scale entries all flew well and were a KK Auster Arrow, a Veron Comper Swift and a Guillows T28 Trojan. The Arrow and Comper put in flights of over 30 seconds and looked very stable in the air.

### F4A Power Scale

#### Static Flying 1. R. Bould 655.50 379.00 2. S.Mauger 674.00 251.00 3. G. Fay 488 321 4.= D. Spray \_ \_ 4.= P. Evans **Outdoor Rubber Scale** 1. S.Mauger 582 413 2. G. Fay 413 373 3. R. Bould **Outdoor Kit Scale** 1. S.Mauger 582 413 2. R. Bould 373 413 3. D. Spray

### **Scale Champion**

- 1. R. Bould
- 2. S.Mauger





### Scale Indoor Open Rubber F4D

The entry consisted of three regulars and there was a focus on high winged models. Stan Mauger was to the fore with the Canuck flying right in a very consistent pattern. This tidy model also topped in static to win the event. Chris Murphy was struggling with his very nicely built Waterman Gosling that was not able to qualify despite many attempts. The Ganagobie of Ricky Bould had mixed fortunes before hitting one of the pillars and doing terminal damage to the fuselage.

### Peanut Scale

Danny Walker dominated Peanut Scale with a fine flying Lacey M10 that managed almost a minute from an ROG. Second was the Fike of Ricky Bould that was well behind at 37 seconds, followed by Chris Murphywith his recently completed Lacey and George Fay with a Tailwind.

#### Indoor Kit Scale

This was a well flown event but with only two of the three entrants flying. The Cessna of Stan Mauger and the Comper Swift of Ricky Bould both performed well with good flight patterns that filled the hall. The lack of support was a disappointment but the SIG intend to persevere with the event as it provides a good entry level for scale that is not too time consuming to build.

#### Results

Indoor Rubber	Scale		Indoor Kit Scale	
	Static	Flying	Static	Flying
1. S. Mauger	582	413	1. R. Bould 68	41
2. R. Bould	413	373	2. S. Mauger 54	49
3. C. Murphy	-	-	3. D. Spray -	-

### **Peanut Scale**

D. Walker
R. Bould
C. Murphy
D. Spray
G. Fay



Left: Scale judges, Martin and Paul Evans conferring with George Fay regarding his Wittman Tailwind Peanut Scale entry.

### Wings over Everest

(Quoted from the memoirs of film director Michael Balcon)

On a June morning in 1953 there can hardly have been a man, woman or child in Britain who did not tingle with pride at the simple announcement that Mount Everest had been conquered. Few people, however, remember than in 1933 there was a flight over Everest. As a number of brave attempts to scale the mountain had failed, an expedition under the leadership of Lord Clydesdale (now the Duke of Hamilton) decided to attempt to fly over the peak, no mean feat with the aircraft of the day, and make a film photographic record. The expedition was in the main financed by Lady Houston and Gaumont British subscribed a substantial sum for the right to make a film of the preparations and to fly our own cameraman with the actual expedition. The flight was successful and our film Wings Over Everest had many fascinating and dramatic shots of the peak and its immediate approaches, seen at close quarters for the first time. I should think the photographic record must have been of service to subsequent expeditions.

We nearly lost our cameraman, as the essential pipe in his oxygen mask burst at a high altitude. He survived, but was later killed while photographing an air raid on London. The film record of the mountaineering conquest of Everest in 1953 was brilliantly photographed by Tom Stobart, whose material was subsequently made into a film financed by the National Film Finance Corporation with which I was then identified, and a prized possession of mine is The Ascent of Everest by John Hunt, autographed by every member of the expedition.



The Westland PV-3 aircraft used for the expedition.

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Come along and take part, enjoy the fun for young and old. (Please bring a stop watch)

### Calendar

For information about the location of club fields and cancellations or postponement of flying contact the field stewards

KARAKA				
Sundays	<b>Tomboy Extravaganza</b> <i>(for Club points)</i> Flying can take place between 10am and 2pm (9am to 3pm for gliders and other silent models) NOTE 1/2A Texaco is included in the Karaka/Tuakau Programme Keith Trillo 09 298 4161 027 4607180 careith@hotmail.com			
Karaka Steward				
ΗΟΤΕΟ	Now open again for model flying <b>Call the field steward if you wish to fly there</b> Refer to MFNZ Decentralised programme for events that may be be flown at Hoteo			
Hoteo Steward	Paul Evans 479-6378 ziply@xtra.co.nz			
ΑΚΑ ΑΚΑ				
Saturdays & Sundays	Intending fliers should phone Brett Naysmith to confirm that there will be flying.			
Instructors	Grant Domigan and Brett Naysmith			
CONTROL LINE				
As advised	Control line flying Intending fliers should phone Stan Mauger to confirm where and whether there will be flying.			
C/L Steward	Stan Mauger 575 7971 stanm09c4@gmail.com			
INDOOR EVENTS				
Balmoral February <b>24</b>	No flying in December or January <b>Hangar Rat</b> [7.00-10pm] - <i>for Club points</i>			
Ellerslie Tuesday February <b>11</b>	Michael Park School Hall Indoor radio flying (7.00-10pm)			
Tuesday February <b>25</b> Scale and	Indoor Radio Scale including ARF Scale, Simple			
	Full Scale classes [7.00-10pm] - for Club points			
Indoor Steward	Bryan Spencer 570-5506 bspencer@xtra.co.nz			

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#### NEXT CLUB MEETING AND NATTER NIGHT

Monthly club meeting 7:30 PM

### Monday February 3, 2014

ASME Clubrooms, Peterson Reserve, Panmure.

### **Theme: Nationals flying**

#### Items for the table:

Models, plans, engines, photographs etc

### Trading table:

Buy, swap and sell

### Visitors or intending members welcome