

Blenheim MAC Propwash



President's Précis

Winter is almost over – thank goodness – the days are getting longer again and the weather will soon improve, so there should be more chances to fly. It is time to get those winter projects finished and dust off those airframes that you have been meaning to repair or re-cover for ages and get them ready to fly. It is always a treat to see new or refurbished models at the field so we can all admire them on the ground and in the air. It is selfish and downright inconsiderate to keep perfectly serviceable models locked away in the dark recesses of your shed – please bring them to the field sometime soon so we can all enjoy them!

It seems a long time ago now but the Club's Fun-Fly day in early July was an outstanding success and very popular with both the young and not so young members. Richard and Marf did a great job of organising the spot landing and limbo competitions and there was some extremely accomplished flying demonstrated, especially by our junior members Tom and Cameron, with Tom taking top place in the spot landing flying his Delta Ray twin and Ken McMillan close behind with his Carbon Cub. Well done to both of you.

The limbo was next and this really sorted the bold pilots from the not so bold, as the ribbon got lower and lower. I chickened out early on flying my slightly heavy and rather too fast Blitz flying wing – and so grabbed my camera to take a few photos as aircraft came round the circuit in waves, attempting to squeeze between the ground and the ribbon. Inevitably some didn't make it and the ribbon had to be repaired with sticky tape multiple times. Eventually there was more sticky tape than ribbon and after one or two models had bounced off the ground and the poles we decided it was time to quit. Amazingly there was very little serious damage done and I think everybody managed to do several successful passes and had a blast doing so. I honestly cannot remember who won the limbo contest but honourable mentions must go to Phil Elvy, Rex Ashwell, Kenny Mac, Kelvin, Darryl, Tom and Cameron for some extremely bold flying.

The next scheduled club event is the Battle of Britain commemoration day on Sunday 18th September so please bring a warbird or something that would have flown during WW2 if you are able to. If you have nothing that fits that description just

paint some roundels and invasion stripes on whatever you have got that flies and bring that with you! There will be plenty of others with warbirds of all shapes and sizes and it will be worth coming just to see them, even if you have nothing to fly.

Following on from the Battle of Britain we plan to organise a club aerobatics day so everyone can brush up on their loops, barrel rolls and stall turns; we will have plenty of instructors available to assist. There is growing interest in soaring flight in the club, especially now it is so easy to do with readily available Radians, Bixlers and other easy to fly electric gliders, so in the spring we hope to run a soaring / thermalling day. If there are any other events or activities that you think the club should be promoting speak to me or another committee member at the field and tell us your ideas/suggestions.

Also please, please, please can more members start sending in photos of their favourite models or latest projects, with descriptions and background information, to our hard working Newsletter Editor Jo Prigmore and our equally hard working Webmaster Chris Brew, so these can be published via the Newsletter and Website and we can all enjoy them. It is always fun, informative and inspiring to see and read about the amazing creations of other modellers but now it is YOUR TURN to take some photos and write some words about your favourite model and send them in to Jo at jo.prigmore@gmail.com and Chris at webmasterbmac@hotmail.com

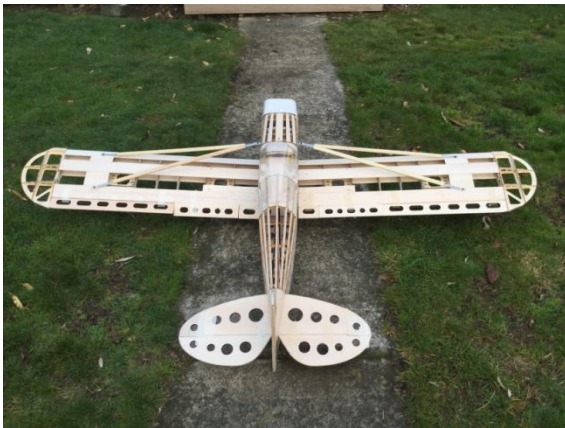
Finally one really great piece of news for the club is that we have now found an alternative lake for our annual Float-Fly, which had to be cancelled for the last couple of years due to airspace restrictions at our previous site. Once we have got the new site registered with Model Flying New Zealand and done the necessary risk assessments and paperwork we will plan a club Float-Fly. So watch this space and dig out that old floatplane or seaplane in the back of the garage and charge up the batteries. Better still go and buy or start building something you can strap a pair of floats to. People have also brought speed-boats, swamp boats and hovercraft with them to previous events and these have proved useful for rescuing the odd 'ditched' floatplane stuck in the middle of the lake!

Hope to see you at the field soon – blue skies and happy flying!

The World Models Piper Pawnee 72"



Very good kit with everything you need supplied, down to the last small screw.



No full size plan; you just follow the instruction booklet and it goes together very quickly.



This one is powered by an ASP61FS.



Good fun to build and fly, nice and easy for anyone with a bit of experience.

Calendar:

NB: Please contact a club member to check these dates if you haven't been to the field for a while. All events are at the usual site unless otherwise stated

18th September: Battle of Britain Warbirds day.

23rd October: Float Fly at Hayblock Vineyard, Waihopi Valley. (Rain day 30th October)

20th November: Aerobatics day

Early October TBC: Plane set up, programming, trimming etc 101

Mid December TBC: Soaring Day and BBQ

28th & 29th Jan 2017: Aerotow at Quaildale

Weather Check:

[http://www.yr.no/place/New Zealand/Marlborough/Renwick](http://www.yr.no/place/New_Zealand/Marlborough/Renwick)

Club Website:

<http://www.bmac.org.nz> Model Flying NZ:

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Fun-Fly Day

Phil approaching the spot fast & low



Darryl concentrating on spot landing & his final approach



Ken's not-to-be-recommended, unconventional technique.



and a better way of hitting the spot...



Rex's Fun Cub heading for the spot



Tom getting very close on his 1st attempt



Early Days part 2.

Trenton Terror

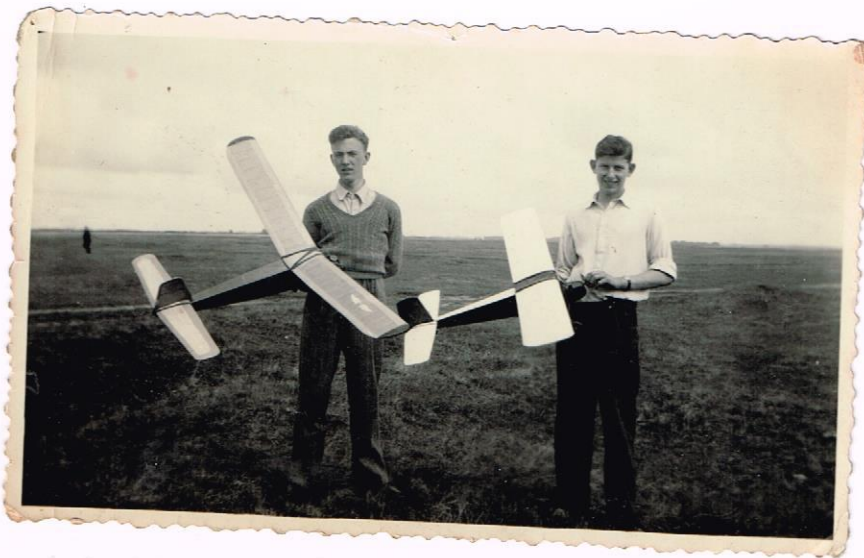
In the mid 1980's I was back into aero having survived the silly years and I wanted a model that looked like the models we flew in the 1950's. I discovered the 1938 Trenton Terror plan was available from the USA so a plan was purchased and building begun. At the same time fellow club member Dave Grueber presented me with a large lump of Oregon Pine. He had acquired it from a church in Kaikoura that was being demolished. Much 1/4 by 1/4" square Oregon spars and longerons was painstakingly cut from this big lump of wood and used throughout the construction of my Trenton Terror. Oregon does not glue well with cyano so aliphatic was used throughout. A very early OS 40 4-stroke was fitted which still runs well after around a delightful 2000 flights.



*The 2-wheeled old-timer circa 1938
and the 2-legged old-timer even older,
circa 1937*

If you Google Trenton Terror you will find there are many others like me building replicas and enjoying its good flying qualities. The designer Mickey D' Angedlis would be proud. Check out: http://www.outerzone.co.uk/plan_details.asp?ID=1170

Marf



That's me on the left with my great friend Bill Davis RIP. It was taken about 1952. Though my appearance has changed a lot, this model of my own design looks similar to the Trento Terror! On the back of the photo "My model lost this day out of sight into cloud. New wing finished at 5 am that morning". I don't lose them now with R/C!

Marf