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John Crawford's

GWS Gold Angel

A Pleasure to see fly.

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From The Editors Desk



Summer is almost over and we can look forward to fine windless days, if it isn't raining and blowing.

Some great input thank you very much but we need more so until that arrives Ngaire and I are going to fill the pages with pictures of our holiday. We think they are great so hope you will enjoy them.

This brings me to the disappointing apathy of the club members who seem to be taking from the club but giving nothing back. Out of the total club membership, when the members were asked to attend a meeting of the local council that was convened to discuss community priorities for the next 10 years only three members bothered.

At this council meeting I was told that model flying cannot be important as during the last public input request by council very few Email submissions were received on model flying! This was after requests to all clubs in the area and the fact that a template was provided that only had to be forwarded. For those who did this please pat yourself on the back and thank you! For the rest is it really too much to ask you to forward an Email?

Well enough of my grumbles.

May the ground not come up and smite thee!

Ross McDonnell
Editor (Temporary.)



FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Hi Folks,

It's one of those lovely late summer days a Wednesday and as I said the summer is still with us and we just had a great morning flying with just a little south west breeze drifting through.

So we had no excuse and didn't need one as everyone landing in one piece, plus of course lots of extremely knowledgeable and intelligent conversation. The trainee pilots are coming along nicely so am looking forward to giving out more wing badges over the next few months, Ross tried out the flying Witch (ready for the open day), even let me have the controls for a wee while, though I think I detected his decibel level rise a little as I flew around, I was pleasantly surprised how stable it was and she looked fantastic as usual.

So as you read this the Open day will be over, the last of this season Twilight finished, and the clocks have gone back one hour into winter mode leaving us I hope with lots of happy memories.

The A.G.M. is coming up next month we will be voting on a couple of important issues:

- Whether to become an incorporated society or stay as we are.
- Shall we continue with the current model flying times?
- Shall we continue with indoor flying over the winter period?



I enclose the minutes of the last AGM and financial report

Happy landings
Pete Denison
President

Hibiscus Coast Radio Fliers Annual General Meeting

5th May, 2014 at 7:40pm

Members Present:

Nigel Grace, Tim Carter, Sue Carter, McKenzie Carter, Caitlin Carter, Russell Corney, Ray Wood, Henny Remekes, Clinton Ford, Ross McDonnell, Ngaire Ladd, Jim Hall, Des Abrcorombie, Noel Newling, Stan Somerfield, Dale Montgomery, Peter Boyd, Dave Kilsby, Neale Baird, Scott Purdy, Ross Purdy, Hayden Purdy, Peter Dennison, Wayne Drinkwater, Bryan Leeves.

Apologies for Absence:

Ken Williams, Ian Mc Ewen, John Crawford.

Minutes of Previous AGM:

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read

Moved: *W. Drinkwater* **Seconded:** *H. Remekes* **Carried**

Adoption of Reports:

Presidents report was read out by Wayne Drinkwater.

Moved: *P. Boyd* **Seconded:** *R. Wood* **Carried**

Treasurers annual statement of accounts and report was read out by Hayden Purdy.

Moved: *N. Grace* **Seconded:** *P. Boyd* **Carried**

Captains report was read out by Nigel Grace.

Moved: *W. Drinkwater* **Seconded:** *H. Purdy* **Carried**

Election of Officers

Position Nominee Moved Seconded Verdict

President Peter Dennison Wayne Drinkwater Nigel Grace *Carried*
Secretary/Treasurer Hayden Purdy Wayne Drinkwater *Carried*
Captain Nigel Grace Neil Baird Ngaire Ladd *Carried*
Editor Scott Purdy Noel Newling Nigel Grace *Carried*
Social Secretary Ngaire Ladd Peter Denison Jim Hall *Carried*
Frequency Officer Jim Hall Wayne Drinkwater Ross McDonnell *Carried*

Presentation of Awards

Most Improved Flier: Wayne Drinkwater
Best Crash: Joint award with Ross McDonnell and Bryan Leeves
Services to the Club: Nigel Grace **Craftsman Cup:** Peter Dennison

General Business

Glider Flight Times:

Discussion was once again entered over the optimal flight time windows for both powered aircraft and gliders. A resolution could not be agreed on, thus nothing has changed to rectify the situation.

Incorporation:

Club secretary/treasurer moved that the club should look into becoming affiliated to streamline the banking/accounts side of things, as well as to improve legal side of things.

Moved: R Purdy **Seconded:** W Drinkwater. *Carried*

Subscriptions for 2014 - 2015

As per the previous AGM, the membership fees are split to show the club fees and the Model Flying New Zealand (MFNZ) fees separately.

Both clubs fees and MFNZ fees are to remain the same for the 2014 – 2015 financial year.

Category HCRF MFNZ Total

Senior	\$33.00	\$67.00	\$100.00
Family	\$33.00	\$72.00	\$105.00
Junior	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Superannuate	\$28.00	\$67.00	\$95.00
Associate	\$40	Nil	\$40.00
New member	\$35 joining fee	Nil	\$35.00

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Open Day 2015

A Great day was had by all.

Thanks Herbie for another beautiful day, (arranged with the help of this Weather Witch.)

As usual there were many families, young people and oldies amongst the public attending, and they all seemed to enjoy the day. Once again we had a great mixture of aircraft from very large to quite small.

The feedback from the public was great (the Witch even made Sideswipe in the Herald -: see our face book page)

We had a total of 37 pilots registered, half of these being from other clubs. Thanks Guys.

A special thanks to all those club members, families and friends who got together and helped make this another memorable occasion.

We now need to get our thinking caps on and try and get together some more awesome Aircraft for our 2016 open day.

Regards,

Ngaire Ladd

Social Secretary and Weather Witch.





When Japan entered the war in December 1941 Waipapakauri was New Zealand's most northerly airfield. Though poorly equipped with obsolete aircraft, a Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal New Zealand Air Force was stationed here as the first line of defence against invasion. Many local people were forced to leave their homes, farms and businesses around Waipapakauri for security reasons.

In 1942 Waipapakauri had 28 officers, 250 airmen and 110 Women's Auxiliaries. Nearly 200 soldiers of the Home Guard and Anti-Aircraft Battery provided defence.



Waipapakauri had two 700 metre long runways. At its height, eighteen aircraft were stationed here. When the threat in the Pacific receded, the airfield was gradually reduced. In July 1944, Waipapakauri became an emergency landing ground only. Aircraft based here saw little direct action, though there were accidents and several lives were lost. Many former servicemen say the worse threat was boredom.

Little remains visible today of this once important airfield. Several houses in the nearby settlement had their origins as military camp buildings. A concrete "underground" operations centre was built on the surface, because of the swampy ground, and covered with soil from runway construction. Now partially uncovered again, it stands on private land adjacent to State Highway One, which now crosses what was the end of the runway. In June 1942 the Waipapakauri Hotel was taken over as a hospital and Officers' Mess.



AROUND THE CLUB

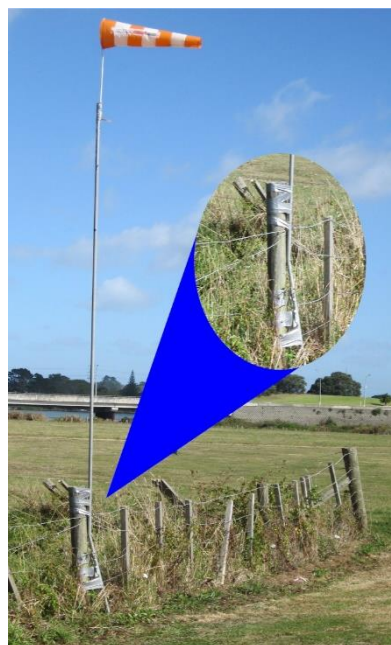


Is it one plane or two?
Just one! Lee's first attempt at scratch building. A new swing wing FU14 Tomcat with twin fans just to make it more complicated.



Another fast fun filled day gliding.

Wow look at that tangle! Took about ½ an hour to get clear.



I am not saying that the open day at Highbrook was windy but the wind sock blew down and had to have temporary repairs, and that was before we started and the wind got up!



Norm Burns's new F22 flies like a dream. (But needs a bigger motor and more power. Ed)



Is it a really good idea for the two newest trainee pilots to be giving each other flying tips?

Which radio gear do I need?

The big question. There are two schools of thought on this but you really need to decide what you want out of aero modelling.

“If I buy the best I can afford it will last me a life time.” Yes it will do the latest and greatest plane you will ever want to fly but by the time you are ready to fly it, it will be out of date and there will be a better one available at most probably less than you paid. Then again nobody ever regretted buying quality.



“What do I need now” Truthfully the minimum I need for training and first models is 4 to 5 channels with rechargeable batteries and a charger. Extra receivers must be available at a good price. A number of model memories are a good idea for when you get your second and third plane and mixing is very useful. Most modern radios have these options.



Where do I buy it and what brand.

Again many ways to go.

If you buy at your local shop you will get a guarantee and a replacement if anything goes wrong, not that that is likely as the local hobby shop (Hobby City, The Bandit, Model Air etc) usually sells named brands like Futaba, JR, Spectrum etc and these are great sets. You will also get good advice and somewhere to complain to if the advice is not so good. Remember if you buy your big ticket items from the local retailer he will still be in business when you need that control linkage to get you flying again this weekend.

I know there are many international sites like Hobbyking.com who will give you a very good deal on everything and get it to you in a week or so. Some of the electronics are rebranded named brands and are every bit as good as the named brand. Most probably no replacement policy or advice but you get what you pay for.



So in short, have a talk to members of the club and see what they think. (Remember of course the old adage that “If you ask 12 modellers a question you will get 13 different answers.”

Make two lists of what you need and what you don't want, this will help to get rid of the radios on the fringe of your requirements and narrow the choice down.

Using what everyone else uses can cut down on compatibility problems for buddy boxing and make programming issues easier to overcome.

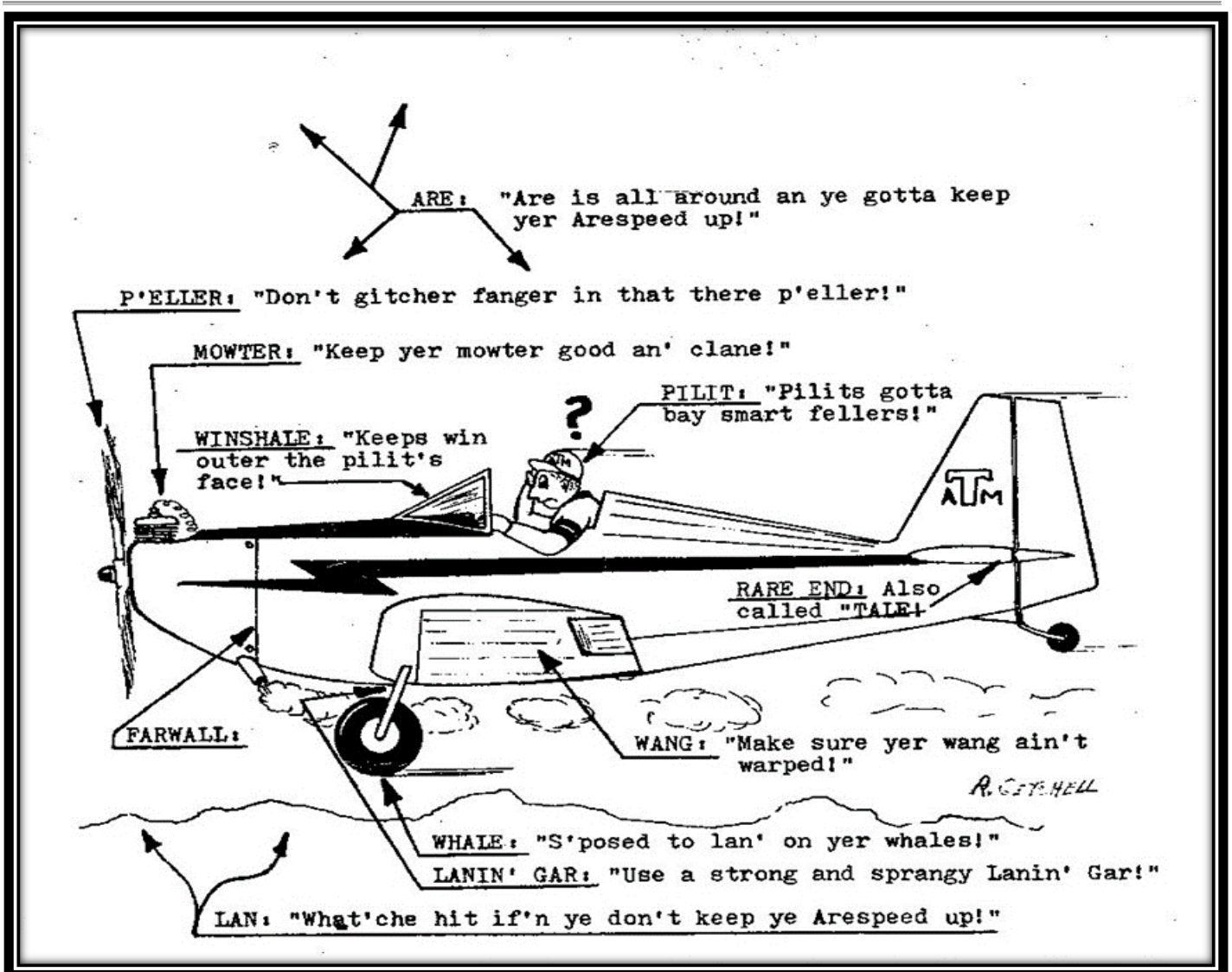
Images of Public fun day 2015





Learn to say it in KIWI

Just in case members travel outside of Auckland
(between the Benderwyns and Bombays)
and want to talk about flying



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H.C.R.F. Calendar 2014/15

NB ones with Pony in the day (and in yellow for those in colour,) are Pony Club. **THEY MAY NOT AFFECT US.**

22-Mar-15	Sun	Open day	Wainui 8Am
1-Apr-15	Wed	Twilight 4	Wainui 5 Pm
6-Apr-15	Mon	Club Night	Whangaparaoa Guide Hall 7-30 Pm
8-Apr-15	Wed Pony	XC Fund raiser day	Wainui all day
19-Apr-15	Sun Pony	Certificate Exams	Wainui all day
26-Apr-15	Sun	Springhill Club Invitation	Springhill 9.30 Am onwards
4-May-15	Mon	Club Night & A.G.M.	Whangaparaoa Guide Hall 7-30 Pm
1-Jun-15	Mon	Club Night	Whangaparaoa Guide Hall 7-30 Pm
7 Jun 15	Sun	Thermal Thaw	Ambury Farm 10 Am
21-Jun-15	Sun	Mid-year Christmas	To be advised 12 Noon