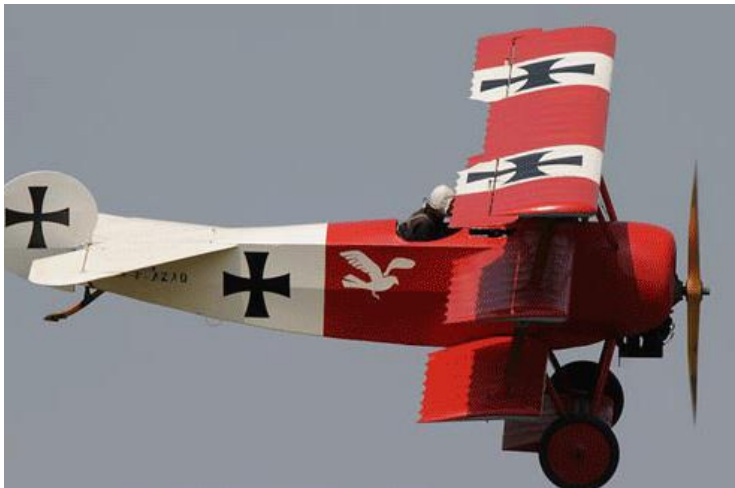


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Palmerston North Aeroners

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## CLUB CAPTAIN

A fine day was ordered for the Open Day a little chilly with a South Easterly breeze blowing down the strip and grey cloudy skies were hard to fly in. Thanks to all that helped set up on Saturday and helpers on the Sunday a great effort by all. We had Pilots from far away as Tauranga, Taupo, Hastings, Wanganui, Kapiti, Levin and Wellington's Ryan Grooves doing Aerobatics and 3D. There was a good line up of aircraft.

It looks like the wet weather is starting to set in be aware that it could be getting soft off the metal.

Club Captain



*Red Bull gives you wings,  
alcohol gives you 4x4*

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# GLIDER REPORT BY MERV

## 2-metre Competition

Sunday 14th April 2013

Nine members turned out to compete in the 2-metre contest on 14th April. There was a steady wind from the north which made for excellent launches and it was also surprisingly smooth air, which at times enabled our gliders to be trimmed to appear stationary in the sky! Later the wind veered to the northwest so the anchor point was moved so that the bungee was less likely to drop over the fence. Three rounds were flown, 3 min, 4 min and 5min. Some excellent times and many landing bonuses were achieved despite the final approaches being quite tricky most of the time. Landing points were usually lost through a final turn downwind which carried the model too far away with insufficient height to make it back to the landing circle. This can happen even to the experts, right Wayne?

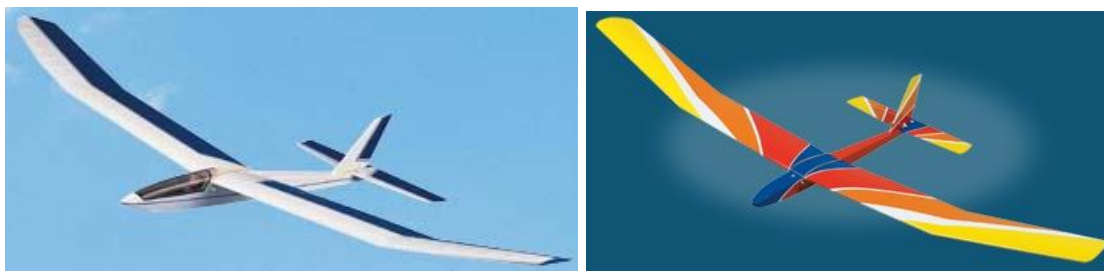
### Results:

|                 | 3min.<br>target | 4min. target | 5min.<br>Target | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| Merv Matthews   | 3:04/50         | 3:21/-       | 4:57/50         | 774   |
| Phil Pearpoint  | 3:00/50         | 4:07/50      | 3:24/-          | 717   |
| Mike Randell    | 3:08/50         | 4:03/-       | 3:53/-          | 692   |
| Greg Findon     | 3:07/-          | 4:18/50      | 3:50/-          | 675   |
| Wayne Bilham    | 3:05/50         | 3:27/-       | 4:00/-          | 672   |
| Brian Dickons   | 3:46/50         | 1:50/-       | 4:58/50         | 642   |
| Bruce Woodfield | 1:46/-          | 3:02/50      | 3:58/-          | 636   |
| Bruce Fryer     | 2:13/50         | 2:22/50      | 3:16/-          | 571   |
| Simon Tansley   | 2:20/-          | DNF          | DNF             | 140   |

Many thanks to those who returned the bungee so promptly, helping with launching and timekeeping, and generally helping to run the event smoothly.

Happy gliding

Merv





# AEROBATIC REPORT

This Sunday 21st we've got aerobatics , if weather permits.  
We're advised two classes will be offered - Sportsman Pattern and IMAC basic.  
Please check out the club web site's [Aerobatic Post](#), for additional information on what's proposed.

## **So what are Aerobatics?????**

Well aerobatics is a discipline where you fly a set pattern or maneuvers laid out in different formats depending on the class/skill level.

Here in NZ we have two types of Aerobatic classes, one being IMAC and the other Pattern, and both these are what we will aim for in the club.

IMAC consists of five classes, but at club we will be concentrating on the starting class for now, which is known as Basic. IMAC is normally flown with scale replicas of full size aerobatic aircraft; although in Basic you can use any type or style of plane you have no excuses there.

With IMAC you are not only trying to fly the set maneuvers as accurately as possible but also duplicate the maneuvers as would the full size aircraft.

Pattern on the other hand is a class where normally, purpose built aircraft are used, and there are three different classes that can be flown. The planes used in pattern have no similarities to full size aircraft and are designed for maximum aerodynamic precession, although there is no need to worry, as in the Sportsman class which we will be concentrating on at club any aircraft is suitable.

So, who is able to fly aerobatic.....anyone who has passed their wings badge and has the desire to improve their flying skills.

What will I get from flying aerobatics.....hopefully enjoyment and fun? I can also guarantee that if you do a little bit of practice (you get nothing for nothing) you **will** gain a better skill level, which in turn will make you a better Scale pilot, Turbine flier and generally better Rally pilot or whatever your main interest is. And heaven forbid just maybe Aerobatics may also become one of your main interests.

So take a deep breath, and rock up to the next aerobatics day and give aerobatics ago, as we will look at how things are going after a couple of events and make a decision from there. There is just so much time you can spend with a pointed stick pushing the proverbial up a hill.





## COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Club Events**

#### April

21<sup>st</sup> Aerobatic

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC day – Visit Ohakea museum 10am more details to follow  
Sport & Cub Flying at field after lunch

28<sup>th</sup> Vintage & Tomboy

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting – Nigels Place

5<sup>th</sup> Gliding

12<sup>th</sup> Vintage & Tomboy

19<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sport

23<sup>rd</sup> Club Night

26<sup>th</sup> Aerobatics & Combat Spad / Assassin

30<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

## **Club Subs**

|                 |                              |                               |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Family \$140.00 | Junior (under 18)<br>\$40.00 | Associate (Flying)<br>\$80.00 |
| Senior \$135.00 | Associate \$40.00            |                               |

Subs per annum. Now due by end of April. Please pay to Bruce Withell (Treasurer) or any Committee Member soon.

The club needs to pay the Insurance Fees to the [NZMAA](#) prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure all Club Members are covered by the MFNZ Public Liability Insurance.

## CLUB DETAILS

Opinions expressed in this publication are those of each contributor only.  
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