

NSMAC - NEWSLETTER - 18 JULY 2010

It's hard to figure the weather out, isn't it! Sunday was one out of the bag! Scarcely any wind and bright sunshine in an almost cloudless sky! And that's the second week in a row where we've had amazing days in the midst of changeable conditions.



Dave Lynch with his Goldberg – Tiger2

(OS52-4stroke)

There was a good turn-out of Members on Sunday and it was actually a little surprising that even more people were not at the field. Lots of fun flying was to be had and not many incidents. To heat things up and add to peoples' general amusement, I creating a few ghastly approaches and fell short of the strip with the Cap21 a couple of times, finishing off my day with a dead-stick landing behind the pit.

Decided that a faster landing speed is wise. I guess that's typical of many smaller, low wing planes. They can fly slower, but lose some control at too slow a speed. It's rather easy to put up an unwelcome exhibition, nearly stalling close to the ground.....like a dying duck in a thunderstorm!

(Right): *Mike Famularo with Cobra and streaky looking delta hand press.*

Watch your fingers, mate!

We had some interesting planes flying and there was lots of chatting. Awesome to see new members turning up and getting started too. There's a great atmosphere about the way everyone helps out.



(Left): *Alex with trainer.* (Below): *Simon & Parkzone Extra 300*



MEMBER PROFILE – Jason Greenwood – Club Heli Captain



Jason's fleet description video is found here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9r-tQChwkk>

Jason Greenwood - BORN IN THE USA, AGE 35

I live in Takapuna with my girlfriend Suzie and she is very tolerant of my RC addiction thankfully =)

OCCUPATION: BUSINESS OWNER (WWW.FLASHCARDS.CO.NZ AND A COUPLE OTHERS)

Member of NSMAC for 1.5 years now and LOVE the club - everyone is very friendly and it is a brilliant place to fly! Just don't mow crop circles and upset the farmer like I did once. ;-)

YEARS MODELING: AROUND 25 YEARS OFF AND ON - 3D RC HELICOPTERS ONLY NOW.

Current Fleet: Compass Atom 500E (Electric), Compass K3D (Nitro 50), Compass 3D+ (Nitro 50), Trex 700N (Nitro 90), Outrage Velocity (Nitro 50)

SKILL LEVEL: ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE - NOT A PRO BY ANY STRETCH BUT CAN FLY DECENT AEROBATICS

➤ **Other interests: Squash, Computers, Social/Political Causes, Investing/Trading, Good Food, Wine and Friends (sheesh, sounds like a dating profile, LOL)**

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My flirtation with RC started when I was very young, aged around 10 years. I got into RC cars with a Tamiya Hornet and then a few other cars, culminating in a fire breathing Team Associated RC10 Buggy at about 18 years old. I always had an interest in RC Helis and my interest peaked when I first saw one flying at a local school yard when I was about 12 or 13 years old. My father and I were fascinated with the mechanical aspect of RC. My father (who can build anything) always encouraged my interests and my parents helped to support my hobby financially. Of course as a kid, I could never afford a heli, so that passion would have to wait for a few years.

I got the heli bug again here in NZ where I have been living now for about 14 years. I lived in Christchurch at the time and started to seek out someone who could mentor me. I sent out a few emails and finally was put in touch with Donald Payne, a keen heli flier who was willing to help out. I can honestly say that without him I might never have stayed in the hobby. He helped me select the right gear (started with a Raptor 50), helped me set it up right and examined my build for safety. He also buddy boxed me to help build my confidence and helped me form a plan for learning that was achievable but left nothing out. He forced me to stay close to the ground with training gear on for a good long while until I was in total control of the heli. He also gave the best advice EVER - get a simulator. That has proved to be invaluable advice as it has made my learning faster and a LOT less expensive. I have been flying helis now for about 6 years and can't imagine life without my hobby.

I am the NZMAA Heli SIG President and I try and further/promote the hobby here in NZ as best I can. I also Buddy Box as often as I can to try and help new pilots learn from my experience (paying it forward I suppose). I have helped to organise several large Fun-Fly's here in NZ and I was one of the organisers of the Waitangi Heli Rumble - the largest RC Heli event ever held in NZ with local and overseas pro pilots in attendance.

Here is a clip from 2008 where Jonny Platt (NZ 3D Heli Champion) and I did a flight display at Big Boys Toys:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnx72_45FYA

We always try and perform at as many public events as possible to try and up the exposure level for our hobby. We always need a sympathetic public since our flying areas are constantly being encroached upon. I would encourage anyone to do demos whenever possible and safe to do so. The general public do not expect amazing flights either. They are 'wowed' by simple hovering I have noted. ;-) **See you at the club!**

FLIGHT CORNER

Nothing new from you guys, so I'll just mention how my Stryker conversion is turning out and cross my fingers for input from others ☺. - As mentioned previously, I'd added wheels (from the sad remains of my Trojan) to the rear of the Stryker and relied on a modified nose skid. Unfortunately, the skid couldn't stand the strain and came off after a few highly successful take-offs. Not to be deterred, I've now built in a nose-wheel, again from the Trojan. This hasn't been tested yet, but should make for a shorter takeoff as it has lifted the nose another 10mm and runs freely. The cool thing is that because the wheels are tucked up close to the fuselage, the plane still looks good. Keith reckons it looks like a bomber. I'm pleased so far because it flies just as well as it did before the wheels were added. Construction for the nose-wheel was a

couple of pieces of angled aluminium super-glued to the fuselage with an axle running between them. The wheel is recessed into the fuselage.



FLIGHT FUNNIES

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in a crash landing, the crash truck arrives.

The rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and asks, "What happened?" The pilot's reply: "I don't know. I just got here myself!"

FOR SALE: - NOTHING!

Looking forward to receiving
some items from you all.



***NB:-** Please contribute informative stuff for FLIGHT CORNER via my email freedom@2by2.co.nz to share with the rest of us. A picture and a few details would be really interesting and helpful. Trying to feature individual planes, but it can also be about general modelling/construction, engine and other issues as cool information. If you have any items FOR SALE, just email them through to me. I'll usually put items up once only to keep things simple. And don't forget to pass on a joke or two 😊.*

Have a devil of a good week.



QUIZZ:- Picture below - which plane has this cockpit?

Send me your answers.

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