



up to the weekend showed an increase in community infections and a decision was made at the last minute for us not to hold a public event but for our visitors to use our facilities to operate their locos on an individual basis. The weather wasn't that great but they appreciated this opportunity as their home track had been closed for the duration to public rides. As it happened, there were a number of people from the community wandering around the park in family groups during the day and train rides were given in response to their requests. In the evening we had a BBQ meal in the clubrooms for members and visitors and enjoyed having a time of fellowship and meal together.

Club activities have taken place over the past months with model aircraft flying, yacht sailing and continuing work on the raised track project. Train rides have been given using the ground level track since the raised track is now out of action to enable work on joining up with the new track sections. Hopefully the track will be back in operation in 2 – 3 months all going well. We actually had two very good running days this past month which is largely thanks to Allister advertising on his facebook page.

Our thoughts go out to those families who have experienced sickness and bereavements in the past months.

The club year ends in March and the next item on our calendar is our **Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the clubrooms at Brayshaw Park.**

The agenda is:

- Welcome
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM
- President's report
- Financial report
- Election of officers
- Setting of subscriptions
- Other business
- Supper

We request members to note this date and plan to attend, please, as we need your support and input as to how the club operates. I appreciate and thank the members of the committee who have freely given of their time and talents over the past year in making sure the club is operating satisfactorily. It is not a particularly onerous task and we are always open to having others volunteer to serve on the committee. Please give thought as to how you could contribute.

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Secretary / Treasurer  
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## **Boating.**

We have had several weekends of good sailing now. A little more progress was made on finishing the pond clean but a gear failure stopped us short. Hose types are a problem in that they lack flexibility. The water is remaining nice and clear with not much leaf litter on bottom. Hope this remains the case as Autumn leaves start to drop. Progress continues on my sub and Colins sailing ship. Sailing ships really are a test as much of the work is very fine. Submarines have different needs, such as how much stuff can you get in a 50mm tube. Boat numbers have been steady but a few more would be nice.

(Ray G)

## **Flying**

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter the MAMS AGM is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the clubrooms at Brayshaw Park. If anyone would like to represent the flying section on the committee please let me know. The MAMS subs for the coming year will be set at the AGM.

If any MFNZ members have not paid their affiliation fee for 2022/23 yet they are overdue.

With the end of Daylight saving this weekend the summer slope soaring sessions are over for this season.

It is still good to see a variety of power models being flown at the field, with a few helicopters , foamie scale models and sport models, and Karl Griggs has a couple of nice petrol powered WW2 warbirds.

My current build project of a scale aerobatic model is progressing slowly, although it is turning out a bit heavier than I would like. The fuselage and tail are almost complete and the wings are under construction, as seen in the photos.





The canopy is one salvaged from my crashed Extra 330 and can be adapted to fit, it is not quite the scale shape but should look okay and saves me having to mould a new one. The model will be petrol engine powered with a Saito four stroke Twin cylinder. I hope to finish it later this year.

The soaring guys have been going well with NDC, see Rex's report below. NDC events for April will be F5J and ALES Radian, and for May it is ALES 123.

Have fun, Fly safely.

Carl McMillan.

### **The Soaring Scene**

The MAMS soaring group, down now to normally six pilots, continues to regularly turn out at the club's Tuamarina flying field on Saturday and Wednesday mornings and we have enjoyed some good flying days during the first few months of the year. With each competition event completed it's evident that the skills are getting sharper and none of us would look out of place flying in bigger competitions these days.

NDC events continue as usual and as we have done in previous years the guys are showing the way to the rest of the country after the first few events. There were eight events in the first two months and individual totals had MAMS well in the lead in Soaring with Rex Ashwell leading the way on 39 points, followed by Garry Morgan 33, Allan Knox (Chch) 32, Phil Elvy 26, Phil Sparrow 26, Dave

Griffin (Chch) 25 and Carl McMillan 21. While we are dominant at this stage, the trick for us is maintaining that lead for the rest of the year as the bigger clubs start to get their respective acts together. Help is hopefully on the way as we anticipate the return of Peter Deacon from Wellington and Allan Baker who has been taking a break for a couple of years.

We had two events in March, the most recent being ALES 200. This event limits the climb to 200 metres or a 30 second motor run, whichever comes first followed by a soaring flight with a target of 10 minutes and a spot landing. As you will see from the scores below this was hotly contested (they usually are) on a day when the lift was a bit inconsistent (it usually is). Unusually, there were a few mechanical problems, when Garry had battery problems and ultimately, a gearbox failure, and Peter had the misfortune of watching his wing depart during the climb.....it did not end well! Failures like that are quite rare as our models are not normally stressed too much. One of the lovely things about electric power is that there is usually no maintenance required after a day's flying - just hang it up and get it out again next week, which is in marked contrast to my experience with i/c powered models.

### **Event 409 - ALES 200**

#### **Phil Elvy MFNZ #11020**

Flight 1 - 10 min 00	600 points	45 landing	645
Flight 2 - 9 min 02	542 points	50 landing	592
Flight 3 - 10 min 02	598 points	40 landing	638
Flight 4 - 10 min 05	595 points	35 landing	<u>630</u>
<b>Total - 2505</b>			

#### **Rex Ashwell MFNZ #10746**

Flight 1 - 10 min 04	596 points	40 landing	636
Flight 2 - 9 min 58	598 points	45 landing	643
Flight 3 - 9 min 58	598 points	35 landing	633
Flight 4 - 8 min 35	515 points	00 landing	<u>515</u>
<b>Total - 2427</b>			

#### **Carl McMillan MFNZ #8446**

Flight 1 - 7 min 41	461 points	40 landing	501
Flight 2 - 9 min 14	554 points	45 landing	599
Flight 3 - 10 min 02	598 points	30 landing	628
Flight 4 - 10 min 00	600 points	50 landing	<u>650</u>
<b>Total - 2378</b>			

**Phil Sparrow MFNZ #12385**

Flight 1 - 7 min 03 423 points 30 landing 453

Flight 2 - 9 min 47 587 points 00 landing 587

Flight 3 - 10 min 02 598 points 35 landing 633

Flight 4 - 9 min 56 596 points 35 landing 631**Total – 2304****Garry Morgan MFNZ #12386**

Flight 1 - 6 min 57 417 points 50 landing 467

Flight 2 - 10 min 02 598 points 40 landing 638

Flight 3 - 6 min 32 392 points 50 landing 442

Flight 4 - DNF 000 points 00 landing 000**Total - 1547****Peter Smith MFNZ #12188**

Flight 1 - 6 min 17 377 points 20 landing 397

Flight 2 - 6 min 12 372 points 00 landing 372

Flight 3 - DNF 000 points 00 landing 000

Flight 4 - DNF 000 points 00 landing 000**Total - 769**

As in previous years we have flown slope soaring models at Meadowbank farm on Wednesday evenings during daylight saving. For whatever reason the turnouts have not been great this year. We have had a couple of nights with five pilots but mostly there have been only two or three. As usual there have been some windy weeks and some fairly calm, which really means you need a couple of quite different models to cater for whatever the weather Gods throw at us. This week sees the end of daylight saving so Wednesday was the last night for slope soaring.

Carl, Brian and Rex arrived at the ridge to find just a light NE breeze so everyone broke out their Radian and launched into smooth air with marginal lift. It looked like being a frustrating session with not much ridge lift until Brian grabbed a passing thermal and headed for the stratosphere. Carl and I followed suit and for 45 minutes we had a lovely time, climbing away on each successive thermal then zooming around the sky as we dived down to make sure we didn't lose sight of the model. What started out looking like a struggle to stay aloft in the marginal ridge lift turned into the best thermaling session I've had for a long time. I'm looking forward to daylight saving 2022 already.

Rex Ashwell

## **For Sale**

Two sets of Floats for RC Model aircraft, one for a 40 size and one for a 60 size aircraft. Floats are home made, and if nobody wants them they will go to the tip. Anyone interested in having them contact Neil Wilson Ph 5789456 or email [nikchrisus@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nikchrisus@xtra.co.nz)

Any members who want a battery for flight-line charging: Used 12 Volt, Deep Cycle batteries are available for \$10 each, from Access Mobility (next to Medlab, on Maxwell Rd). Ask for Lloyd.

## MAMS Membership and Subscription Structure

Ordinary Member (all Sections)	To be decided at AGM
Family membership	To be decided at AGM
Junior Member	To be decided at AGM
Country Member (+40km from Blenheim)	To be decided at AGM
Life Member	Nil.

Members may belong to any or all of the following Sections, for one Ordinary Membership fee:

Engineering - Boating - Flying.

*Flying Section members may join **MFNZ** (Recommended) for an **additional** annual affiliation fee of: **Senior \$95 Junior \$30, and Family \$100, paid to MAMS.***

**NOTE: MFNZ Fees must be paid to the club before 31 March.** NEW members joining after 1st October only have to pay half fees, however existing members renewing late, will still need to pay for a full year. Carl McMillan is the MAMS MFNZ Contact person regarding any MFNZ membership issues.

For on-line payments members just have to use the club account number, give their name and purpose of payment, i.e. **MAMS subs**, and/or **MFNZ subs**.

SBS Bank Account number is 031355 0512739 00

**Subscription Policy:** Financial membership shall cease if the required subscription fee has not been paid by the **31<sup>st</sup> of July**. **Non-financial members are not covered by our insurance policy and therefore cannot operate their models at our designated sites**, and they do not receive a Newsletter.

(**New** members who have joined and paid their Subs from December 2021 onwards are still considered paid up club members for 2022/2023 year)

Those who have paid their subscription since the last AGM may collect their membership card and receipt from a folder on the notice board in the clubroom. Anyone not wishing to renew their membership please let the treasurer, or a committee member, know. If any flying section members are not renewing their membership could they also return their key to the flying field.

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Please get any items (Notices, articles, or for sale items etc) for the **June** issue to the editor a few days before the end of **May**.