

There will be a brief General Meeting, then the Model of the year presentations, selection and awards, followed by supper (bring a plate)

There will one award for each of the two categories:

1. The model of the year, which is open to any completed model that has not previously won the award.
2. Another award for an uncompleted work in progress.

The criteria for judging will be by acclamation of those attending.

Members are encouraged to bring their models and give a brief presentation about them.

This is one of the few times all the sections of our society can get together for a social evening. Come along, see what our members are up to and make it an enjoyable social evening for everyone.

MAMS XMAS DINNER

6.30pm Sat 12th Dec

VCC clubrooms (at Brayshaw Park).

The Vintage Car Club operate a commercial kitchen at their club rooms and can cater for weddings etc up to 70 guests. They generally provide a selection of two roasted meats and vegetables followed by a desert. It is BYO drinks. The dining area is very pleasant with numerous photos and general information plus the vintage cars to view also.

Price is \$30 per head, cash please.

For catering purposes can you please confirm the number attending to John Bolton

(john.eliz16@gmail.com) or TXT 021 08497302.

Committee Meeting notes for October / November

Spring is well and truly with us and things are flourishing around the Park, especially the grass which has needed mowing every week it seems. We have been experiencing a lot more wet weather which has helped keep shrubs growing ahead of the Summer months. I understand that the La Nina weather pattern forecasts are for wetter and warmer weather over the North Island and top of the South so we'll see what actually happens. Winds and weather have been variable which has affected flying and yacht sailing, but activities and grounds maintenance have carried on. Train rides have not been well patronised.

The Engineering Section have proposed a modification to the ground and raised track systems to enable available manpower being utilised more effectively during monthly running days. Both track systems, with a ground level spur track, will be routed through the station for loading / unloading passengers. Hopefully this will mean that the ground level track gets more use. Some of the larger 5" gauge electric locos have been operating satisfactorily around the ground level system which is encouraging. The proposal has been approved by the Committee and is forecast to take about 18 months.

The approaching Christmas season has produced requests for party train rides and these are Friday 4th Dec, 4 - 6pm, Sunday 6th Dec, 11am - 2pm (followed by scheduled monthly running afternoon), Saturday 19th Dec, 10am - 12noon, Wednesday 27th January, 2 - 4pm. Also on the calendar are preparations for Heritage Day on Saturday 6th February. Planning is under way and members will be advised of programme in due course, but will probably follow the same pattern as last year. Members are reminded that the annual Model of the Year meeting is next Tuesday evening, 8th December, at 7.30pm in the club rooms. This is one of the few times we get together as a club and see what sort of projects the other members have been undertaking during the year. Completed models and models under construction are welcome in all categories, and members will have the opportunity of voting on their favourite. It is a pleasant evening of fellowship and discussion followed by supper. We welcome Brian Ross (boating), Ben Potting (junior, boating & engineering), and Nicholas Scantlebury (flying) into membership. We hope they enjoy their time with us and look forward to getting to know them. We were sorry to learn of the death of Don Manning on 16th October and our condolences have been sent to the family. Don was a long-time member of the Society and latterly served as our Honorary Auditor until ill-health prevented him from carrying out this service. I will take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very happy Christmas and a safe and successful New Year. It will be different to other years in many ways because of Covid but I trust you will be able to enjoy the holiday time with family and friends.

Nigel Wood
Secretary / Treasurer

Engineering Section Meeting 20 October 2020

A pleasant evening of fellowship and conversation. John floated the suggestion of getting together for a social evening and dinner before Christmas. He would make enquiries about venue and caterers if there was sufficient indicated interest. Mark Taylor showed a HO model track-cleaning carriage he had scratch-built from odd parts he had available. The tank holds isopropyl alcohol and seems to work well. Win Holdaway showed an air operated reverser valve he has made for his 7 1/4" g A4 shunter. Operated at 50-80psi with air being used for the brakes as well. There was discussion combining raised and ground level tracks to make better use of declining member numbers available for operating train rides safely. Win Holdaway had modified his original plan slightly to not move the raised track at the station but this presented problems with track minimum radii and two pepper trees. The first plan was preferred. Other members felt that a bypass through the station would be an advantage and it would be a good opportunity to incorporate this with the main modification. This has not been included in Win's proposal. The majority of members at the meeting were in favour of the proposal going to the committee for approval at estimated cost of \$8,000. Members would do what they can and no pressure would be put on those unable to participate for different reasons.

Engineering Section Meeting 17 November 2020

Two prospective members, David and Alistair Green, were at the meeting and had submitted membership applications to join the Society. They had purchased a 5"g battery operated Class 66 diesel loco and will be very welcome additions to the Engineering Section.

Mark Taylor showed viaduct supporting trestles he made for his HO layout which had to be modified to fit the available space in his garage. He has modified the raised track loader and made it easier to operate, as well as adjusting the track slider on the ground level loader to make it easier to operate. The meeting was advised that the raised and ground level track system modification had been approved by the Committee.

John Bolton advised that a social Christmas dinner had been arranged for Saturday 12th December at \$30 per head, held in the Vintage Car Club rooms and catered for by their members. BYO There looks to be good interest.

We have been asked to provide train rides for different groups in the near future. B/Day party Friday 4th Dec 4-6pm, MDC children's party Sunday 6th Dec 11am - 2pm, B/Day party Saturday 19th Dec 10am -12noon.

Nigel

Boating Section report

The club recently had a request from a person in Picton wanting a pond yacht similar to what is used there for her grandson to use.



John Henson volunteered to make one for her. As you can see, the result is stunning and it sails really well. it's nice to see young and old getting pleasure from a simple pond yacht.

Thanks to all club members for their work over the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Next section meeting this Thurs 3rd Dec, 7.30 at the clubrooms

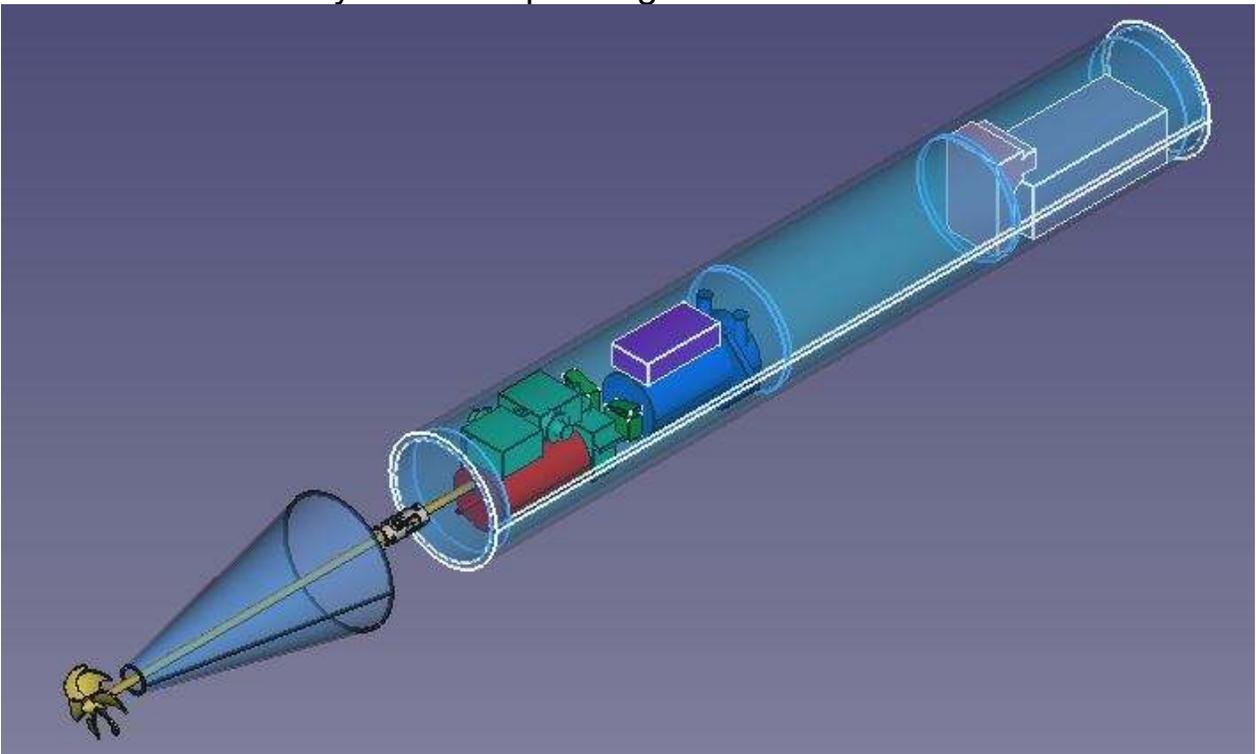
Model of the year Tues 8th, 7.30 at the clubrooms

Philip

Today (Sun 29) was the best day in quite a while. A manageable breeze came in just before 2pm

A couple of mixed races followed by a bit of one on one between Colin and Terry. Their Crispies going well, while the rest of us just chilled and enjoyed the conditions. Wednesday Starlet racing has been a washout due to adverse weather. Went to the garage sale that included Graham Vercoes gear. It was all gone to one buyer by 8.05 and I was home again by 8.15. All went for well under \$200. Cabinet with at least 4 radio transmitters only \$20. Sad considering circumstances behind sale.

So, what do you do if planning a new project. The what, where and how is handy to know before diving in. See example in photo of equipment layout in a water tight cylinder of only 54mm internal diameter. Space is not usually a problem in boats but occasionally can be depending on size and features.



Ray Gleeson.

Flying Section Report

On the 1st of November seven members of Nelson Model Aero Club (NMAC) came over and joined us for a fly at our Tuamarina flying field. The weather was good bright and sunny, if a little breezy, and we had a good turn out of local members. I think the Nelson guys enjoyed their visit and it they had some interesting models. There was plenty of flying done and lots of chatter. I received this email message from Murray Irvine (NMAC President):

"We really enjoyed our visit to MAMS today. Great weather, great company, and great flying."

A huge thanks to you and your members for hosting and accommodating us, it was very much appreciated. Please pass on our thanks and regards to all.

You are of course all welcome to stop in and visit us at NMAC whenever you're passing. If you want to plan a reciprocal visit in the New Year let me know and we'll get organised!

*Cheers
Murray Irvine”*

Thanks to all those that took part and made it such an enjoyable day, well done



MAMS field NMAC visit prior to flying



Nelson visit pretty much filled the car park (Photo's by Trev)

I would like to welcome new member Nicholas Scantlebury to the Flying section. He is an experienced flyer recently returned from overseas.

Wednesday evening Slope soaring has been continuing over the summer Daylight Saving time as usual, although the weather has not been great the last couple of Wednesdays.

The weather has been a bit poor for November but there have been some good flying days. Some times it is a matter of having the right model for the conditions. I have been using my foamy flying wings a bit more and also dabbling into FPV flying with them (with Trev's help). FPV is a different aspect of the hobby, flying with the pilots eye view displayed in a set of goggles. It is a bit more of a sense of full size flying but you are lower to the ground in a limited area and everything happens so much quicker than when you are up at thousands of feet in a light plane. Still an interesting part of the hobby. The video quality of the gear I have is not that great but there are new developments all the time with new digital HD video gear becoming available really making huge improvements in quality, for a price.

The weather has put a bit of a dampener on Glider flying as well for the last month or so. Glider flying may not be that exciting but it can be a challenge and you never know when you launch just how the flight will turn out. The wind flowing over the hills is like a rivers rapids, some places it goes up, some places down and some it just swirls around, then you add the sun to create thermals and stir it up more. Trying to fly four 10 minute competition flights is a challenge, if you find the right place 10 minutes can be easy, if not you could be down in 3 minutes. Trying to land on a spot at exactly the right time is always a challenge, even in perfect conditions, but add in the wind and turbulence it gets interesting.

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter we have the Model of the year meeting on Tuesday the 8th December and the MAMS Christmas dinner on Saturday the 12th December

MFNZ Nationals are on at Carterton on 3rd to 8th January

<https://www.modelflyingnz.org/wordpress/73rd-nationals-event-schedule/>)

Heritage Day at Brayshaw Park is 6th February. We need a couple of people to help out with car park or gate duty for a 1 hour stint during the day, if anyone would like to help with that please let me know.

Reminder- there is a Covid 19 QR Code on the hut at the field to use to record your visit.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Carl M.

The Soaring Scene

The pandemic may still be here as 2021 approaches, but NDC is finished for the year. It has been an interesting year for the MAMS glider group, one which started on a high and finished on a much lower note. Probably much more than the power flyers, we are dependent in many ways on the weather. Obviously we need lift in some form to sustain flight for the periods required in each competition, but our models are generally light, somewhat fragile and relatively intolerant of gusts and turbulence. Unfortunately gusts and turbulence have been par for the course for the last two months, maybe not every day, but certainly on the Saturdays that we usually fly NDC competitions, bearing in mind that these must be flown on weekend days.

In the last couple of years MAMS have been the NDC Overall Champion Club as well as taking individual champion and several second and third places in the Soaring category. We won't find out for some time just where we stand this year but I suspect that we will have been knocked off our perch by the resurgent Christchurch and Hawkes Bay clubs, who not only have some world class Soaring pilots but a lot of competitors in the Vintage and Free Flight categories. Individually in Soaring we were doing very well in the early part of the season but the opposition started to close in as the year wore on and the poor finish to the year due to the weather may have set us back somewhat. Either way it's been another great effort in NDC by a small group of dedicated soaring pilots.

Rex

MAMS Membership and Subscription Structure

Ordinary Member (all Sections)	\$55.00
Family membership	\$60.00
Junior Member	\$35.00
Country Member (+40km from Blenheim)	\$35.00
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 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 **31st 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 2019 onwards are still considered paid up club members for 2020/2021 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 **February** issue to the editor a few days before the end of **January**.