



# Piston'n'Prop.

Newsletter

**Marlborough Associated Modellers Society Inc.**  
**Brayshaw Park, 8 Arthur Baker Place, Blenheim 7201**

**President:** Philip Gibbison\*\*    **Secretary:** Nigel Wood\*    **Treasurer:** Tom Hood  
**Ph:** 5780016    **Ph:** 5787086    **Ph:** 5784066  
**Vice President:** Brent Coburn **Ph:** 5738511

**Librarian:**

---

**Newsletter Editor:** Carl McMillan\*\*\*    **Ph:** 5780716    **Email:** [carlmcmillan101@gmail.com](mailto:carlmcmillan101@gmail.com)

**Committee Members:**

Mark Taylor    Ph: 5789885    Colin Grocott    Ph: 5793594

Carl McMillan\*\*\*    Ph: 5780716    Ron Perkinson    Ph: 5789699

\* Primary contact person for Engineering section

\*\* Primary contact person Boating section

\*\*\* Primary contact person Flying section

**MAMS Website:**    [www.mams.org.nz](http://www.mams.org.nz)

---

**If Clubs or members currently receiving this Newsletter by mail could receive it by email please let me know [carlmcmillan101@gmail.com](mailto:carlmcmillan101@gmail.com)**

---

**February 2018**

---

**Reminder: Heritage Day 6<sup>th</sup> February**

## **Committee Meeting notes for December / January**

The Christmas / New Year break is now just a fading memory and I trust members have had an enjoyable time of relaxing with family and friends and are now refreshed and ready for events of the coming year.

The Model of the Year meeting was held on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the clubrooms and we had a good number of members attending. It was

encouraging to see a good variety of completed models and projects under construction. It was a most enjoyable evening and a pleasant way to finish off the year together, with supper and the chance for a good chat. Attached is an article about the evening.

A number of our members took part in the Nelson Convention earlier in the month and reported that it was a good time - meeting with members of other Societies from around NZ and operating their locomotives. The weather was good with only one spell of wet weather affecting the night run. A number of conventioners returning home to other parts of the country stopped off here and ran their locos on our track systems after Convention ended. It was good to be able to host them for two days.

The matter of repairs to our boating pond is still under consideration while the Committee investigates suitable repair materials and costings before making decisions. It would appear that re-sealing the pond bottom with bitumen and chip may not be practicable because lichen growth could affect adhesion with subsequent separation of the new coat, as well as the practicality of getting heavy vehicles to the pond and the limited reach of spray hoses to cover the pond surface. The affordability of repair and the matter of fund-raising is also to be addressed.

I understand that the Boating Section members are able to use other venues such as Lake Argyle while the pond is out of action.

Waitangi Day / Heritage Day on Tuesday February 6th is the next event on our calendar and this is the major fund-raising event for us during the year. Our boating pond is out of action so the main areas of interest to members of the Public will be train rides and a static display of models in the clubrooms. The day commences at 10am and finishes at 4pm, with a pot-luck meal to end the day around 5.30 / 6pm for members families and guests. We will need assistance from members with train-running station duties and manning the model display in the clubrooms during the day. Morning and afternoon teas will be provided but members are asked to bring their own lunch. Contributions for morning/afternoon teas would be appreciated. Members are also requested to bring finger food type salads and a dessert toward the evening meal and the club will provide sausages for a BBQ.

Nigel Wood  
Secretary

## **Model of the Year 2017**

Planes: No aircraft on display

Boats: Dave Mathieson had a number of vessels under construction to show – Starlet (gaff rigged), Starlet (balsa & fibreglass yet to be rigged), Graham Humphrey's 36 R Class hull, Dave Frost's 'ChezWen' under repair. Completed were three 12" boats – a tug, a puffer and a steamer, all of which go well. John Henson had a lovely Starlet yacht 'Korimako' requiring a few finishing touches.

Alan Fairweather had a 1:48 scale model of HMS Endeavour under construction.



Colin Arlidge had a model of an American paddle steamer 'Mt Washington' as his first attempt at model boat building. USA Dumas R/C kitset requiring a lot of soldering. Very nicely finished.

Allan McGreevy had a model WWII US Liberty Ship converted to a cargo ship under construction - balsa and ply construction built from plans.

Colin Grocott showed a little steam plant and engine he had purchased to power a paddle steamer as a future project.



Nigel Wood had completed a 1:60 scale model of HMS Endeavour after a number of years waiting for rigging to be completed. (Artesania Latina kitset.)  
Winner – Nigel Wood with HMS Endeavour.

Engineering: Mark Taylor had his 5" gauge Speedy project to show progress with running chassis and boiler.

Nigel Wood had his 5" gauge Simplex project which is being worked on again after a respite. A lot of parts have been fabricated and boiler needs testing but the end is in sight.

Winner – Nigel Wood with his Simplex as a project not yet completed.

Overall Winner – Colin Arlidge with his Mt Washington paddle steamer.

Very pleasant evening & meeting closed 21.15pm. followed by supper

### **Steam Section Meeting notes for December 19th.**

Win Holdaway had just taken delivery of the large brass sheet which will form one side of the tender for his 7 1/4" g Berkshire 2-8-4 loco. This has had the many rivet holes pierced by computer-controlled water jet and will be used as the template for drilling the other tender side panel. He had brought along an HO scale model of the tender for comparison and to give an idea of the finished article. He showed the cast aluminium alloy base for the tender, about 1.6 metres long, which will have two trucks of six wheels per truck fitted.



Mark Taylor had his lap-top computer which showed photos of one of his current project which is too large and heavy to carry around to show. This is a 5" gauge Britannia kitset model from Model Works in UK which is to be finished off.



Nigel had a parting tool which had been adapted to fit the tool post on his lathe. This was made from an old holder from a larger lathe. Current work has been making the front cylinder covers for Simplex.

Lawrence Brehaut has been thinking about the boiler for his 5" gauge NZR 'Q' loco and had questions about the design. This led to discussion on steam

requirements, firebox design, tube layout, and so forth. He has quite a lot of parts made already, such as chassis, wheels, etc but there is still a lot to do.

Patrick Robinson is in the process of making an electric loco using a 5" gauge Simplex chassis powered by an ex-mobility scooter motor. Another project involves a boat he has that he wants to put a steam engine in.

Nigel

### **Boating report**

Well not much to report this month, the pond is still out of action. The committee is looking at all options of repairing it, this will take time but it's got to get done properly.



Most activity has been our section meetings and sailing at Delta Lake, this is a great spot to sail and many pleasant hours have been enjoyed by our members.



Colin Arlidge brought his Paddle steamer to our last section meeting, it's a Dumas kit and Colin has done a really nice job on it. He has since acquired another paddle steamer kit so we look forward to seeing that in the future.





David old has built a Racing Sparrow 650, it looks good and sails well too.

Heritage day is Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, we would like some models for display and if you can help during the day that would be great.

Next section meeting is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30 at the clubrooms.

Philip

### **Flying section report**

The Buy sell swap day on 13<sup>th</sup> January went quite well, the weather was nice and a good bunch of people turned out. Several items changed hands to get a new lease of life. There were model aircraft, traditional kits, engines from a Cox .010 to a 40cc petrol engine and an assortment of modelling hardware and plans

The Aerotow meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January at Quaildale was cancelled due to very low number of entries. The guys did get of to Quaildale on the 27<sup>th</sup> though for some NDC competitions

Here are the provisional results:

## Event 68 - ALES Radian

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

Flight 1 - 7 min 01	419 points	50 landing	469
Flight 2 - 5 min 46	346 points	25 landing	371
Flight 3 - 7 min 00	420 points	50 landing	<u>470</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>1310</b>

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

Flight 1 - 5 min 15	315 points	50 landing	365
Flight 2 - 7 min 03	417 points	50 landing	467
Flight 3 - 7 min 00	420 points	25 landing	<u>445</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>1277</b>

### **Garry Morgan MFNZ #**

Flight 1 - 4 min 11	251 points	25 landing	276
Flight 2 - 7 min 08	412 points	25 landing	437
Flight 3 - 5 min 59	359 points	50 landing	<u>409</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>1122</b>

### **Peter Graham MFNZ #10777**

Flight 1 - 3 min 18	198 points	50 landing	248
Flight 2 - 7 min 03	417 points	00 landing	417
Flight 3 - 7 min 03	417 points	25 landing	<u>442</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>1107</b>

### **Brian Mogford MFNZ #12282**

Flight 1 - 7 min 36	384 points	00 landing	384
Flight 2 - 3 min 44	224 points	50 landing	274
Flight 3 - 7 min 04	416 points	25 landing	<u>441</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>1099</b>

### **Robert Evans MFNZ #3613**

Flight 1 - 3 min 29	209 points	00 landing	209
Flight 2 - 7 min 31	389 points	25 landing	414
Flight 3 - 7 min 16	404 points	00 landing	<u>404</u>

**Total - 1027**

**Trev Faulkner MFNZ #**

Flight 1 - 4 min 45	285 points	00 landing	285
Flight 2 - 6 min 16	376 points	00 landing	376
Flight 3 - 3 min 47	227 points	00 landing	<u>227</u>
<b>Total -</b>			<b>888</b>

**Allan Baker MFNZ #4943**

**Event 2 - Catapult Glider**

Flight 1 - Max    Flight 2 - Max    Flight 3 - 42 sec    Flight 4 - 30 sec    Flight 5 -  
42 sec    Flight 6 - 43 sec    **Total - 277**

**Event 5 - Tip Launch Glider**

Flight 1 - 43 sec    Flight 2 - Max    Flight 3 - Max    Flight 4 - 42 sec    Flight 5 -  
40 sec    Flight 6 - 51 sec    **Total - 296**

Anyone interested in learning more about small free flight models should contact Allan <mailto:baker.allan@xtra.co.nz> and the rules can be found on the MFNZ web site under "Special Interest Groups" then "Competition Rules" or click on: [www.modelflyingnz.org/docs/comprules/S02-FF.pdf](http://www.modelflyingnz.org/docs/comprules/S02-FF.pdf) as a shortcut.

Slope soaring has been going well although the weather has caused a few cancellations. On 13<sup>th</sup> December we were treated to a spectacular lightning show on the hills as we arrived at the meeting place (the carpark on Rifle Range place)



We decided not to go up the hills, and shortly after dispersing we had a torrential downpour and Hail. A few other days were rained out as well, but the days we have flown have been very enjoyable.

For MFNZ members Annual membership fees for 2018/19 are:

Senior \$75

Family \$80

Junior \$20

Model Flying World Only \$25

Fees fall due on the 1st April each year and must be paid to your club before this date. NEW members joining after 1st November only have to pay half fees, however existing members renewing late, will still need to pay for a full year. If you want more information on joining the MFNZ, membership problems, non-delivery of MFNZ magazine, then please contact the Membership Administrator.

New members joining between 1 January and 31 March are able to join the next financial year by paying the full fees required for that year.

Anyone wishing to join MFNZ or wishing to change the clubs they belong to with MFNZ need to fill out an affiliation Form ( [http://modelflyingnz.org/docs/general/MFNZ\\_Affiliation\\_Form\\_17.docx](http://modelflyingnz.org/docs/general/MFNZ_Affiliation_Form_17.docx) ) and get it back to me.

Fly safely, have fun.

Carl M.

NOTE - NZ Model Flier's World is now available for issue at both Blenheim and Picton libraries.

### **MAMS Membership and Subscription Structure**

Ordinary Member (all Sections)	S55.00
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 \$75, Junior \$20, and Family \$80, paid to MAMS.***

*NOTE: MFNZ Fees must be paid to the club before **31 March**. New members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> January can be charged a full year fee and they will be recorded as financial members of the 2018/19 year.*

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 2017 onwards are still considered paid up club members for 2018/2019 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.

Publication dates: 1<sup>st</sup> week of February, **April**, June, August, October, and December.

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

## MARLBOROUGH ASSOCIATED MODELLERS SOCIETY (INC.)

ADDRESS ALL  
CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE SECRETARY



8 ARTHUR BAKER PLACE,  
BLENHEIM 7201

27 January 2018

Dear Members,

This is to advise you of a number of arrangements concerning this year's Heritage Day celebration on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at Brayshaw Heritage Park. Activities in the Park for the public will commence at 10 am and finish at 4pm. In the Modellers area there will be a need to set up displays and check rail tracks for condition. This will require starting around 8am and hands on deck to assist would be appreciated, please.

During the day this year there will be no boats/yachts operating on the pond because the pond is out of operation, unfortunately, but help from the Boating Section members in manning the display of models in the clubrooms would be appreciated, as well as helpers for our period of duty at the gate. (Details to be advised on the day)

Trains will be giving passenger rides on the raised track and on the ground level track systems. We are able to operate steam locomotives with enclosed fire boxes and spark arrestors after consultation with the Fire Department, as well as diesel and electric locomotives. We will be stretched for locomotives for public wanting rides and a shortage of Engineering Section members able to help with driving and in station duties. We have invited members from Christchurch and Nelson clubs to join with us for the day and hopefully to bring diesel locos plus helping with running operations but don't know yet what response there will be.

There will be a static display of models in the clubrooms and members are requested to bring models to the clubrooms early Tuesday morning for set-up. Models could also be left in the clubrooms prior to this if more convenient and there may be a member staying in a campervan beside the roundhouse overnight which would provide a measure of security. We are looking for volunteers to supervise the display during the day.

Morning and afternoon teas will be provided in the upstairs signal box during the day from 9.30am. Contributions of food towards this would be appreciated. Members are asked to bring their own lunch as we don't yet know numbers for catering purposes for visitors from other clubs who would require lunch to be provided. However, lunches consisting of filled rolls and fruit could be available for anyone if required. Numbers requiring lunches would be collected during the morning. Grace Wood would appreciate help with catering during the day.

We are requested to provide 4 people for an hour during the day to help with car parking and gate collection duties. Time and still to be advised but this is not a difficult task and volunteers would be appreciated. See Carl or Philip if you are able to help for an hour.

After 4pm finish and clean up, we plan to have an evening pot-luck meal commencing around 5.30/6 pm for members, families and guests. This has been an enjoyable time of fellowship in past years after the day's activities. The Club will provide BBQ sausages and soft drinks, and members are requested to bring a salad and dessert to share, plus BYO if desired. Hopefully the day will have been fine and this is a great way to end.

I trust the day will be fine and everyone will enjoy themselves. This is our main fund raiser for the year so we hope the day will go successfully.

Cheers,

Nigel