

## The Kapiti Flyers Update – Jan 2015



<http://www.kapitimodelflyers.org.nz/>

Have something to fly? ... come and join us!

# KAPITI AEROMODELLERS' CLUB

## ANNUAL RALLY

### Sat 7th & Sun 8th March 2015

All aircraft and pilots welcome	Glider Tow	Prizes
MFNZ members only	Aerobatic	Barbeque
Wings badge required	Scale	Family picnic opportunity
Landing fees ... \$10	Helicopters	Free entry for spectators

**Queen Elizabeth Park - Mackay's crossing**  
(Follow signs from main gate)

For further details: Contact Alastair Rivers 04 905 4100, Dave Marriott 04 234 7151 or check out our website  
[www.kapitimodelflyers.org.nz](http://www.kapitimodelflyers.org.nz)

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – The official anniversary date for our club is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015. While nothing is planned directly for that date, preparations will get underway during January for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally, to be held in March. The poster above will be used to promote the rally (thanks to Don Lynn for artwork). If you would like a copy or copies of this to post in your local haunts (schools, doctors rooms, libraries, local shops, pubs etc) please contact the secretary at [kapitirc@gmail.com](mailto:kapitirc@gmail.com) and advise what sizes (A3, A4, A5) you would like and numbers. Closer to the day we will send out an email poster to all club members, and you will be encouraged to circulate widely to friends, family, work colleagues and other hangers on.

### Strange and intriguing Links

- Have you had a look in the back of your neighbours shed recently? [http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/August/Pilot/f\\_talltale](http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/August/Pilot/f_talltale)
- Detailed visualisation of global wind patterns.– fascinating to look at wind at different altitudes. Set it for Kapiti and keep it on your favourites list <https://www.windyty.com/>
- And another wind visualisation site. Slow to download as I suspect it is dragging in heaps of data. No wonder Metservice needs a supercomputer to monitor this stuff!  
<http://earth.nullschool.net/#current/wind/surface/level/equirectangular=-191.67,-40.26,1305>
- Operational manual SR-71 Blackbird – “stalls, spins and inverted flight are prohibited “ ! <http://www.sr-71.org/blackbird/manual/>
- Build yourself a Vulcan bomber - <http://www.vulcantothesky.org/uploads/documents/XH558-coldwar-cut-out3.pdf>
- Top of my wish list for next Christmas – perhaps we could organise one to open our rally!  
<http://observationdeck.io9.com/amazing-rocket-launch-1674815939>

### “Drone” regulation

Civil Aviation have recently made a public announcement of their plans to make rules concerning the operation of Unmanned Aircraft. The proposal will “*improve the regulation of unmanned aircraft in New Zealand, ensuring that these aircraft have appropriate regulatory oversight and do not pose a threat to aviation safety*”.

If you have an interest in the development of these rules, submissions can be made up to 30 January 2015. Details on [www.caa.govt.nz](http://www.caa.govt.nz)

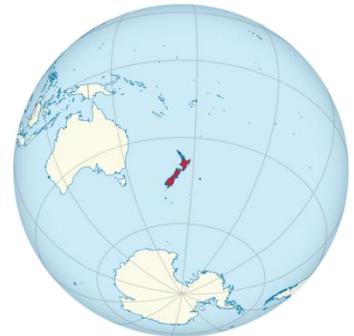
### December Silver Squadron BBQ.

Some 25 members turned out for the December Silver Squadron BBQ. This was a Xmas special with strawberries and icecream, Christmas cake and other goodies in addition to the standard BBQ fare. Ernie provided some upmarket sausages which were widely appreciated.

The weather was good and several members took the advantage to fly both before and after the feast. The bike group attempted to burn off some calories with a ride through the park. The only low point of the day was the demise of Bill Gilbert's newly rebuilt Extra. Following a series of spectacular manoeuvres with Bill valiantly trying to regain control, it finished with a power dive into tiger territory north of the strip. After several unsuccessful forays by members, and no sighting, it was deemed unrecoverable.

### Our international presence

In the last month I have received an enquiry from Quebec, Canada, from a flyer wanting to move to NZ and wishing to establish contacts with NZ flyers, and also with a party of model flyers from China who are planning a visit to NZ and would like to come and meet us on a flying day. Our website is being seen as far afield as Finland, Peru, India and others.



### New member

Please welcome Hugh Butcher. Hugh is retired, lives in Churton Park and lists his interests as electrics and soaring.

### Coming events

- There will be no club night in January. Next club night is Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Ryan is planning a quiz night on aviation, so you have plenty of time to do some swotting.
- We are planning an open BBQ in late January – probably around the 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Details to be advised.
- Opening of new Tauranga TECT Park airstrip 28<sup>th</sup> March. This has the potential to become NZ's top flying site.

### Andy's Column

Q. Hi Andy – “when I try to bind my Spektrum transmitter to my foamie electric Tomboxlerfly, all channels work except the throttle. Sometimes I can get the throttle to work but it seems very sluggish, takes a long time to wind up to speed and seems to lack power”

Andy's answer – some ESC's require the throttle channel to be at absolute minimum for the ESC to “arm”. This means not only at low throttle, but also with the throttle trim down to minimum setting. Try re-binding with throttle set as low as you can get it.

Q What is the best beer for aeromodellers?

Andy's answer - Avgas Pilsener of course! From Pilot Breweries.



### Steve Hutchison (V.P.) notes

- **Gate** - There has been the occasional recent occurrence of the gate being left unlocked at end of the day and power to the electric fence not being turned back on. I suspect the situation may arise where a flier is the last person to leave but is unable to lock the gate because the padlock is already closed. Please make sure that you all know the gate number. If necessary carve it into your flight kit! It's important all members follow these simple rules.
- **Clubhouse** - The Southern side of the club house was washed down recently to remove green algae etc and now looks a lot tidier.
- **Field** - Still mowing weekly, and we try to do it when weather is unsuitable for flying. The result of very regular mows is that the field is looking really good, although we are still experiencing some rabbit problems.

- **Mower** - The new (2nd hand) small mower has made a big difference in keeping the driveway and edges clean.
- **Suggestions anybody?** - Always open to suggestions/new ideas in ways we can improve the facilities there. If you have any, send me an email. [steve.kath@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:steve.kath@vodafone.co.nz)

Thats all for 2014 folks.

I hope Santa has been good to you. The December weather has not allowed for much flying so hopefully the New Year will provide better conditions. See you all at the airstrip.

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Johnny :- When I grow up I want to be a pilot.  
Johnny's mum : - don't be silly dear - you can't do both.