



July 2017



Q500's... You are go for racing... Smoke on.

A "fleet" of Q500's about to embark on their inaugural race.

Looks like the hard work in getting this underway has eventually come to fruition.

I know there are several others that have been built which are not here , I'm guessing they didn't make it through the qualifying round, or had to withdraw because of mechanical or structural failure.

Full report on the progress from Steve later on.

John Von from behind the lens ,captured the machines prior to take off.
From the top. Ian, Warner, Steve and Terry.



From the Prez

As I write this I can feel the cheeks a little flushed (not from drink) from the sun and lack of wind we had today. Was a magnificent day with an extremely good turnout at the strip. Even Phil forsake the workshop for the pleasant company and surroundings. I notice somebody also 'finished' work early. Not sure of the numbers during the day, as different ones came and went. Was great to see Swampy down there after such a long absence.

We've had a few days like this of late, and they make up for the many decidedly grotty days we have in between! I was first at the field not long before 9:30 and Phil was the last to leave not long before 5. So a great day was had by all. It's great to see the facilities well used on such a day. There are a number of members, though, who have been noticeable by their absence. It would be good to see you guys back down there again.

From a Club Management perspective, there isn't a lot to report. Work is still going on to prepare a draft document the application for a 10 year licence. The new starting tables are worth their weight in gold. Hopefully will see some new chip on our driveway soon.

GWRC have changed the signs on the walking/cycle track and the track has now been marked to discourage people from stopping. I think all's good in the hood.

So, have a great month and see you down there sometime.

GWRC Planting

Unfortunately postponed until 30th July.

It was good to hear the numbers that were intending to lend a hand.

Life is a 2 way street. It's not all about taking, and contributing to the Park and it's wellbeing benefits the club in numerous ways.

So, roll on 30th and we'll look to have a good turnout.

Q500's are go.

Warner has endeavoured for some time now to get a fleet of Quickie 500 racers into the air.

Quite a few have been built. Some have met their demise during 'testing'.

Some have been repaired more than once, but today 4 Q500s were put into the air for a 'practice' race. The idea was to take off at 2 sec intervals and fly over what would be the course,

As we were taking off to the North, the idea was to swing a little right and turn left past an imagine pylon at the North Eastern corn of the strip. Someone who shall remain nameless turned right instead of left which caused a little consternation at the time.

Terry landed over yonder with a dead stick, but what was interesting was his comment after, as to how far beyond the end of the strip we were turning. Obviously not easy to judge.

Warner obviously has a fully worked 'works' engine and probably 100% Nitro as that thing of his rocketed around the sky! It was a lot of fun and I am looking forward to another go. Hopefully having checked my machine in for a dyno tune first.

Coming up:

July club night 18th July.

This will be a must if you have any interest in different models.

Allan Knox will talk to us about the project that built the 80% V1 that was featured on the cover of the latest Flyers World.

Silver Fox BBQ on Thursday 20th July.

The Club Captains communique.

For the weekend warriors , the weather has given us a bit of chance (for a change) , but we have had to pick the gaps. last weekend I managed to get in a few flights , dodging the raindrops, and of course as I write this , (not as lucky as Steve) it's pi**ing down ... again. Although a couple of weeks ago it was one of those rare cracker days , when sun and light winds , coincided with a weekend, as can be seen below.



Just one thing to mention , when the days get busy and there are plenty of planes in the air and plenty members lined up ready to fly, this is the time to remember the discipline, stick to the circuit, and check with the pilots in the box , before take - off, and call out if you intend doing any low passes or touch and go's , and call when you are landing. Remember to communicate your intentions to the pilot/pilots alongside you.

Otherwise , everything seems to be ticking along nicely.

Club night -June

Not too much to say about last month's club night. This was a semi low key evening with Steve showing us a documentary on the development and role of the fighter aircraft. From the WW1 days through to the latest advancements in thrust vectored jets and other interesting features that the "new" fighters are equipped with. There was plenty of general discussion afterwards while enjoying a cuppa , and I believe Steve had a tough time getting some members to leave... Looks like club night continues to be an evening enjoyed by those who attend.

Sale Items :

Sale on behalf of Derek Symes.

Drill Press \$55

Dremel Scroll Saw \$55

... or \$100 if both purchased

Das Liddle Stick 46" well proven Flyer just add 2200mAh battery & Receiver and fly. \$85.

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WMAC Annual Auction :

Wednesday 26th July 2017, for further details have a look at their website .

<http://wmac.org.nz/>

Couple links from the boys.

This one from Wayne Elley

"I was just reading about this ex-Kiwi retired chap living in BC who seems to have a bit of a following in the UK for his models:"

<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/ivan-pettigrew-the-sage-of-chilliwack-2/>

And this from Gordon Wood

"Another article of potential interest to club members":

http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170620-the-place-where-airplanes-go-to-die?ocid=global_future_rss&ocid=global_bbccom_email_22062017_future

Club Flight simulator

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Realflight, club flight simulator.?. If you have it and are not using it could you please return it to the clubhouse , or just drop me a line, or email to let me know that you have it and are still using it . I have a member that has enquired about it so will be good to share it around... thanks.

And that's it for another month, a short one this month. I think I have covered everything sent to me , if not, send me a reminder and I get it in next month's edition.

Don't forget to take some photos of anything interesting that happens , or even without any photos , if you have something that you would like to share with the members , send it through and I'll get it in here.

Trust you all have a good month ahead.

Until then... Fly hard , land soft...

Cheers

Don
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