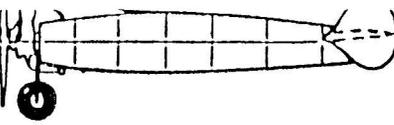


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This Newsletter is the last from the Christchurch based AVANZ. from January the Vintage management will move up to the Levin/Otaki area. IVAN TREEN will be convenor of a committee that will carry on the work of the NZMAA Vintage Tech Committee, produce the AVA Newsletter, manage the plans hire service and liaise with SAM (USA) to receive the SAM SPEAKS Newsletters for those that want it. Ivan will no doubt be in touch with existing members soon -- if you need to contact him he is at :

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This Newsletter is necessarily brief because of the Editor's commitment with the Nationals organisation. Even though it is the December issue, it will be posted in the New Year (together with the Sep/Oct SAM SPEAKS for those who subscribe -- the Nov/Dec SAM SPEAKS will be posted out to subscribers as soon as it arrives from USA).

Vintage is alive and well in NZ at present judging by entries at the Nats (a Nats Vintage report will be in the 1/90 FLIERS WORLD). The Christchurch committee of Paul Lagan, Bill Rouse, John Poletti and Ian Henry wish all Vintage modellers a productive and contented 1990 and hope you all support the new committee.

FOR SALE

KRAFT 5 channel receiver with Tx module, 35.550 mhz. \$150 o.n.o. Bill Cooksey, 112 Oak Street, Gisborne. (079) 84233.

THANKS! -- to Pat Clarke for the report on the SAM CHAMPS in this issue. Pat and Myrtle will be involved in the new AVA Committee and their enthusiasm for Vintage modelling will be a great boon to AVA.

SAM CHAMPS 1989

We originally intended visiting USA to see relations and fly at a minor meet in Wichita (the SAM Wham Bam) taking a Jabberwock and a Gollywock. After much correspondence with the C.D., Ernie Linn (the designer of the Kansas Wakēfiēd) it was decided that we would go to the Champs and take 6 models.

My first impression of the SAM champs was the immensity of the accommodation, being in the Hotel/Casino at Jean, Nevada, consisting of 504 rooms of which the SAM organisers had booked 200.

The Champs started on Sunday at 12 noon with contest and accommodation registrations and the MECA Collecto. This Collecto was mainly ignition motors with a few modern glow motors and other collectables. A great display and so much to choose from.

It must be remembered that the American cut off date is 1942 with no scaling up or down except for $\frac{1}{2}$ A Texaco.

There was no such thing as a no flight, all attempts being recorded, minimum flight was 40 seconds with 6 attempts to make 3 flights of the stated maximum.

Flying took place at a nearby dry lake bed with the weather being calm in the morning and wind increasing later in the day. Desert conditions and temperatures were the norm.

There were over 150 registered free flighters with 100 contesting the R.C. events.

Flying commenced with R.C. $\frac{1}{2}$ A Texaco 8cc max fuel and 15 min. maxes. Three tied for first place with possible max. times of 1800, two being from SAM 56.

Free flight took place from a different part of the lake bed, all flights being R.O.G.(assisted).

Scale was a flying event only. How could Sal Taibi's flight be forgotten!!
It was 15min motor run with 39 min total flight, and landing less than 500 metres away, for second place. Conditions were so unbelievably calm with Thermals few and far between and with dust devils in the afternoon.

The other notable event for me took place on the Friday morning at 10.30 with a mass launch of 20+ twin pushers took place. The winner took the trophy for the 3rd year in succession, flying for nearly 30 seconds longer than anyone else.

Youngest competitor was Lisa, a 9 year old girl whose activities has persuaded her father to take up building again, while the oldest, well known to New Zealanders at 93, was Bert Pond who won the compressed air event.

What could New Zealand learn from these Champs? The rule of 6 attempts to make 3 flights and processing of the placed models only, seemed worthy of adoption.

It was a moving experience to visit the champs and meet modellers who up to now were names only.

Would I go again? YES, if I had the money.

Congratulations to SAM 25 for great organisation, administration, ground preparation and safety measures for the 1989 SAM Champs.

Pat and Myrtle Clarke.

Pat

