

PMAC History:

Year club formed: Two preliminary meetings in **September 1976** held in the Papakura Radio Clubrooms called by Mary & Trevor Whyte and Dave Johnston, Mary's father. Notices were placed in the local South Auckland shops and articles placed in the South Auckland Community newspapers. 15 people turned up for this first meeting.

At the third meeting on **October 27th 1976** held at Rosehill College, Papakura the formal decision to form a club was made and the first steering committee was elected.

President: Dave Johnston
Sec/Treasurer: Mary Whyte
Club Captain: Martin Croucher (a senior student at Rosehill College)
Committee: Peter Rogers (Also senior student at Rosehill Coll)
Trevor Whyte
Gregory Ganter whose parents owned the Model Shop in Papakura.

Formal committee elected at AGM held on **21 March 1977**

President: Dave Johnston
Vice President: Trevor Whyte
Secretary: Mary Whyte
Club Captain: Martin Croucher
Treasurer: Erica Ganter (Resigned August 77 to return to Canada)
Committee: Gregory Ganter (resigned August 77)
Dave Dewar (Treasurer from August 77)
Peter Rogers.

Fees: AGM 1977 \$5 Senior + \$5 NZMAA = \$10 total

Membership of club in February 1977 = 46

From August 1977 Noel Brooker and Reg Pollington joined the committee.

Affiliated to NZMAA January 1977 during the National championships.

Presidents: Dave Johnston stepped down at AGM on 12 March 1979.

Noel Burgess – 1979 - 1980

Reg Pollington - April 1980 - 1985

John Pickford - 1985 - 1987

Reg Pollington – 1987 - 1991

Noeline Craighead – 1991 - 1996

Chris Glyde - 1996 - 2001

Allen Teal – 2001 - 2002

Ken Nightingale – 2002 - 2006

David Kenwright - 2006

Life Members: Reg & Nancie Pollington
Trevor & Mary Whyte
Cliff Key
Ross & Noeline Craighead
Brian Lamb
Allen Teal
Dave Redhead
Stewart Irvine 2005
Gwyne Avenill 2006
John Pickford 2007

Flying Sites: Southern Park, Beach Rd, Papakura (C/L from late 1976 to Dec 1977)
Rosehill College, Papakura (C/L & indoor late 1976)
Stevenson Quarry, Drury - (FF & R/C Mid 1977 to late 1978)
A farm at Karaka - (FF & R/C Feb 1977 to late 1977)
Williamson Jeffrey Ltd, - (C/L March 1978 to early 1980)
Mountfort Park, Manurewa - (C/L October 1977 to late 1978)
A&P Grounds, Clevedon - since before April 1980)

Member Achievements:

31 Jan 1977 Trevor Whyte - 1st C/L Scale Class II at Tokoroa Champs with Fokker D7

28 Feb 1977 Trevor Whyte - 1st C/L Scale Class II at Waikato Champs with Fokker D7

Dec 77/Jan 78 Nationals at Hamilton - 9 competitors from PMAC:

C/L Novice aerobatics - Tim Cranfield 4th (2nd Junior)
- Edward Green 5th (3rd Junior)
C/L Scale Class I - Trevor Whyte 3rd with Fokker D7
C/L Scale Class II - Trevor Whyte 2nd with Fokker Friendship
C/L Scale Class II - Glen Pollington 3rd with Zero
R/C Scale Class I - Trevor Whyte 1st with Fokker Eindekker

Dec 78/Jan 79 Nationals at Invercargill - 3 competitors from PMAC:

Vintage Power - Mary Whyte 2nd
Ladies Open - Mary Whyte 2nd
R/C Scale Class I - Trevor Whyte 3rd with Fokker Eindekker
C/L Scale Class II - Trevor Whyte 3rd with Fokker Friendship
C/L Speed Class III - Bill Bell 3rd

1978 National Decentralised Championships: Junior Champion Robert Crookes

1980 Nationals at Fielding - Glen Pollington 1st C/L Scale (Dauntless)
3rd C/L Scale (Zero)
- Noel Burgess 3rd F/F Scale (1912 Blackburn monoplane 4ft span)

1981 Nationals at Clareville - Glen Pollington 1st C/L Scale (Fletcher)

Others who have achieved (dates uncertain):

Robert Crooks - Trophie for Controline Speed

Denis Tristram - Trophies in C/L Aerobatics, Indoor & Free Flight

Ross Craighead - has won the National Championships for FAI aerobatics a number of times. He has also represented NZ several times in this same class.

Gwyn Avernel - Represented NZ overseas in R/C Scale (Neuport) & aerobatics (2001)

Steve Alexander & James Danby - Represented NZ in F3A Aerobatics (2001)

Lewis Avernel - 3rd in Novice Aerobatics at Clareville 2000/1

Kevin Honeybun - 3rd at Nationals IMAC Class Scale Aerobatics Clareville 2001/2

Club Newsletter: Editor Mary Whyte
Issue No. 1 (Nov 1976) on file.
Issue No 2 (Jan 1977)

First Logo designed by Mary Whyte and identified on newsletter No. 2

Summary of early trophies: 9 Cups presented each year:

1. Polynesian Airlines Cup for Scale Aircraft - awarded each year to a PMAC member
2. The PMAC Achievement Cup - Awarded yearly to a worthy PMAC member

Following are awarded at the Annual Bi-Plane & Scale Rally event each year

Best Sport plane

Best Civil

Best Scale

Best Military

Best Overall

Concourse - best finish, flying, etc

Shortest landing