

## The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club Box 85174 Brant Plaza, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 4K4

### Editorial

Spring is sprung and it's time to go flying. A few of our dedicated members have ensured that our two fields are in good shape for which I, for one, am truly grateful.

This newsletter, in full colour, is available as a pdf file on our web site through the good offices of the indefatigable **Dave Parry**. Hard copy, in black and white, is mailed to all BRCM members who do not have access to the Web. This was originally done to save the cost of mailing. However, if anyone would prefer to have Skywords mailed to them, please advise the editor to that effect through email.

Although I will fold up my tent until the September edition, thoughts about future editions are never far away. It would be nice to have some feedback from the membership regarding what they would like to see in Skywords. However, I have trod that path before in a similar role and I'm not holding my breath waiting for a response. Nevertheless, despite my skepticism, articles, musings, stories, etc. are always welcome.

Based on an idea from Norm' Harris, I will try to plan a series of articles, with the cooperation of some of our expert members. These are likely to be broad categories such as "How To" articles about Radios, Batteries, Servos, etc.

As always, I'm looking for photographs and articles. I can be reached at 416-622-3705 or by E-mail: [cragg@inforamp.net](mailto:cragg@inforamp.net) or S-mail to suite 2010, 820 Burnhamthorpe Road, Toronto, M9C 4W2.

### The President Writes:

Well folks, here we are at the end of another meeting season, ready for all the exciting events that are planned for the coming summer. Hopefully it will be a bit warmer and less windy than it has been of late. Make sure to check the calendar of events for the summer in the MAAC magazine, not just with our club, but many of the local and surrounding clubs. This offers an excellent opportunity to make new friends, renew old acquaintances as well as see some wonderful aircraft from other members of the hobby.

For opportunities within our club, please see Glenn Richardson for all events. Again this year, I plan to be on the road quite a bit. There will be visits to Forest, Oakville, Otterville, Hamilton, Dunnville, Simcoe, Olean, N.Y. and several other places with exotic sounding names, and I will try and take pictures of these locations for all to see in the fall when we return to the regular meetings.

The bulletin board on the shed at Bayview Park will usually have a listing available. Those with internet access will be able to access the web site of our Zone director to catch the listings

### *Next Meeting* *Thursday, May25th* *Show & Tell*

there.

This last meeting will be the Show and Tell event, where we all bring our loving aircraft that we have been labouring over so diligently, to show off to the general public. Right after we will then make our way to the Mapleview Mall for the Annual Mall Show. We have quite a following from the general public, who I think, are surprised at the exactness and the detail that goes into many of the aircraft. Even our trainers show the public the imagination of colours and the meticulous detail in getting everything aligned properly, so that the model flies as a real aircraft should.

Instruction in the Wings Program should now be under way if the wind ever abates, and a whole new crop of pilots will be working their way up through the ranks of inexperience to qualify to fly on their own. We look forward to welcoming these new pilots into our ranks, and hope to learn from them just as much as they look to our past experiences, trials and tribulations. Remember what it was like to be new at this hobby?? Please help whenever possible, as this will come back to reward you many times over in the future. Just remember that as we get older, our own senses start to deteriorate, and we may be calling upon these new pilots to help us save an aircraft from our own 'dumb thumb' antics.

I hope everyone has a happy and health summer, with lots of flying time, as well as socializing time. We can only hope that everyone finishes the summer with the same number of aircraft with which they start the summer. (No fair going out and buying replacement aircraft!!) Although that is a self defeating statement, as we need 'special events' to occur, so we have an opportunity to move the one special trophy around to different individuals who may be honoured with its presence.

Remember, fly straight, and for the new 'guys' keep your wings level, but most of all, fly SAFELY, we want to see you back in the fall.

If anyone has questions throughout the summer months, please feel free to ask any of the club executive to assist you. They are here to serve you, the members, and without you, we do not have a club.

Happy flying!

Bill Swindells, President, BRCM

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## Coming Events

*These are the events that I know about so far. Updates and/or corrections are welcome.*

May 25 monthly meeting - show and tell  
May 25 - 28 Mall show  
June 10 - 11 Float Fly  
June 16, 17, 18 Gyronuts meeting, Tillsonberg  
August 5 - Tri-Club hosted by Brampton  
August 26 Corn Roast  
September 9 - 10 K&W Scale Rally  
September 16 -17 Float Fly  
September 30 Zone Meeting

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## Our Members Write

*This from Don Mallory*

Two things... first.. Regarding the Bayview Field Cleanup:

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and helped with the spring cleaning of Bayview Field on Saturday April 15th, in the wee hours of the morning. (9:00am)

New lines have been painted to mark the starting areas, the field has been picked of the larger stones, rocks and debris and the large ruts in front of the flight line and leading up to the runway from the starting areas are now flatter than they were previously.

Thank you to Bill Montgomery, Wayne Bransfield, Neil Nugent, Kevin O'Shaunasy, son and dad combo mr. tractor fix-it, Dave Parry, Frank Stepec, Bill Swindels, and others that I am forgetting in my old age.

Second thing, how about this from a first time go'er to the show...

I have been in the hobby for about a year now. Last year, not knowing what the Toledo Show was, I didn't bother going.. what a mistake that was!

This was my first trip to Toledo. From a suggestion by my travel companion, Bill Montgomery, I took Thursday and Friday off work, converted a bit of cash into US dollars in the morning and around noon we hit the highway. Around six o'clock we pulled into the Days Inn parking lot, booked ourselves into our room and dropped off our belongings. We promptly headed out for dinner, dropped by the local mall and headed back to our room.

Once again, at the suggestion from Bill, we agreed to get up at six in the morning and head to the show for seven. The following morning, after much grumbling we stumbled into the Swap Shop, just as some vendors were setting up, and others were already in full swing!

I was amazed. I had no idea that there would be so much to the Swap Shop. I had imagined a small area with a few tables and a few reasonably good buys and some really bad ones. What I was greeted with was a huge winding hallway and close to fifty or more vendors. The products ranged from very used, to very new, and I promptly spent a good amount of money. Once again, with a warning from Bill, I kept from spending it all.

We wandered downstairs to purchase our tickets at eight o'clock (eight?! in the morning? And I'm not working?) After a

couple of trips back to the car with our loot, we headed into the show as the doors opened at nine.

Wow. The word that first left my mouth. Wow! At this point we split up for most of the rest of the day and wandered freely about the show. I saw, I spoke, I bought... I picked up most of the rest of the things I needed to finish my Tiger 60, sat in on a few symposiums, some about electric flight, others on scale markings, and yet another on working with composite materials. The static model display was incredible. Helmut's Cap 232 was there, as was Karl Gross' Lysander. The most memorable sight in the static display was the British Airways Concorde built by AMT Turbines. It was approximately 20 feet long with a wingspan around 14 feet, scale landing lights down it's length and four (count 'em FOUR) Pegasus turbines installed.

On a side note, while bumping into Mr. Bransfield at the show, I learned that his Avro Jetliner is almost done, and he put in his order for four (yes, like the Concorde, four) AMT Pegasus turbines. Not only that, but it seems he may be the test pilot for the aforementioned Concorde, which AMT has decided to up the turbine size from the four piddly 27lbs of thrust Pegasus units to the 42.5lbs of thrust Olympus turbines.

Some time after 10 o'clock I headed back to the van with more loot. I noticed that the table I first hit in the Swap Shop, that started as three tables, was down to two. On another trip at 1:00, the same booth was down to one table. When we headed out at 4:30 in the afternoon, the two guys who had sold me a bundle at a steal of a price, were gone, on Friday. Who was there on Saturday, a whole new set of vendors in the Swap Shop.

Who did I bump into at the show? Who didn't I bump into? Between all those builders and designers you read about in magazines to any number of people from our club. All I have to say is WOW. I'm going back next year.

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## Helicopter for sale.

*This from Rob Bickford, Rnbickford@ra.rockwell.com*

Nexus helicopter and associated components per the list below. The system is two years old, has accumulated less than 3 hours of flying time and has never crashed.

The total value is greater than \$1429.96. The listed prices are shown beside the major components.

Kyosho Nexus 30 (1.245m Rotor) (\$319.99)

JR XP8103 PCM/FM 8 CH, Remote Control (Ch 40) w/5 - 517 servos (\$779.99)

Thunder Tiger Pro.36H Engine (\$149.99)

ICG360 Piezo Gyroscope (\$179.99)

Floats for Water operation

All Batteries, chargers, starters, etc.

Ray's Helicopter Manual

All original manuals and boxes

I am asking \$850 for the entire inventory, which is about 50% of the tax paid purchase price.

I am currently residing in Mississauga, and will personally deliver to anywhere within an hour or so of Mississauga. I can be contacted at (905)848-0139. Ask for Rob, or leave a message.