



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

As you can see from the list to the right, you have elected your editor as president. It is an honour which I will do my best to deserve and I thank you for your vote of confidence. You also elected **Bill Swindells** as your vice-

president and I am very pleased to see him in that role. Bill will keep me on track - he's very good at that.

Dick Fahey did a fine job of running the election and the January meeting went very well in spite of having no public address system. Neither Dick nor I have a voice to cope with such a large hall but all of those present took it all in good spirit and the principal objectives of the meeting were met.

Well, not quite. The budget did not present enough information for the meeting to approve it. Consequently, through a motion by John Bergez, the new executive was authorized to spend whatever funds necessary to run the club until the next meeting in February. By that time, I (or the treasurer) hope to present the meeting with a reasonably detailed cash flow showing where we are (the balance sheet), where we are going, how we are going to get there (the budget), and where we expect to end the year.

The meeting concluded with **Charlie Chomos's** video recordings of the chickee under construction and the new year's day 'frost fly.'

Unless there is someone else who wishes to take on the role of Skywords editor, I will continue in the role. However, I would like to have input from you, the members of BRCM. As I have written many times, without input from you, all you are going to get is my stuff. That's not only burdensome; it is unhealthy to have your newsletter dominated by the views of but one member.

Help Wanted:

We need someone to look after the **meetings programs**. Our monthly meetings should be as interesting and entertaining as we can make them. If you can help, please come forward.

We need **two auditors** to audit the club's books at year end. These two individuals must, of course, have some accounting background, must be members of the club and must not be members of the executive.

With that, I'll end with my usual request for articles, anecdotes, tales (true or false) from you. Send them to me at Binker@Sympatico.ca or by mail to Lawrence Cragg, 2010-820 Burnhamthorpe Rd. Toronto, M9C 4W2.

Thursday, February 26th.
Budget approval,
Annual Awards then
Mostly social and video.

The January Meeting

A new board of directors was elected and, at the executive meeting held on February 3rd, directors agreed to handle tasks as follows:

Officers:

President	Lawrence Cragg
Vice President	Bill Swindells
Treasurer	Tom Gwinnett
Secretary	Tony Moore
Past President	Harold Jones

Directors:

Howard McNamara	Wings program
Bill Montgomery	Bayview field co-manager
Peter Hagens	Bayview field co-manager
Ivan Wismayer	Bronte field manager
Dale Eldridge	Mall show organizer
Tim McTigue	Web Master
Karl Gross.	Unassigned
Chris Wesley	Unassigned

Other Assignments:

Tri-Club	Bill Swindells
Corn Roast	Dale Eldridge, Ivan Wismayer and George Bartkus
Meetings Programs	????
Skywords Editor	Lawrence Cragg
Auditors	????

BRCM in 2004

This from Bill Swindells.

We have not had a printed message from the executive in quite some time other than Lawrence, who religiously publishes the newsletter each month with his comments, and for that I extend my "Thank you".

At the end of the meeting last month I stood up and expressed my feelings about the members of the club, stating that Art Titmarsh often says that if we have no flying field, we have no flying club, and this is very true. Likewise, we run a number of events each year for the benefit and enjoyment of the members. These events are, typically run by volunteers. Without the volunteers in this club, again there would be no club, as we could not afford to pay for the amenities that we so much enjoy. Many say that we run no events, but think about it for a second, what about New Years Day, someone has to arrange the food and drinks! What about the Mall Show, again someone has to volunteer to run it, and people volunteer their aircraft for display, volunteer to be present to answer questions, and help take the display apart, after setting it up originally. Last year we had a Tri-Club Fun Rally, and many volunteered for that, and the Corn Roast was again a volunteer effort, and nicely done for those that took the time to attend. We have field personnel who day after day volunteer to make sure that we have a well groomed flying fields. We have people that volunteer to sell tickets for the prizes that they arrange at the meetings, and people that provide the doughnuts and coffee for you to enjoy. Last but not least, there are the members of the executive and board. They are volunteers. We couldn't pay them enough some times to do the job that they do!

I have attached an initial Calendar of Events for 2004. This is a preliminary list so far, as a number of clubs that normally run Fun Fly events have not yet submitted their dates for these events. Why not volunteer to attend one of these or several over the coming months this year, and see what other clubs do for fun, make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of other club members. Who knows you might even win a draw prize or two at one of these events. They can be fun and interesting, and you will see some new and/or familiar faces. This list will be updated for each newsletter, but you can also check the BRCM web site for the Events Calendar, as most will be listed there.

I look forward to seeing the new models you are building for this year's flying, and don't forget to bring them out to the club meetings so that we can oooh and awww over them.

Until next update, keep the wings up and level and the skis down.

Regards,
Bill Swindells
VP - BRCM

Helicopters

A helicopter is a collection of rotating parts going round and round and reciprocating parts going up and down - all of them trying to become random in motion. Helicopters can't really fly - they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.

Sign on a licence frame: Helicopter pilots get it up quicker.

Annual Awards

At the January meeting, we solicited nominations for The **Herb Stoneham** trophy, for the *senior* member judged to have made the biggest contribution to the club in the past year and for the **Cliff Moore Memorial** trophy, for the general member who has made the biggest contribution to the club in the past year.

At the February executive meeting, the board awarded the Herb Stoneham trophy to ??? and the Cliff Moore Memorial trophy to ???

I really don't know! I was banished from the board room and they wouldn't tell me the award winners. Like you, I'll find out at the next meeting.

Events Calendar, 2004

This listing courtesy of Bill Swindells

March 28	Aurora Swap Meet
April 2 - 4	Toledo 50th anniversary
April 27 -May 2	Top Gun, Lakeland, Florida
May 25 - 27	Mapleview Mall Show
May 29 - 30	Forest Lakeside Flyers Fun Fly
June 12 - 13	Laddie's float fly
July 10 - 11	Olean scale meet
July 1	BRCM Canada Day Fun Rally, Bronte
July 10 - 11	Olean N.Y. STARS Scale Rally
July 24 - 25	Chatham Scale Rally
July 31 - Aug 1	Northern Ontario IMAC Challenge
August 21 or 28	BRCM Corn Roast Fun Fly
September 11 - 12	KW FlyingDutchmen Scale Rally

Wings Students

2003 students are reminded that they must re-register for instruction in the 2004 season. Contact Howard McNamara.

Quick Thinker

A man walked into the produce section of his local supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask his manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager, "Some asshole wants to buy half a head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, "And this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half."

The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here."

"Where are you from, son?"

"Texas, sir," the boy replied.

"Well, why did you leave Texas?" the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but whores and football players down there."

"Really?" said the manager. "My wife is from Texas."

"No shit???" replied the boy. "Who'd she play for?"



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Bill Swindells, Glen Wilson, Peter Hagans, Patrick Toal, and Gary Arthur
Photo by Bill Swindells.

You Might be a Modeler if....

I'm short of material for this edition so, once again, Clay Ramskill to the rescue. These from Bill Atkins, Dixie Aeromasters, Byron, Ga.

...You have ever glued both hands together with CA and had to use an exacto knife in your teeth to cut them apart.

...You have taken your plane off and panic on the third lap, realizing that you haven't extended the transmitter antenna.

...You have built two right wings for a single wing plane.

...You get to the field and realize your transmitter is still on charge at home.

...You have switched your retracts up while you taxi your plane out to take off.

...You lean over your just-finished new plane to brush off a bug and drop a screwdriver out of your shirt pocket that rips through the wing monocote.

...You are making an inverted low pass and then pull "UP" on the elevator.

...You have taken your plane off with the igniter still clipped to the engine's glow plug.

...You ever had to jump over your plane as you were landing it.

...You have more than one scar on your "cranking" hand.

...You have fuel stains on your new sneakers.

...You are shopping for land to build your dream home on, and would rather have flat, open pasture land than rolling wooded hills.

...You spend more time browsing Tower Hobbies catalogs than the TV guide.

...You will go flying when it's 104 but won't cut the grass for your wife 'cause "it's too hot out there".

...You have 47 miscellaneous NiCad batteries and can't find a pair of D cells for your flashlight.

...Your O.S. engine purrs like a kitten but the family car will barely run.

...You see your wife ironing while wearing a thin nightgown and it reminds you of the monocote job you need to finish.

...100 deg. is forecast for the weekend and you hope there isn't a breeze blowing.

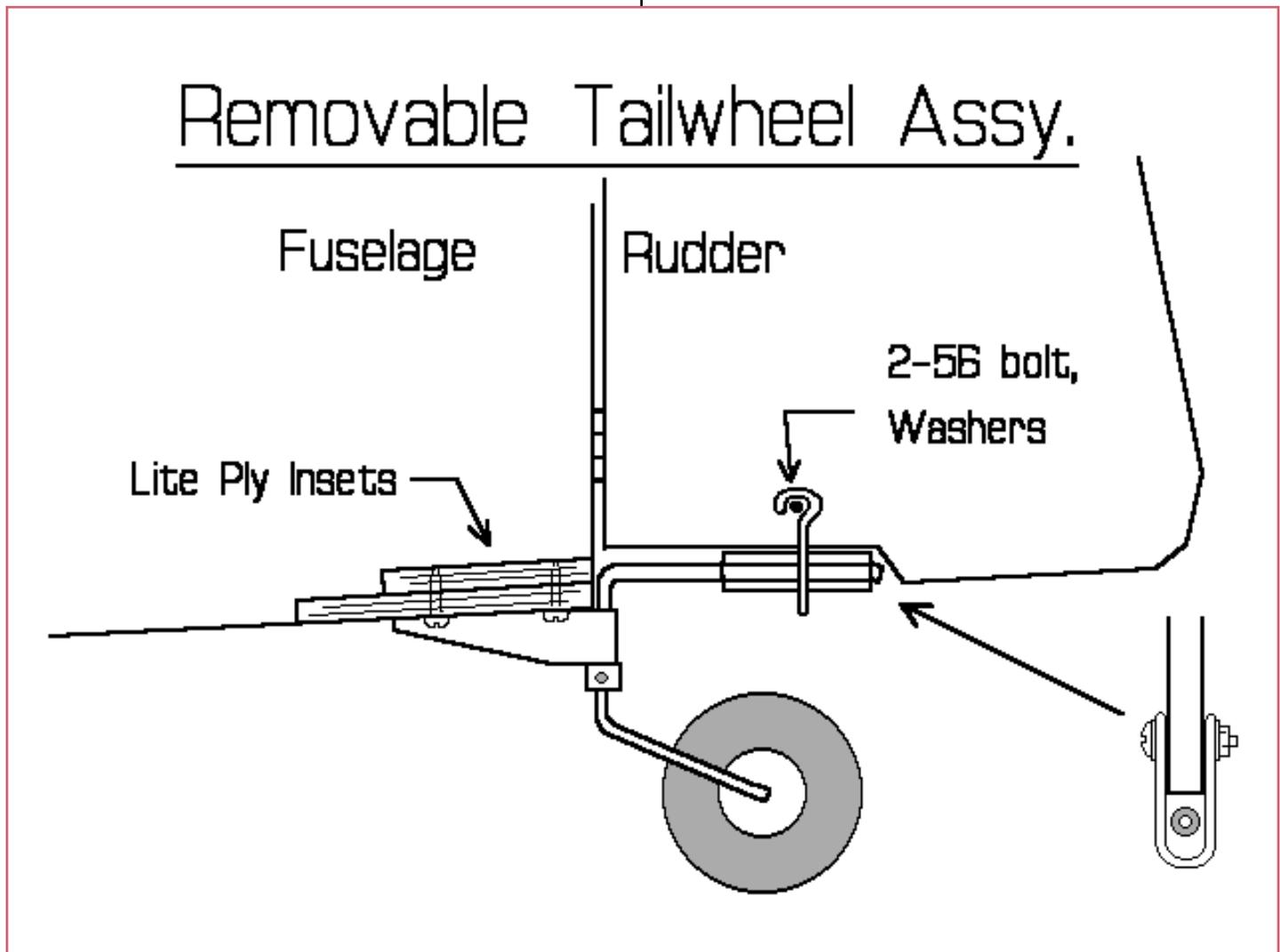
...You smash your thumb with a hammer while doing a project for your wife and the only thing you worry about is 'will it be healed by the weekend'.

...You have grass stains on the knees of your favorite slacks.

...You have balsa dust on top of your living room furniture.

REMOVABLE TAILWHEEL ASSEMBLY

This is from Clay Ramskill's web site:



A lot of the kits out these days either have you mount the tailwheel right on the rudder (ugh!) or have the tiller sunk into the rudder.

There are some problems here - if the tailwheel is mounted on the rudder, all the shocks from that wheel are taken up by the rudder hinges! Not recommended for long life.

The better system is to use a tailwheel bracket to take all the loads - but if the tiller is embedded in the rudder, there are still potential problems. 1) There is little turning shock absorption; most of those shocks will be transmitted back to your servo. 2) After a bunch of landings, the tiller tends to turn the inside of the

rudder to mush. 3) If the tiller breaks through the rudder, or if the wire strut breaks, there is no way to remove and replace it without ripping up half the rudder.

A removable assembly, as shown in the diagram, circumvents those problems. Use a wheel collar on the bottom to transmit the loads to the bracket. On the tiller, put on a piece of inner nyrod, then some fuel tube - this will help dampen turning shock loads, easing the loads on the rudder servo. The yoke that goes around the tiller and is bolted to the rudder can easily be bent from clevis rod wire. And the bracket does NOT have to be lined up with the rudder hinge line.

It's a Sign!

In the front yard of a funeral home, "Drive carefully, we'll wait."

On an electrician's truck, "Let us remove your shorts."

Outside a radiator repair shop, "Best place in town to take a leak."

In a nonsmoking area, "If we see you smoking, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a maternity room door, "Push, Push, Push."

On a front door, "Everyone on the premises is a vegetarian except the dog."

At an optometrist's office, "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

Outside a muffler shop, "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."