



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

Merry Christmas everyone. This will be a fairly short edition given the relatively short time between the November and December meetings. However, I'll try to make the edition worthwhile.

On a personal note; this edition marks the completion of my fifth year as editor of Skywords. And by the way, the URL links in this edition actually work – just click on the link.

Once again, if you have photographs from your activities in the hobby years ago, I would like to have them. I would also like to write some more profiles of members. So, if you know of likely candidates or victims, please let me know. I also want articles, pictures, anecdotes from you. Let me have material for your newsletter to Binker@sympatico.ca

Merry Christmas, Lawrence.

Elections & Awards.

Repeated Information.

This is advanced warning of the upcoming January meeting.

We will elect a new executive at our January meeting as is customary. Hopefully, the current executive will be able to present you with a 'slate' of candidates but this by no means precludes nominations from the membership at large. We need at least two new board members to replace two who will not be standing for re-election.

Also at the January meeting, we will ask for nominations for the Cliff Moore and Herb Stoneham trophies awarded annually. The winners will be selected from the nominees by the exec at their February meeting and the trophies will be presented at the March meeting.

Andy Rooney:

I wished the buck stopped here. I could use a few.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.

A tax is a fine for doing well.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

Thursday, December 9th. Social, Swap & Video

Surreal Gourmet

Repeated information:

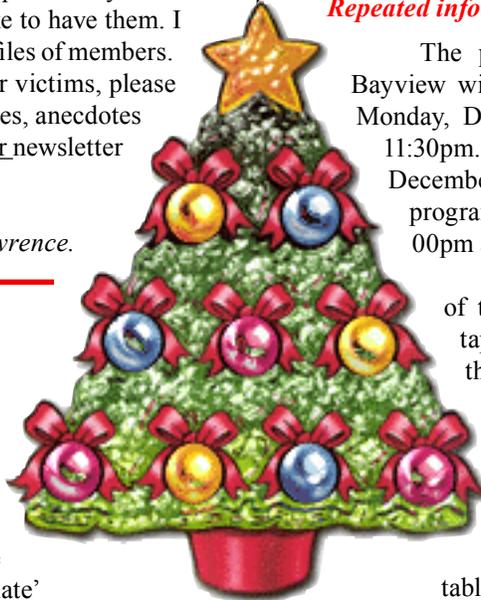
The program developed with video shot at Bayview will be broadcast on the Food channel on Monday, December 27th. at 12:30pm, 8:30pm and 11:30pm. The program will also run on Thursday, December 30 at 9:00pm and midnight. Lastly, the program will run on Saturday, January 1st at 2:00pm and 7:30pm.

I have talked to the producer and others of the program and have asked for a VHS tape of the flying stuff as well as a tape of the actual production. I have reasonable expectations that we will get both of these shortly.

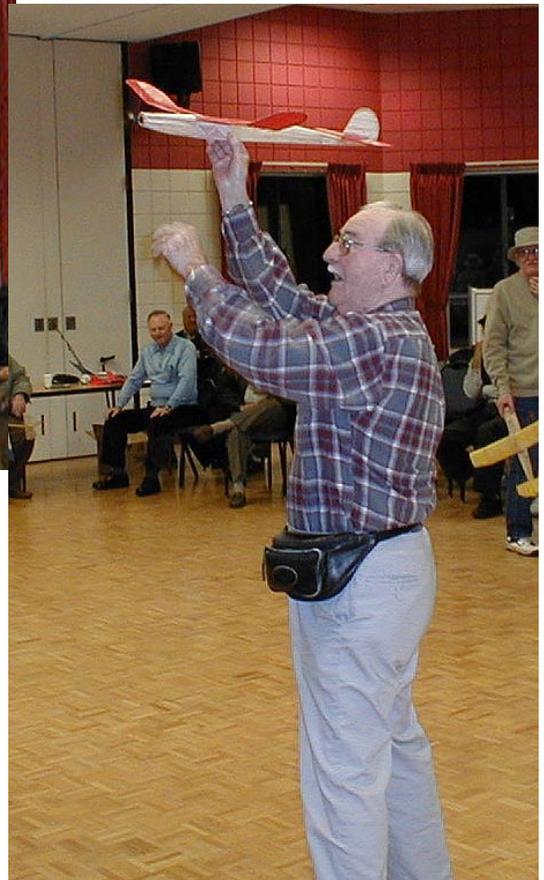
Interesting Web Sites

The Insitu groups web site at <http://www.insitugroup.net/> is a veritable mine of interesting information. They make the Seascan aircraft – a 10' span, 4' fuselage, 38 lb. 3W powered aircraft which is equipped with an inertially stabilized camera turret fitted with either an EO or IR camera. It has a duration of up to 72 hours and it "lands" – or rather, is caught or snagged – on a vertical wire. A military version called the ScanEagle is in service.

The Insitugroup plans to replace the 3W engine with a hybrid engine developed by shindaiwa which you can see at <http://www.shindaiwa.com/c4tech/> This engine is a cross between a 4-stroke and a 2-stroke and will be used in such commonplace items as weed whackers. Its advantage is low weight and increased power.



Pics from the Great Rubber Race of 2004.
Burlington won – of course!



Ivan Wismayer

Stu Watson

Tom Gwinnett

Karl Gross



It will never fly
Karl. (it didn't)



Events Calendar 2005

These are an outline of events planned to the end of 2005. Dates are subject to change. 'TBD' = To Be Determined. Names shown in Italics are the coordinators of the event. Note: not all of the 'victims' have agreed to serve in the assigned roles!

If you have any ideas about what you would like to have at the meetings, please let me know. Likewise, if you know of any event that should be included in this list, please let me know.

December 9 (2004) Meeting, social, swap & video
January 1 Frost fly at Bayview
Dale Eldridge & Tony Moore.
January 27 Meeting, AGM & Awards
February 6 Oakville swap meet.
February 24 Meeting, Electric flight
March 24 Meeting, Trophy presentation & Jets
Wings sign up. (*Howard McNamara*)
April 28 Meeting, Technical sessions
May 26 Meeting, Show & Tell
June 10 - 12 Laddie's Float fly (*Laddie Mikulasko*)

June 17 - 18 Annual Chomos float fly (*Charlie Chomos*)
June 24 Otterville 14th annual fun fly
July 1 Canada fun fly at Bronte (*Ivan Wismayer*)
July 3 - 4 Chatham CAN-AM IMAC contest (*Don McLellan*)
July 16 Scale rally at Bayview
Peter Hagens & Bill Swindells
July 17 - 18 Club 400 IMAA Rally
July 24 - 25 Flying Tigers annual IMAC Contest (*Bryan Facey / Ron Matiuz*)
August 7 - 8 Stoney Creek IMAC (*Ken Wiersma*)
August 13 Tri-Club rally hosted by Oakville
August 27 Corn roast at Bayview (*George Bartkus, Dale Eldridge & Bryan Dixon*)
September 4 - 5 6th Annual scale aerobatic challenge, London
(*Randy Brown / Bob Hudson*)
Sept. 11 - 12 Flying Dutchman scale rally, Kitchener.
September 22 Meeting, Round The Pole electric & rubber.
(*Norm Harris*)
October 27 Meeting, TBD
November 24 Meeting, Rubber race, BRCM V. Hamilton
(*Harold Jones*)
December 15 Meeting, Social, swap & video.



Gary Arthur has a happy knack of making the most of the opportunities offered by his extensive travels. He spends any free time away from home with a local club to create his own world of congenial acquaintances. Gary sent this picture and a note:

Lawrence

This was my weekend trip to Vancouver with my significant other. The plane was an Air Canada Boeing 767. We were at Toronto airport. The first officer was Marc Thomson. He is a friend of mine who flies jets, electric, and a gas 25% extra. It was just a coincidence that he happened to be on this flight. I must say, he sure does sound professional when I hear him over the PA system on the airplane.

Gary Arthur

Art Titmarsh Writes:

Been flying twice this week plus Chris McHugh, from the Dundas club, took me for an hours flight in his restored 1938 Aeronca Chief (2 place side by side, no starter). We took the opportunity to "shoot up" our old airport: Seneca at York Ont. He keeps it at the new airport being developed on Mud St. in Stoney creek; they're building hangars and have a paved runway. (The home-builders are moving out of the Mount Hope facility). While we were there we saw several neat home-builts including a "Breezy" the open structured plane

where the passenger and pilot sit outside on the framework in front of the engine and wing; plus the original "Jodel" that Johansen (A modeler) built, plus a nice little "Thorpe"

And:

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

Gravity never loses. The best you can hope for is a draw.

It's easy to make a small fortune in aviation. You start with a large fortune.

A Short Story:

Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He also was quite a spiritual person. Even when he wasn't on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he ended up with very bad breath. Thus, he was known as a **“Super-calloused, fragile mystic plagued with halitosis?”**

Well, what else do you expect when you don't send me anything?

