



Skywords

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New Board Elected

At the Annual General Meeting on the 26th January 2007 the



Sitting at front is Ivan Wismayer. L-R Brian Dixon, Lawrence Cragg, Kevin Andrew, Kevin McLeod, Tim Mctigue, Jim Reilly, Art Titmarsh, Tom Gwinnett, Tony Moore. Missing are Patrick Losier and Bill Swindells

club elected a new Board of Directors. At the subsequently board meeting our, President Ivan Wismayer assigned duties to the Directors as follows:

Directors

Field Manager, Bayview:	Dale Eldridge
Field Manager, Bronte:	Ivan Wismayer
Wings Program:	Patrick Losier
Webmaster:	Tim Mctigue
Club Liason:	Bill Swindells
Regulations:	Kevin McLeod
Entertainment and Events:	Brian Dixon and Art Titmarsh
Membership:	Jim Reilly

Executive

President:	Ivan Wismayer
Vice President:	Tom Gwinnett
Treasurer:	Kevin Andrew
Secretary:	Tony Moore
Past President:	Lawrence Cragg

Please welcome your new board and give them the support and cooperation they deserve.

And now you know whom to blame!

ROBBER RACE

Wednesday March 7th is the return bout of the twice yearly Rubber Race with the (so called) Flying Tigers.

Mark it on your calender guys, the more of us there are the more fun we'll have (they even have beer)!

If you have never been before this is your chance, brush the dust of any old rubber powered whatever and come have a go. Driving instruction and map on page 3, as are the rules.

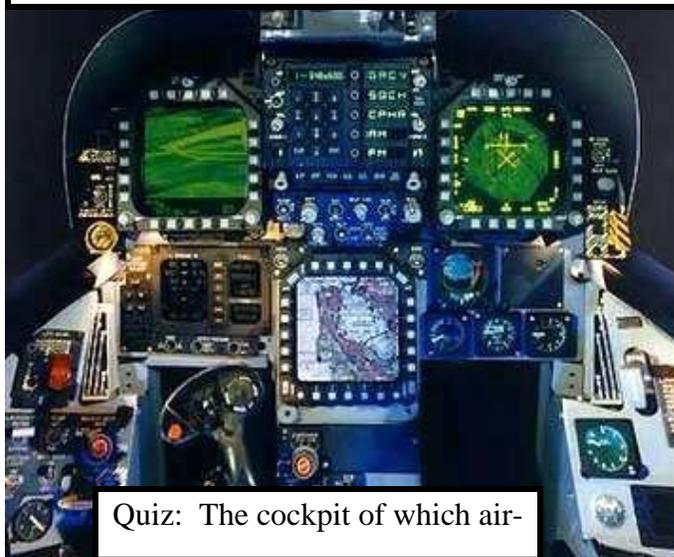
CLUB MEETING THURSDAY 22ND FEB

Be sure you attend for a discussion, lead by Art Titmarsh.

- Is our club the best it can be?
- Do our meetings reflect the needs of our members?

You decide! Be there!

Bring anything that will fly indoors



Quiz: The cockpit of which air-



Kind of looks like the Airbus A380 with the wings cut off! Things to come for low-energy flight?

Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums

Thanks to Jim Reilly for these.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

"When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people

Remember the old Hollywood Squares?

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at a nudist camp. One is politics, what is the other?

A. Paul Lynde: Tape measures.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Tom.

Your reference to the DeHaviland Buffalo in your January edition of Skywords triggered a few memories.

At Downsview, DeHaviland had a Buffalo or two but getting them in and out of the hangar was a bit of a problem since the tail was a tad too high. Only a little, but too high nonetheless. The solution? Jack up the nose wheel to lower the tail, wheel it in, then drop the nose to let the tail up in the space between the roof trusses.

I don't remember how I got involved with DeHaviland but somehow, I found myself in the role of consultant in matters relating to flight testing of the Dash 7 then in development. Back in the early 70s, flight testing was a tedious affair to say the least. The prototype was fitted with a duplicate set of instruments in the fuselage and these were filmed by a conventional ciné camera. The film was developed and slaves laboriously plotted the readings by hand onto graph paper. My role was to introduce automatic data collection and the notion of telemetering. It seems strange to think of such commonplace technology today but less than 40 years ago that was a big step.

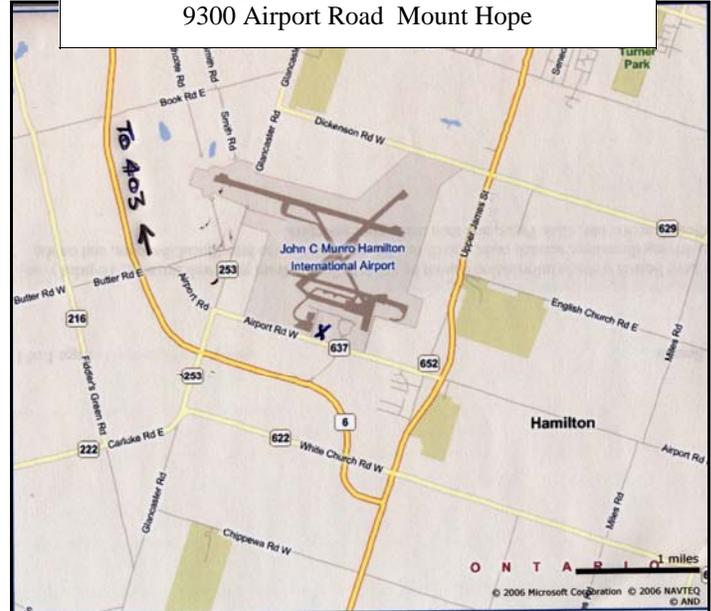
I left Len Wise (head of instrumentation etc) and his merry men playing with the first editions of semi-conductor operational amplifiers and a multi-channel, analog tape recorder. I also introduced them to the mini computer and left them with some ideas about telemetering. Not sure what happened after that.

Cheers, Lawrence

Spotted in a local Pet Store



Map for RUBBER RACE Flying Tigers Club. RCAF 447 Squadron 9300 Airport Road Mount Hope



Rules for "The Great Rubber Race":

- All aircraft must be rubber powered.
- All other rules are fluid and decided either before or during the race by someone who's there.
- Burlington must win.

MAAC EVENT

Scale Aerobatics Forum and Seminar

24th May 2007 9AM

Flying Tigers Club 447 Wing 9300 Airport Road
Mount Hope

A Few workshops put on by modellers, a 2 or 3 hour review of IIMAC rules and judging. They have room for 12 to 15 tables for aircraft display. No vendors

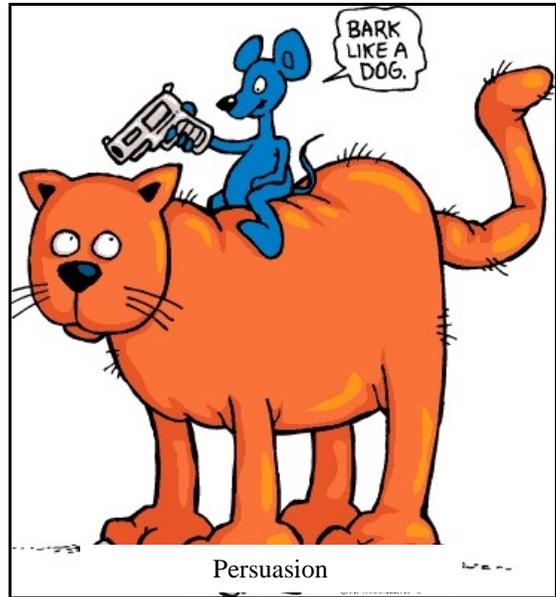
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QUIZ:

- Which WW2 aircraft had the lowest loss rate of any allied bomber?
- What was the largest flying boat manufactured for the US Navy?



Your editor receiving encouragement from his instructor at the Frost Fly 2004
(Sorry about the quality of the picture)

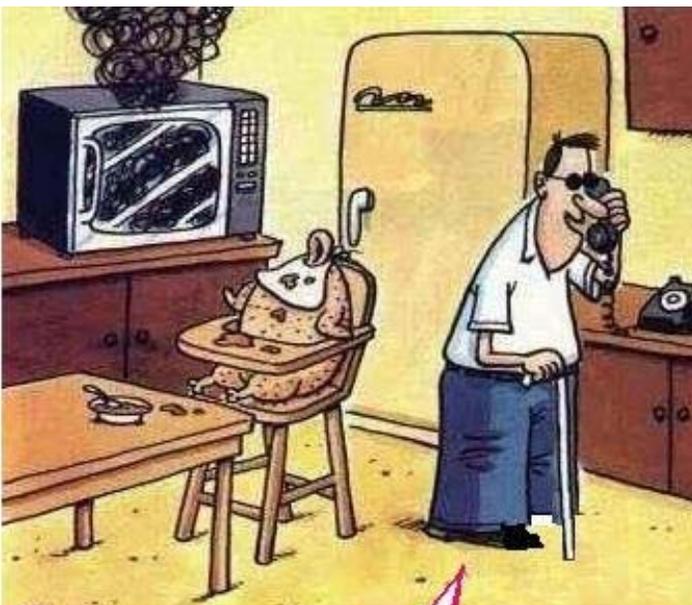


Quiz:

A D.H. Mosquito, "F" Freddie of 109 and 105 Squadrons crashed at Calgary Airport 2 days after VE day. What was its claim to fame?

Quote of the month:

Kieth Millar the famous Australian cricketer and WW2 Mosquito pilot was asked how he dealt with the pressure of international cricket. "Pressure" replied Kieth, "is having a Messerschmitt up your arse, playing cricket is not pressure".



Dont worry , everything is great , the Turkey in the microwave , and i am feeding the baby ,,,

From the Editor

2007 has started off well with a new board and some new faces. Especially good to see is the addition of Patrick Losier as director in charge of the Wings Program, one of the club's younger members.

Ivan's big concern this year is to set us up to draw more members over the following years. The competition for the attention of younger people is fierce! Computer everything, video games, the internet as well as a choice of outdoor activities that would make a 65 year old's head spin. Trail bike riding to Triathlon, sail boarding to baseball and bike racing, all are available to young adults and increasingly within their financial reach. The days of putting together sticks and balsa on the kitchen table because you couldn't afford much else have gone for a very large percentage of the population. Good! We are supposed to progress and we have to make sure our local hobby/sport keeps up with the pace and abilities of the twenty and thirty year olds of today.

The Fathers Day Scale Event in June is aimed squarely at this "awareness" process. We will not be signing up anyone on that day I imagine, but the more people see our hobby the more future members we will get.

It's important that we have the widest range of modeling disciplines available and the slickest organization so pitch in guys, Harry Bernard and Paul Chitty will need your help. More later.

It's the Rubber Race at Hamilton on the 7th march. That's a Wednesday and we need to field a good team (although not an expert team). Call your buddies and make a car load, its a fun event and if *it* kind of flies, *it* could kind of win.

Tom Gwinnett