



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

Yep, it's the old banner and me in the role of editor again; but only temporarily while Tom is somewhat handicapped.

The annual general meeting is an important event since you will, of course, be setting the course of your club for the year 2008. Your current executive will present a "slate" of candidates but that does not preclude nominations from the floor with one caveat: please be sure that anyone you nominate is willing to serve on the executive.

If anyone of you wish to run for the executive, please contact either Tom or Ivan - phone numbers are on our web site at www.brcm.org.

Cheers. Lawrence.

Meeting: Next Thursday, January 17th. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** & **ELECTION**

Answers to last month's quiz:

De Rozier was the first man to fly and the first to die in an air accident during attempt to cross English Channel 1785

First recorded air combat was November 1913 in the Mexican civil war between 2 American pilot on opposing sides

Toronto airport opened in 1939 as Malton. In 1960 it became Toronto International and in 1984 Lester B. Pearson. 30,972,577 people took off and landed in 2006 with 417,183 aircraft movements

First successful manned powered ornithopter flight was in Toronto July 8th 2006

The Berlin airlift took place from June 27 1948 to May 12 1949. 2.3 million tons of supplies were delivered; this in an age when a C47 could carry 3.5 tons. (I think that needed some 700,000 flights to achieve that. Ed.)



Members enjoy the hospitality provided by Dale Eldridge on New Year's day at Bayview Field.

Presidents Annual Report:

As 2007 has passed and the New Year is now upon us, I would like to share my thoughts with my fellow members.

As most of you are aware, my two year term as president is about end. It is a sad time as I enjoyed very much steering the club through the quagmire of uncertainty. The challenge and its successful resolve always proved to be most satisfying for me. This, I'm sure will continue to challenge all future club presidents and hopefully be rewarded with the satisfaction of a job well done.

In my first year, our main challenge was a falling membership. At our September/06 meeting Harry Barnard took me aside and convinced me he had considerable success with a scale rally. This event with the scope of bringing our members united in a well publicized display of scale model aircraft would hopefully attract the public to attend and with a bit of luck, a few people might be attracted to the hobby. The Membership liked the idea and at the October/06 meeting, Paul Chitty and Peter Krauter volunteered to assist. Eventually a committee was formed and Al Race headed the now and very successful Father Day's Scale Model Airshow. Needless-to-say, our membership is around one hundred and fifty members again. We have already exceeded one hundred members that renewed already for 2008.

As much of the membership is middle aged or better, memory can a problem, especially when it comes getting certain jobs completed on time. The jobs may entail filing for insurance certificates or getting the Cliff Moore and Herb Stoneham trophies prepared in time for the presentation at the AGM. To keep our ducks-in-a-row, Jim Reilly in addition to the membership job was given the task of preparing an executive/board handbook. The handbook really came in handy at the past exec/board meeting as it guided us through the tasks needed to be completed prior to the forthcoming AGM.

In the previous year, Kevin McLeod had finally compiled our Code of Safety and Etiquette. This task was started in Lawrence Cragg's term and was finally

accepted and implemented in April 2006.

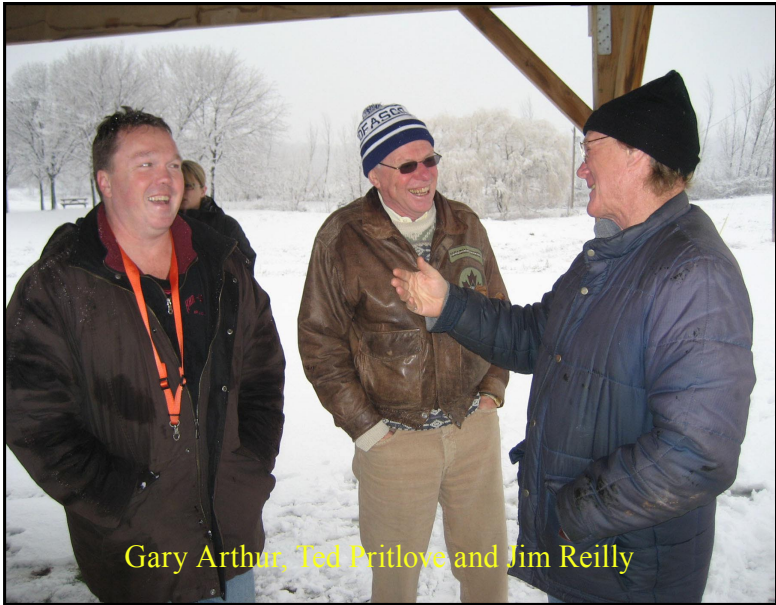
Last year, it became evident that we needed a presence at the club assemblies for membership administration. We were stuck as Jim couldn't attend the Thursday meeting due to other necessary commitments. Lawrence jumped in! Problem resolved. Howard McNamara also jumped in to save our floundering wings programme this year. Tony Moore struck around for a 5th year as secretary. Without him I would have been rowing with one oar. Dale too was supposed to be gone and struck around. Then there was Tom Gwinnett giving me an ear especially when needed and Squeaky pulling at the financial reins as was Kevin Andrew to manage the spending! We have almost \$25,000 behind us. How's that for a well financed Model Club! What about Tim McTigue keeping us informed and with interesting pictures on our web site. Of course - Dear Art, where the word NO doesn't exist.

Now you can see that for a successful presidency, you need the best efforts of the executive. I was blessed with strong and willing support from the executive and board members. Also the broad membership greatly supported the events as Bill Swindells, our liaison director



stick-handled SOMA event, AL Race the Quad Club & the Father's Day Scale Model Airshow and Nick Maskal for he and his wife for cooking at these events. Without this tremendous help, my presidency would have been bankrupt! Thank-you the members of the Burlington Radio Control Club.

Best Wishes and Good Fortune
Ivan J Wismayer



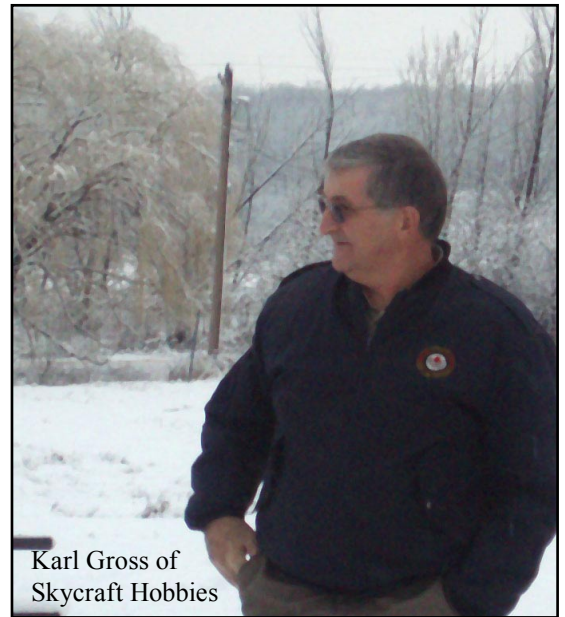
Gary Arthur, Ted Pritlove and Jim Reilly



Ivan Wismayer



Tony Moore



Karl Gross of
Skycraft Hobbies



Jim Reilly &
Bill Montgomery



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