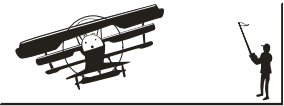


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RE: C-17

Ed.:

I got a full name to put to last month's article on the C-17. The author was Bob Shock who is, to quote Bob, "a 3 year member great at crashing".

Ed.

A June Skywords

Ed.:

This year we have decided to run Skywords right through the summer months. So please don't stop sending in material...in fact I'd expect to see even more material from all the great events you will be attending ☺

Ed.

Stargazers Take Over Bayview

Tom Gwinnett:

On Saturday July 12th from 8pm till 11pm the Hamilton Amateur Astronomers (HAA) will be holding their annual public stargazing event at Bayview park.

Although the park is municipal property and open to all, HAA asked for our cooperation before announcing the event. They will work with us to ensure our field will not be impacted in a negative manner.

If the weather is good and the sky clears, up to 200 people could attend. So for safety's sake we will cease flying at 8pm on that day.

As I said this is an annual event with no rain date in a public park so our best course is in cooperation. I hope some of our members will even attend; it should be fun as they bring some fairly heavy duty telescopes and everyone gets a peek.

Tom

Father's Day Scale Rally

Ed.:

This past weekend was our Father's Day Scale Rally. While the day started out somewhat gloomy and gave us volunteer's some rain, once things got started the rain held off and by the afternoon we were bathed in sunshine! Am I the only one who got burned?

I've decided to hold off on publishing further material from this event because, well, I have none. I'm putting the following challenge out to each and every one of you.

REMINDER: there is no general meeting this month.

Send in any comments, thoughts, photos, stories, incidents, gripes, complaints, positive notes, words of encouragement, or anything else that's related to the Father's Day Scale Rally, no matter how small or large it is.

What I'm going to do is collect all of the great material you are going to send in and form it into one larger exposé in next month's Skywords.

Ed.

Presidents Report

Why 2 Fields - Pins for 2.4 - Different mowing at Bayview

Tom Gwinnett:

This is the first of these I've written, mainly because I've been away so much and Paul Chitty and the rest of the board have done most of the work, so thanks to them.

Both fields are open and in great shape, we owe a debt of gratitude to those that do the work. Actually cutting the grass is only one aspect of maintaining our fields: fences, parking lots, machinery and huts all need and get someone's attention and no amount of money in our world would pay for that to be done by someone else. So hats off to those that do the work. Hats off as well to King Paving who donated a couple of loads of crushed stone for our parking lot, and to the City of Burlington who spread it.

The biggest problem that RC clubs face in North America is getting and keeping flying fields, so we are blessed by having two off them and doubly blessed that they are almost "downtown". No forty-five minute drive for us. I don't know if there is a "triple blessed" category, but as both off our fields are free, if there is one we fall into it.

So it is with a little disbelief that I hear the old bitch raised that Bronte costs too much and should be closed. To start with, it wouldn't be closed because the people that fly there would simply take it over themselves, but the idea that a club of over of 150 members would "give up" a flying field voluntarily is, to me at least, so stupid as to be beyond serious consideration. If we give up a field because of cost alone then better to give up Bayview as it costs the most: it's a silly argument. In an environment where we are only

one “incident” from loosing any field; two fields are definitely better than one.

If anyone feels I’m wrong on this I would be happy to discuss the subject further with him. If anyone feels they should make a motion at our meeting to dispose of a field they are at liberty to make it. Failing that can we stop with the negative nonsense, we have more important things to think about, like enjoying ourselves.

Make sure you come out for the July First Fun Fly at Bronte, best get there before 10am to miss the crowds at the gate. If you don’t have a pass the club will refund your entry cost to the park so long as you bring and fly a plane, it would be nice if you can get 2 in a car where possible.

I would like to remind everyone that even though 2.4GHz does not occupy a specific channel, a pin must be put on the board when you fly. While MAAC has not made this a “rule” it is a recommendation to the club and I feel that we must comply. We checked this through the MAAC 2.4 frequency committee. The “pin on the board” habit is probably worth preserving while many members fly both old and new systems. No impound for 2.4 transmitters though. I guess this rule will die out in time, but not just yet.

You will have noticed some differences in the way the grass is being cut at Bayview. The reasons for the changes are: to reduce the amount of time spent on cutting, improve turf health resulting in lower maintenance, cut gas and mower repair costs, increase safety.

MAAC have changed the meaning of the word “Flight Line” to mean a line a specific distance from the spectator fence, and we have to show this line. The easiest way to do that is by growing the grass a little longer between the Pilot Stations and the new “Flight Line” (don’t worry about the measurements you will see the line). This also adds a “grass speed brake” in front of the pilots. The new “Flight Line” extends to infinity left and right and no flying is allowed “this side” of the new line. It’ll take a while to re-jig the various rule boards and markers but the rule is in place as of now.

The transmitter impound is being altered and moved to get it out of spectator site lines. I guess it will disappear all together one day as 2.4 takes over.

If you feel after a few months of testing that the new areas of longer grass impede your flying let Paul Chitty, Dave Cummings, or myself know. But please remember when the board makes a decision to change something it’s either because we have to or because after discussion we think it’s a good idea and in some way will improve the club. So show civility please in your discussions with any club and board member.

Happy flying (and building)

Tom

Bayview Field Changes

Paul Chitty:

You will all notice that things keep changing at Bayview field. We are trying to make the field safer and at the same time easier for you to fly within bounds.

The first thing is the chains at the pit entrances, these are to discourage non-members from wandering into the pit area during flying activities, please insure that you put them back up after entering the pit area. If an accident should occur and a spectator were injured while in the pit area the insurance company could refuse to pay out and we as a club would be on the hook.

There will also be an out of bounds marker at the north end of the field similar to the one on the pole near the Gun Club. Flying behind these markers is strictly prohibited.

We are in the throws of marking out a grass runway next to the blacktop one. It will be approx 30ft wide (same as hard runway) and will be the same length. We will mark taxiways out from the starting areas to the grass runway. Once we get it all marked out we will start leaving the other grass area in front of the pilot stations a little longer for clearer delineation. The grass at the ends of the runway and on the other side will continue to be cut short.

This last change is designed to bring us into line with MAAC field lay out regulations.

Please try to enforce the rules, it is all of our responsibility to stop non-members from using our facility and keeping spectators away from the pit/starting areas.

We are also considering putting some new fencing up at the north end and behind the chikky. This is purely cosmetic, as the old wooden snow fence is ugly.

I believe that these changes will enhance the field and make it a little more user friendly.

If you have any ideas for the field or questions relating to the changes please contact either Dave Cummings or myself.

Remember this is your flying field, keep it safe, keep it clean and keep it ours.

Paul

Classifieds

Chris Doré:

While working the parking lot during our Father’s Day Scale Rally I met an Art Hill who said he has his, hope I get this correct, brother’s planes and would like to sell them. He listed them off to me, but not being in the most ideal situation I didn’t get them written down. He has 4 planes and if you are in the market for something new, give him a call at 905-383-1686.

Chris

Upcoming Events			
DATE	CLUB	EVENT	TIME
June 26 - 29	Arnprior	2008 IMAA Rally of Giants	9:00 AM - ???
June 28, 29	Otterville	Fun Fly – Fly thru the barn	9:00 AM - DUSK
July 1	Burlington	Canada Day Fun Fly	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
July 5, 6	Otterville	Scale Aerobatic Challenge	9:00 AM ???
July 6	Tillsonburg	Mac Rowe Memorial Fun Fly	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
July 12, 13	Olean N.Y.	STARS Scale Rally	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
July 18 - 20	Chatham	Chatham Scale Rally	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
August 2, 3	Hamburg N.Y.	Flying Knights Scale Rally	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
August 8 - 10	Kawartha Lakes	MAAC RC Nationals	9:00 AM - ???
August 9	Bramalea?	Quad Club Fun Fly	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
August 16, 17	Middle Zone (SOMA)	Southern Ontario Model Airshow	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
August 23	Burlington	Corn Roast and Fun Fly	9:00 AM - DARK
September 6, 7	K-W Flying Dutchmen	K-W Scale Rally	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
September 25	Burlington	General Meeting	7:30 PM

A Couple Random Photos to Fill the Last Page

