



The Newsletter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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The President's Report: *Tom Gwinnett*

I hope you have all finished that winter project and your new "baby" is ready to roll. For my part I've had great problems in getting anything done this winter, no reason for this but indolence of course, and already I've littered Bronte with Mustang parts. Slow thumbs are to blame. Or should I cry "I've been hit" and curse the radio gremlin that sits at the end of almost every runway to trap the unwary and those that put a 61 in a 40 size plane and then get too fancy on their second flight.

Odd that in a time of economic stress, our new membership seems to be on the way up. I belong to another organization in town and it too is enjoying record new membership. Go figure. One of the results of this is that our Wings program is full and we would really like a couple of new instructors. If you feel you could help with this please call or email Ashley Armstrong, it is a very rewarding thing to do and you don't have to be the world's most experienced pilot, just competent, law abiding, calm and able to teach.

The next event on the Club agenda is the Fathers Day event at Bayview on **June 20th**. Come and bring your family, especially kids, and "talk it up" a bit to friends and acquaintances. When you come, bring a plane and fly it! This is an event for fun, not just for the most experienced flyers; the experts will have their time slots but we need something in the air all day to keep spectators happy. Invite friends from other clubs to join us and make sure they fly too.

After that we have our **Canada Day** event at Bronte starting at 9 a.m. and going on till after lunch. Come early as the traffic getting in can be brutal after 11-ish. The bad news is that the park charge is up for those without passes, about \$12 for seniors and \$15 for youngsters, but you can have as many in the vehicle as you like so double up if you can. This is a low-key "fun" event, so come and enjoy this special day with your fellow club members and buddies.

After that we have the Quad club and Corn roast to say nothing of Laddie's float fly at Christy Park on **June 13th/14th** (another pay to enter event although a bit cheaper I think). If you have anything on floats, turn up; it is the perfect place for your first float experience and there is a lot of help and advice available (perhaps even too much sometimes). Some new flyers are afraid of doing something embarrassing in front of a large, knowledgeable audience. Don't worry, you will get use to it. I did.

I would like to remind everyone that in order to fly at one of our fields you must be a member of the club and a member of MAAC. No exceptions. (MAAC member guests may fly 3 times only if their host is on site). Even "Park Flyers" must abide by this rule. It is our rule, and part of our agreement with the landowners.

Boy, are we a lucky lot, two fields, growing membership. All we need is the right weather and life could be perfect.

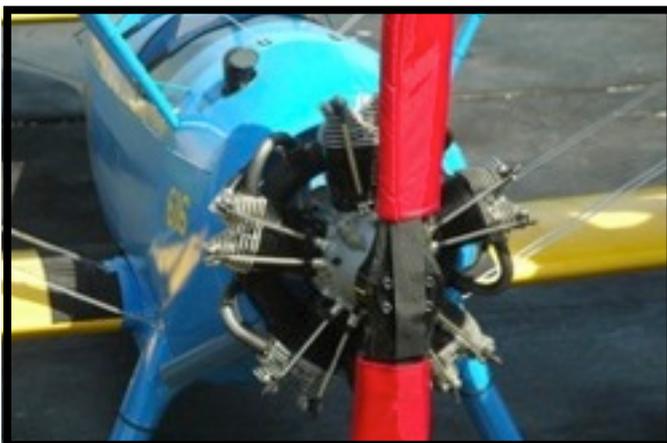
Enjoy the summer.

As you already know, Karl Gross received an invitation to attend and compete in the Top Gun competition in Lakeland Florida this May.

Karl has in the past recent years competed with a Beechcraft Bonanza, and a Beechcraft Debonair and will now be competing with his 1/3 scale PT-17 biplane modeled after the restored version from the Joe Nall event in South Carolina. Several of us have attended the Joe Nall event over the last few years: Karl Gross, Paul Chitty, and myself.

The owner of the event, Pat Hartness, has a full scale restored PT-17 that he flies at this event. Last year Karl photographed the plane, ad infinitum, capturing lots of detail, and was able to design his own plans, machine all of his own parts, including the landing gear, struts, and panels.

Here are photographs of Karl's PT-17:



Laddie proving that a seaplane doesn't always need water. Yes, it flew!



The Next BRCM Meeting will be:

Thursday, 28 May



Jim Reilly and Lawrence Cragg at the Canada Day 2007 Event.



Ever want to fly a P51 mustang?

Yes it is Ridge Runner and it is 1:1. Dan Martin (Pilot of Dago Red) owns this bird. Marc Thomson and I traveled to Hollister and met up with Dan for a ride that we will not forget.

Just sitting in the plane when the engine fires up is awesome, listening to it come to life. The big four blade prop starting to whirl and the plane has a solid shake from the power.

It was an absolute, mind blowing experience.

Arthur Gray

Ashley Armstrong is building a scale Handley Page H.P. 42.

The H.P. 42 was perhaps the greatest symbol of the days when flying was a spectacle and an adventure. It was an imposing design that seemed to be composed entirely of spars, rigging, and engines.

It was this aircraft that Imperial Airways carried the flag to the outposts of the British Empire around the world between the World Wars.

It had a stalling speed of not more than 83 km/h and a range of at least 800 km. It had an all-metal airframe which was fabric covered.

The four engines were Bristol Jupiters. The first completed aircraft was named *Hannibal*.



***If you have any modeling items to sell, or are on your wanted list, please send the details to:
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