

SKYWORDS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT—DAVE CUMMINGS

WOW...Where Did the Summer Go!

Well as you read this, there continues to be a lot of activity behind the scenes. Our long awaited runway repair and extension is being completed as I write this. It took 7 months to complete the approval process with the city, thanks to the diligence of Mike Block and his Runway Committee. We didn't realize that the lack of base that was originally used under the existing runway, made it very difficult to the repair process. Any heavy equipment used by the contractors just buckled the old asphalt when the new was applied. Most of the work needed to be done manually. The end result is, a pretty nice looking, longer functioning runway. So nice looking in fact, I hope we don't see any inadvertent full scale traffic use!

Our new Memberships added over the summer months bring us to a total of 160 members. We continue to see a rolling 35 – 40 new members join and just about the same number not renewing each year. This is a struggle to keep on top of new faces and knowing if many are in fact new members. To help address this issue the Board is adopting a new method of member identification. It includes a hat or shirt badge with our club logo, first and last name of the member, along with a validation sticker for the current year. This system has been in use with the Kitchener "Flying Dutchmen's" club and has worked very well, so we're not reinventing the wheel here. It will take the pressure off individuals who are sometimes reluctant to qualify if a new member is who he says he is. The real benefit is the social element in learning the many new names, sometimes a difficulty for Old Farts...yours truly included. So there won't be any old membership cards used for identification. You'll need your ID badge to fly if you are not recognized by other members. It will also clearly indicate you are an active current paid up member, so don't forget to wear these when they are issued.

In spite of crazy weather this summer with lots of wind and rain, we pulled off one of the best ever Warbirds events. We had both these weather conditions over the event weekend. We still managed to pull in an overwhelming amount of spectators on the windy Sunday and after the official accounting was completed by Ashley, we were able to double our contribution to the Carpenter Hospice from \$500.00 in past years to \$1,000.00 this year. Something to be very proud of and we couldn't have done it without the good work of the event organizers and volunteers.

Thank you Everyone.

Dave

Karl Gross has created this rig to get the balance of his Cessna Crane just right.

Dave Cummings reports that after getting the balance right, Karl got both engines running and the sound was “fantastic.”

We look forward to the first flight, Karl.



Bill Swindells supervising Karl's efforts

This photo was taken recently at Bronte. Norm Harris has asked this gentleman to call him at 905-637-2868. Thanks



WARBIRDS

2013

Another Warbirds is in the books and what an event it turned out to be. The volunteer group turned out early Friday to set up the field and also on Saturday and Sunday for the event itself. This selfless group of guys and gals put in a lot of work to make this years event the biggest and best yet. In spite of unsettled weather on Saturday and high winds on Sunday we still managed to attract 45 pilots and about 80 airplanes and a pile of spectators. At the end of the day there was enough revenue to double last years donation to the Carpenter House Hospice and put a something back into the club coffers. We are grateful to the many sponsors of the event both local and from the USA, but most of the thanks have to go out to the volunteer group who made it all possible. You all know who you are but I want to mention and thank Ian Brown who co-chaired the event with me. Thanks Ian and all the volunteers.

Good luck with the Bayview Field extension; hopefully this will attract more pilots next year.

Paul Chitty

Event Director



SOME CANADA DAY PHOTOS
Bayview 2013



Don's Chopper looking good.



COMBAT ANYONE?



Harry enjoying the day



Gee Karl—I thought you were gonna bring the fire extinguisher!



Mike Block prepping for another flight

BAYVIEW EXPANSION

Sept 9 & 10, 2013



Every project needs some sidewalk superintendents!



MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
CENTRAL LIBRARY ON NEW
STREET IN BURLINGTON AT 7.30
PM

2013

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

December 19th

Bill Swindells sent these pics along from Chatham Scale Rally. Karl's and Paul's RV's lost their awnings to this storm on Friday night. An air cadet glider was written off as well.

Saturday's weather looked good.



Bill—were these Ultra-lights in the hanger during the storm?

