

# SKYWORDS

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From the President – Dave Cummings

## Just about winding up this great year of flying!

Well after watching the news and local weather anywhere north of the Florida border, I'm starting to feel a little guilty. It seems the Sunshine State is about the only place in North America that is having above normal temperatures. Since returning to my winter home a week ago, we've been averaging temps. in the low 80's deg. F, with calm days and little to no humidity.

So if you find yourself venturing this far south in the next few months, I will be happy to have you as guest of my Venice flying club. Might even find a plane for you to fly and lube up your stiff thumbs. Check us out down here at: [www.venicerc.com](http://www.venicerc.com) or drop me an e-mail.

This past weekend the Venice Florida gang had a fun fly for the returning Snowbirds and I finally got some stick time for the first time this season down here, after catching up on my "honey do list". Just can't seem to get away from these blasted lists, no matter where I venture, warm or cold!

Speaking of Cold, our BRCM Annual Frost fly is on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Big Nick and his Café will be open at the usual time and place. Not sure if it's skis or wheels but it's always a blast and great turn out. If you haven't been to one of these events, pull on your long johns, tighten up your goggles and get ready to have a good time with lots of Coffee, Hot Chocolate and all the Chili you can eat.

Decembers' General Meeting will be held at our regular digs but on **Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. So don't forget to bring your own goodies and share them around.

If you are traveling this festive season, please travel safe and we'll see everyone in the new year.

Merry Christmas to All and to All a good Flight!

Cheers,

Dave

***NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 19TH***

***BURLINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY 7.30 PM***

***CHRISTMAS PARTY—BRING A TREAT FOR ALL TO SHARE***

***Annual General Meeting Jan 23rd, 2014. BE THERE***

## November Meeting—Garage Sale

Some photos of the garage sale: a number of fellows sold a lot of stuff that evening—your editor balanced out by selling enough to buy a kit from Harry Barnard—now to get the energy to put it together! In the lower photos Bill is trying to sell an airplane to Tom but I don't think he made the sale.



## ***CHRIS KLEPSCH: Scale Builder***

We are truly lucky to have some extremely talented model builders and flyers in B.R.C.M.

One such craftsman is Chris Klepsch. Chris and his wife immigrated from Germany to Toronto in 1960 and moved to Vancouver in 1974. He remembers as a teenager seeing Mig 15s and Mig 17s flying overhead as he lived near an airport.

When his son Eric was 12 years old they saw their first R/C plane fly. That was the beginning of a father/son R/C hobby interest. When Eric left for college Chris became interested in submarines. He now has nine boats with three more to build and is a member of the Golden Triangle Marine Modellers based in Kitchener. His largest sub is 7 ft. long and weighs 32 lbs. SCALE DETAILS are his focus and his passion and his subs have every scale detail that the original had, including all the lettering which is done free hand. They are a work of art.

Because Eric is currently a Boeing 777 pilot for Air Canada stationed in Toronto, Chris decided to retire from Canadian Airlines and relocate to Milton in 1997. Chris renewed his interest in R/C aircraft and joined Eric's club.

Today Chris's passion is still scale. He still builds subs and does the scale details for Eric's new interest - EDF foamy jets. When Eric buys a new model, Chris googles different world wide airplane sites and collects as much scale detail as possible. He compiles files of cockpits and other scale details like armament, color schemes etc and then scales them to the size of Eric's new project. After printing these scale details he begins the build using balsa, styrene, dowels, pins, wires, aluminium tape, etc etc. After painting with water based acrylic paints the finished product is an amazing duplication of the real item. Truly a work of art.

Eric has just test flown his big foamy T-33. The fuselage scale details are amazing, especially the cockpit. If the purchased model components are not to scale, Chris will cut them out and re-work them to the correct scale.

As Chris has said; 'when do you stop changing things to make it right?'

We are most fortunate to have the Klepsch family in our club; Chris, Eric and Hugo.

Cheers; Ted Pritlove

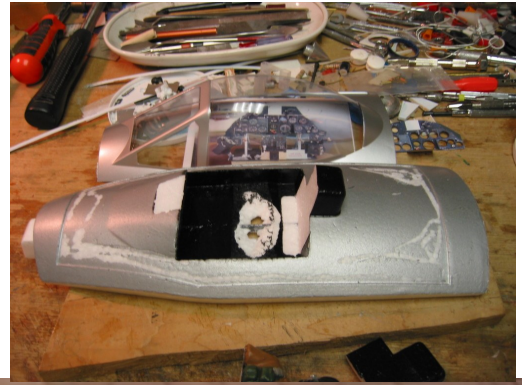
See also the next page for some more examples of Chris' work.





Chris's process and the result.

Bottom—Chris in his workshop. Count the boats. .



*Mike Block sent along some photos of his latest project.*

Mike tells me it's a Skymaster F4C Phantom finished in 1976 US Marines Bi-Centennial colours.

This model is 1/7 scale—98" long with a wingspan of 63".

It will be powered by a Behotec turbine with 42 lbs. of thrust. Radio will be Weatronic.

Mike was not happy with the Skymaster's paint so he disassembled and repainted most of the cockpit interior. He will also apply Flite Metal to the bare metal surfaces at the rear underside as well as the engine nozzles.

Looks great |Mike—can't wait to see her fly off the new extended runway.





