SKYWORDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As FPV flying becomes more popular at BRCM, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind FPV pilots that their aircraft are restricted by the same field boundaries as all models flown at BRCM fields. For safety, is also absolutely necessary that the spotter is able to maintain a visual on the FPV aircraft at all times.

Mike

From flypast magazine:

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association will mark the 75th anniversary of the Harvard entering service with the RCAF by hosting "A Gathering of Harvards and Heroes" on June 20/22 at it's Tillsonburg base.

Details may be found on www.harvardsandheroes.com.







Burlington Radio Control Modelers

At the BAYVIEW MODEL AIRPORT 1800 King Rd. Burlington ON CANADA

Event is open to military aircraft of any era, Jet and Helicopters welcome (no camo trainers please) MAAC or AMA required to fly.

No charge overnight camping (no hookups) 110v power available for charging electrics, radios etc. Pre Register for Camping is recommended.

Pre Registration \$10.00 before June 30, 2014..... \$15.00 on the day (Pay by PayPal)

Food, Fun, Fellowship, Raffles and Pilot draws.

This is a MAAC sanctioned event

400 x 30 ft Blacktop runway with adjacent grass runway.

Saturday night fireworks and night flying. Sponsored by Skycraft Hobbies

Lunch time Demo's and WW1 dedication. Plenty of parking and overnight camping.

Huge prize pool from our many generous Sponsors.

For further information: CD Paul Chitty 519-330-6611 pchitty@bell.net

www.brcm.org Warbirds Over The Bay



Whaddya mean the wheels have to be retracted when we land on water?

FOR SALE

Great Planes Ultrasport 1000

"BIG — FAST — UGLY"

84 in. Wingspan

Fixed Gear

'108' Glow Engine

All Servos & Receiver

READY TO FLY

\$99.00

Ted Pritlove 905-332-4792

Twin Otter - Coal Harbour, Vancouver



UPCOMING EVENTS FLOAT FLY JUNE 14/15

Christie Conservation On Hwy 5 between Hwy 6 and

Hwy 8.

10 am to 4 pm.

Canada Day Fun Fly at Bayview

9.00 am to ???

WAR BIRDS OVER THE BAY — JULY 26 / 27

Bayview

SHOW AND TELL—APRIL MEETING

Rich Muller's F-15—Rich did the Japanese version finish himself using vinyl and paint as needed. Great Job Rich

More on this aircraft next month!!







Paul Gentile brought along his new 1/5 scale Yellow Aircraft Spitfire Mk 14. This has it's base paint coat but will get a lot of finishing before we see it again. Powered by a DLE55 it will have an 80 in wingspan and will weight about 25 pounds when done.



Members admire Ashleys' ME323— It is BIG! Covering in process. Lots of photos in last months issue.



Laddie Mikulasko brought along his new TUPOLEV AND4 bomber with two parasite AND5 fighters along for support.

The fighters can be individually released and will be flown by a second pilot!

Not only did Joe Baus bring along a 700 class Heli, he brought along his daughter McKenzie who helped him put the bird together. The Helicopter is a SAB Goblin 700 and will be powered by a 12S 5000 Mah battery (2 x 6S) has a 62" span rotor and weights 8 lbs. plus battery.

BRCM General Meeting Minutes – Thursday April 24, 2014

NOT PART OF MINUTES: You will notice that in addition to distributing the minutes to all members electronically as part of Skywords, there has been a change to the format. We are experimenting with this format at both the Board and General Meetings. I am investigating the possibility of a June Issue of Skywords at which time I will include an article on the purpose and use of this format. Thank you to those who have provided me with input on both these changes. It is appreciated. In this issue I have attempted to draw your attention to changes from last month's by documenting them in red with yellow highlighting. In the case of area that will change monthly, I have only done this to the titles.

Joe Fazzari	Ed. Note—the yellow did not transfer. Al

The following is a draft of the minutes of the meeting of Thursday April 24, 2014.

Motion to open meeting by Ivan Wismayer and seconded by Gord McGill was passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of March 27, 2014 meeting by Gord McGill and seconded by Ashley Armstrong was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS ACTION LOG: The following items have been tabled at a general meeting and have no final resolution or are ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS ACTION ITEM LOG:				
ITEM	Coordinator	TARGET DATE	STATUS	
Weather Station			ACTIVE - UPDATED	
Bronte Field Chickee			ON HOLD	
War Birds	Paul Chitty	Drop dead date July 25	TRACKING - UPDATED	
Run Way Repairs	Karl Gross	Spring 2014	ON HOLD	
Club Interest Survey	Dave Cummings	May 6, 2014	COMPLETED - UPDATED	
Web Site Development	Joe Fazzari		ACTIVE - UPDATED	
LIPO Safety Concerns	M Block		ADDED FROM LAST MTG	

ACTION LOG ITEM DETAILS:

Bayview Weather Station:

- M Block reported information received from Joe Baus that originated with Rob Sleath
- iPhone application Wunder Map also available for Android Devices and from Internet
- Reports weather conditions from amateur home based backyard weather stations
- A station exists on Skyview Drive near field

Bronte Chickee: The shelter that was destroyed by wind has to be replaced. A suitable replacement is to be determined and has been allotted for in the 2014 budget. This item was not discussed at the last board meeting because the board members who fly at Bronte were not present. There is nothing to report at this time.

Warbirds Update

- Everything is tracking and there are no concerns at this time
- P Chitty would like to have a scaffold tower for announcers station
- Plans call for use of wireless microphones and Headset for B Swindells as announcer
- B Swindells said that past attempt to use headsets failed because flight station spotters did not report properly.
- Paul Chitty will be in town and will schedule a committee/helper meeting the week of May 26 for a Volunteer's Meeting
- B Swindells reported that as of April 24 we had 12 or 13 sponsors including 2 sponsors of services. One of the new gift sponsors is Troy Built Models.
- The notice is up on several sites including the IMA site which has had 200 hits.

There have been 2 registrations submitted electronically

Runway Repairs: The grass growing through the runway and the major dip will be addressed by the contractor in the spring. Karl Gross is coordinating action with the contractor.

Club Interest Survey

J Fazzari reported the following regarding the survey results

- The survey results as displayed at the meeting will be distributed to all members either by uploading to the web site or as an attachment to an email as soon as possible.
- The questions have been listed in what is considered meaningful groups.
- As of this date the data has not been presented to the board and there has been no attempt made to interpret it.

The following points stood out as I reviewed that data:

Questions #	Comment
2	I was surprised by the high percentage that have been members for less than 5 years.
3	92 % of respondents are over the age of 41. Should we be concerned with the lack of younger
5	81 % of respondents are involved with electric powered craft to some extent.
22	Vast majority of members prefer flying in the morning.
10	41 % of members view the web site on a regular basis. With the re-write we have an opportuni-
11 / 12 / 13	Communications – About 85 % of respondents are satisfied with communications within the club.

Web Site Development

- J Fazzari reported that a development team consisting of 7 members plus Bill Swindells who will act as the system user representative has been assembled.
- Looking for volunteers to assist Bill
- First meeting of team indicates that the group is thinking along the same lines and are excited by the challenge
- Next step is for group to "blue sky" the ultimate system and assess the viability and cost of each feature.
- The proposed system will be reviewed by the user review team and together the group will develop a presentation for the membership's approval.
- If and when approved the development will begin.

LIPO Battery Safety Concerns

- M Block reported that a prominent jet pilot experienced a Lipo Battery fire that destroyed his motor home.
- Individual had supervised charging process and when complete had taken battery off charger and left to run
 errand
- On his return motor home was engulfed in flames. Fire started with battery off charger
- Apparently it is necessary to stay with battery until it has stabilized after charging
- Heat from Lipo Battery fire will burn through Fire Proof Save used by some
- Member raised question of status of charging station project for Bayview Field
- I Brown has smoke detectors to be installed as soon as possible
- Point was raised that charging tables in club house should be covered with metal
- M Block stated that surroundings were not just subject to fire damage but also smoke and intense heat
- G Arthur reported that he had visited a field in California that had outdoor 12 volt stations

SPECIAL ITEM UPDATES

Club Membership and Financials

Club membership 127 to date

With the arrival of good flying weather we expect membership registration to increase.

Club Treasurer, Lawrence Cragg, provided details of the latest club financials. At this time he has no concerns with regard to the club being able to meet its annual financial commitments.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Program

John Moschini stated that a few of the members were talking about the possibility of starting a youth program within the club.

ONE TIME ITEMS& QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Club Membership Badges

M Block reviewed purpose of club badges and guest flying protocols

- The purpose of the badge is to:
- + identify the individual as a member of the club.
- + let other members know who you are to promote camaraderie and esprit de corps. It is after all a social club.
- → It is not necessary to wear the badge in order to fly provided you are a member in good standing. An updated list of such members will be posted at the flying fields.
- → If you do not recognize a flyer ask for their badge. If they are not a member ask them for their MAAC card and once shown welcome them to the club for the day and encourage them to join. If they are not a member advise them that they are not allowed to fly at this field without being a member of MAAC and therefore covered by MAAC insurance. If they claim it is a public park advise them that it is not and that it is a licensed private flying field on public land. If they refuse to leave call the police.
- → It was proposed that blank membership applications and an up to date membership list be left in the Club House.

The question was raised as to whether we could have both the badge and the traditional membership card. Mike advised that this would be taken under consideration by the board.

LAWRENCE REQUESTED THAT IF YOU LOST YOUR BADGE TO LET HIM KNOW IMMEDIATELY AS THEIR IS A COST ADVANTAGE TO LARGER ORDERS. ONE UP ORDERS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE.

Field Status Report

Bronte Field is dry but some of area is mushy. Should be ready to roll in 10 days.

Bayview Field is in good shape. Scheduled to be rolled Friday April 25.

- o If it rains the day before you are there please don't drive up to the Chickee as that area is still soft
- o Mowers are in for annual service.
- o Doug Edwards has requested that if garbage can is at least ½ full replace bag. Bring filled bag to parking lot area.

Doug is setting up grass cutting schedule based on last year's volunteers. New volunteers are welcome. Contact Doug Edwards via web site contact list.

Miscellaneous

- Mike Block congratulated Peter Howe for placing 3rd in the Military Aircraft Category and Charlie Chomos for placing 2nd in the Vintage Category at the Toledo RC Show. The BRCM were well represented both in attendance and competition. Mike also thanked Charlie for arranging the annual club dinner at the Spaghetti Factory
- Guest tonight was Scott who is interested in becoming a member of the club.
- Also attending as a guest was Joe Baus' daughter Mackenzie who was instrumental in the completion of the Helicopter that Joe and Mackenzie presented during show and tell. Mackenzie received a round of applause when Joe mentioned that she was more interested in airplanes than helicopters.
- The head count for the meeting was 52.
- Wings Ground School was scheduled for Sunday April 27, 10:00 AM.

Chris Greg Fenty has received his wings – Congratulations Chris and welcome aboard.

THE ANNUAL FLOAT FLY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14/15 2014

BERNIE SUDOL WAS THE WINNER OF THE SURVEY COMPLETION DRAW

Motion to close meeting by Doug Edwards and seconded by Al Race was passed.





The *Canadian Warplane Heritage* will hold a Skyfest at Hamilton airport June 14/15. In addition they will have two night events including the Hamilton Night Airshow on June 14th that will include night flying and dinner—maximum 1000 tickets.

On June 15 they will have a Bomber Night Run featuring the Lancaster and the Mosquito. Only 100 tickets are available for that event.

All details on www.warplane.com