

SKYWORDS

The Newsletter of :
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Happy New Year to all BRCM members and their families,

Writing this having just returned from the Jan. 1, 2015 frost fly, I'm finally starting to thaw out! Not much flying to speak of this year; a few brave souls made some attempts but, the winds were blowing at up to 80kph! Even the Heli's were grounded!

Despite the poor flying conditions, we had a turn out of approximately 30 members! It was a great excuse to get together and chat airplanes with friends! A big thank you goes to Nick Moskal and Peter Menning for a wonderful job in hosting the event. The HOT chili and coffee were much appreciated!

The next club meeting is January 22, 2015. I implore you to please make every effort to attend this meeting. We will elect a new team of Executive and Directors who will set the agenda and operate the club for the new year. Sadly, this is my last "Letter from the President". I am very thankful to the many; many club members who have offered me their unconditional support this past year. It has been a challenging year for me, Even so, the opportunity to serve the club as President has been a rewarding experience that I shall always cherish.

As you are aware by now, there are some differing management philosophies and visions for the future of our club among the candidates for the new board. As President, I have done my best to highlight these differences and provide an open forum whenever possible for members to share their thoughts with each other. Many of you have expressed your concern to me that this is a critical point in the club's future. These feelings are apparent in the number of members who have made themselves available to run for the board.

The board will continue to manage the election process in a manner that will allow all members the opportunity to make themselves aware of the candidates and their positions. I must emphasize how important the outcome of the January board election is to the future of our club.

Together we have an opportunity to make it an exciting and promising future or a future of acrimonious gridlock and dysfunction. I am confident that BRCM is in good hands, the hands of you, its members!

It is essential that you make every effort to turn out, that you are informed of the issues and position of the candidates. Ask questions and then exercise your franchise to vote so that your vision and desires for the future of our club will be realized!

I will see you on election night!

Kind Regards,

Michael Block, President BRCM

VERY
IMPORTANT

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND CLUB ELECTIONS FOR THE
EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS
WHO WILL LEAD US NEXT YEAR
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY
JANUARY 22nd AT THE CENTRAL
LIBRARY, NEW STREET AND DRURY
LANE BEGINNING AT 7 PM.

BE THERE TO EXERCISE YOUR VOTE

Lawrence Cragg, our treasurer, writes:

The notion of a weather station at Bayview has been raised from time to time. Nice idea. Bronte already has one courtesy of TheWeatherNetwork. Now, to install a station at Bayview requires a connection to the Net so that you can get at it. Apart from the technical issues, there is the little matter of ongoing costs to consider. Nevertheless, there seems to be a consensus that this is a desirable project and I promise to do what I can to implement it providing the costs are reasonable. After all, it's your money that I'm looking after.

Lawrence

2015 FROST FLY



**Who said it was windy?
Steady 50 km gusting 80**



Harry, with Tony, Ted and Joe



**The BOSS—Big Nick holding the
phone with Dave Cummings on it -
was good to hear the weather was
70+ F down there in Florida —
compared to minus 6C with a 50
km wind up here!**

**Charlie Chomos warming his
hands while Nick finds some-
thing to laugh about. Dig that
crazy hat on Big Nick.! He
loves it.**



2015 FROST FLY



Did someone say “crowded” With the extreme wind and cold many stayed inside including Jennifer, Bill Swindells’ daughter.



Joe and Rob plot their next move—the heli guys were the only ones to fly



One of the reasons for the gathering. Thanks Peter

IN PLACE OF MINUTES

A short informal business meeting was added to the usual Christmas social held in place of the December General Meeting.

Mike Block, as club President, thought it prudent to open the meeting to a question, answer, comment session in view of the importance of the 2015 Board Elections and the chatter regarding this matter. The members seem to be taking a special interest in this year's election. It appears to be safe to say that there are two distinct visions for the future of the club with accompanying management philosophies, represented by candidates running for the board positions.

Mike gave a brief background of the situation, and then fielded questions and comments from the members in attendance. There was an overwhelming consensus that the members in attendance were satisfied with the club field arrangement and management as it currently stands, and a sincere appreciation for what Mike has accomplished during his tenure as President.

The quadra-copter that was donated to the Warbird's Committee during last year's event and refurbished by Don Irvine was raffled off, adding \$160.00 to the WOB operating budget. The lucky winner was Wade Weppler, to the envy of all present.

The overall atmosphere of the get together was extremely positive, jovial, and demonstrated the Esprit de Corps that is so critical in any strong organization. This all bodes well for the coming year.



Derrick Howe approaches, then samples the goodies at the Christmas Party.

SAVE THESE DATES

January 22 Annual General Meeting
Central Library 7 pm

February 26 General Meeting
Central Library 7 pm

March 26 General Meeting
Central Library 7 pm

April 23 General Meeting
Central Library 7 pm

May 28 General Meeting
(Last before summer)
Central Library 7 pm

WAR BIRDS OVER THE BAY
July 25/26 Bayview Field

ELECTRIC—ONLY DAY
August 22nd Bayview

