

The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

Editorial

Your regular editor, Tom Gwinnett, is vacationing in South Africa where he had the pleasure of experiencing their first rainfall in three years. So, if I can remember how to do this, you'll have to put up with me for a couple of editions.

Lawrence

Board of Board of Directors:

Your new board of directors was acclaimed at the January general meeting:

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| President: | Dwayne Baldwin |
| Vice President: | Bill Ayre |
| Secretary: | Victor Wells |
| Treasurer: | Trevor Brum |
| Past President: | Ashley Armstrong |

Other board members:

Mike Block
Tim Bidwell - Wings coordinator
Derek Solodzuk
John Ham - Safety concerns
Doug Mathews
Peter Krautter
Geoff Norman - Meeting programs
Barry Ward

The President Writes:

Welcome to 2018! I am truly honoured to continue my role as your President. I'd like to take a moment to offer special thanks to Lawrence Cragg, Ian Brown and Richard Mueller for their ongoing contributions to your club. I'd also like to welcome Victor Wells, Barry Ward and Geoff Norman as your newest board members.

We had a great board meeting in February and discussed many innovative ideas for the coming year. One common theme was to involve more members to help organize events, participate on committees, and give presentations about our hobby. Not only can you expect more exciting general meetings, you can share in the preparation and coordination of our activities. After all, it is your club; We are seeking your input, ideas and suggestions.

Some good news... the weather station internet reporting has been repaired, and webcam is working again on wunderground.

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Next Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd

Mike Block presents his fabulous F4 jet
(see page 2 for details)

Note from Tom near Capetown:



Quadcopter? Check.
Blue sky? Check.
Nice view? Check.
Cobra ? Check.
Blond? Check.

This is Houte Bay, a part of Cape Town.
No it isn't me.

Winter Program

Geoff Norman has recently joined the Board, and is currently taking on the Program Committee (current membership = one), to put together a varied and interesting program for the winter meetings. Plans include presentations by interesting folks related to aviation (we're lining up Craig Brookhouse, flight engineer of the CWH Lancaster among others), and modelling in general, workshops on various topics of interest related to building and flying, special events (a live auction, a "real time" glider build and fly), and detailed "show and tell's". This month, to get the ball rolling, we will be surveying members to see what topics interest you, what additional topics you can suggest, and who could do it. The main event will be Mike Block presenting his fabulous F4 Phantom turbine.

The President writes (continued)

Our next mandate is to improve club communications via our website. We plan to make our home page a focus of attention for club activities, and (thanks to Doug Matthews) will include dynamic content of ongoing club projects.

You can keep track of your board, projects and committees at your convenience. Once we update the site with our email addresses and content, feel free to contribute your comments. We need you to make your club what you want it to be.

Every BRCM member deserves the highest reputation for flying safely, and for being part of such a great club with such a talented group of people.

We can all look forward to another year of fun flying, fun times, and sharing our love of flight with others.

Dwayne Baldwin



Mike Block's F4 placed 3rd in the jet category at the 2017 Toledo show.

Safety Corner:

The 2018 flying season will soon be upon us, with many sunny days ahead and the skies above our fields filled with many different aircraft. It's at this time I would like to remind all members to be aware of their surroundings and maintain their aircraft and fly safe. I will also be introducing a safety file folder for each field, inside each folder you will find a BRCM safety form to be used to report crashes, field safety issues, and tips from members on how to improve safety and well-being of our club. You will also find MAAC forms, these forms must be used if there's any personal injury or personal damage that happens at our fields.

Please remember safety is everyone's business and changing the culture and the way we think about safety will only benefit us all and our club in the long run. I will hopefully have these file folders and forms to show everyone at the next general meeting.

In the meantime keep working on those aircraft, spring is only about 30 days away!

FLY SAFE - BE a BRCM ACE!!!

Cheers John. Ham
Safety Director



SPOOK'S PHANTOM PHACTS

The McDonnell Douglas F4 Phantom II is arguably the most successful fighter jet ever produced. Over 5000 were manufactured from 1958 to 1981. It was operated by the USAF, US Navy and US Marines as well as being exported to many U.S. allies.

Affectionately known as the Rhino, Double Ugly and the Lead Sled. It has been referred to as the world's leading distributor of MiG parts.

McDonnell Douglas professed at the time: When you have two and you lose one, you still have one to bring you home. (referring to the twin engine design)

ABOUT THE MODEL

"Betty Lou" of the USAF 469th TFS based out of Korat, Thailand in 1969 modeled in 1:72 scale.

Length: 93"
Wingspan: 65"
Weight: 40lbs dry
Fuel Capacity: 1.55 US Gallons
Turbine: Single Behotec JB190, 43lbs thrust into a Tamjets bifurcated tail pipe

