

Skywords

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At the March Meeting



Meeting
Thursday
Auction

From Gary Arthur.
My plane was a Havoc. Sold by Elite
Aerosports in Florida.

Powered by a PBS turbine built in Czech
Republic. Has around 50 ish pounds of
thrust.

Specifications:

- Wingspan: 2.8m / 110 inches
- Length: 3.45m / 134 inches
- Weight: 50Lbs Dry
- Turbine: 200-300N

I have used this web site for wind
and weather. So far very accurate.
<https://www.ventusky.com/> TG

Peter Foto talked about his latest project

Coming up

April 26 Club meeting. Auction
May 24 Club Meeting
May 26 Niagara Float Fly
June 9 BRCM Float Fly Christie

Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

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FINISHING Balsa Warbirds From Geoff Norman

I'm in the final stages of a Spitfire IX from a 30 year old Royal kit . It's 53" span, weighs about 4.5 lb. and is electric powered. It's traditional balsa and plywood construction. While wings show tissue (silkspan) covering, I sheeted upper surface with 1/16" sheet and tissue covered lower surface.

I decided early on to do the sealing with traditional clear nitrate dope, after covering everything with silkspan tissue, I then painted with "sanding sealer" – clear nitrate dope with added talcum powder thinned a bit with acetone. After 3 or 4 coats with sanding this leaves a very smooth finish with no wood grain. As I was concerned about weight, I actually weighed it as I went along. As near as I can tell, the three coats of dope weighed about 50 gm – 1.5 oz.

I went into the local hobby shop in Dundas which specializes in model trains and plastic planes and sells Tamiya paints which, I think, are acrylic and water soluble. They come in both liquid and spray. And the best part is that they have a vast array of aircraft camouflage colours, so I picked, right off the rack, spray cans of RAF Ocean Grey, RAF Mid Sea Grey and RAF Dark Green (AS9, AS10, AS11)– precisely the colours that were referred to in numerous websites. It took 2 cans of spray (2 coats) of each colour to cover, and paint dried beautifully in about an hour. I've masked it to do invasion stripes, and paint adheres well to dope and does not peel back. And of course, it goes on in very thin coats so weight is negligible.

And two unforeseen bonuses. 1) I ordered a complete set of decals for the Johnny Johnson (JE-J) Spit 9 from Motion RC as a replacement set for their RTF foamy about the same size. The decal sheet is literally about two square feet of "peel and stick" and cost only \$8.99 US. And it is EXACTLY the same degree of semigloss shine as the paint. (I also used the Flightline Spit 9 to get plastic cannons, exhausts, motor, ESC and electric retracts at a very reasonable price) 2) Along the way I've had a couple of accidents with finger through the tissue. To my amazement, the paint is perfectly compatible with dope. You can go ahead and apply clear dope over the paint, stick the tissue down and seal it, then apply the Tamiya paint on the dope. Oil base paint would craze and go goeey; this doesn't.

Ticks are not a laughing matter. Always check your self after going into long grass

Bat bites feel like sharp needle jabs. ... Bats have small teeth which may leave marks **that** are not easily seen, so there are situations in which you **should** seek medical advice even in the absence of an obvious **bite** wound.

A person who gets **bitten** by a **tick** usually won't **feel** anything at all. There might be a little redness around the area of the **bite**. If you think you've been **bitten** by a **tick**, tell an adult immediately. Some **ticks** carry diseases (such as Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever) and **can** pass them to people even RC modellers.

Hi All:

Last year I bought a "TIC KEY" from Lee Valley.
It's an inexpensive little item that can be put on your
key chain.

It is used to remove tics from under your skin.

So far I have no tics.

Tony Madge



Hi All:

Last year I bought a Garlic from Lee Valley.

It's an inexpensive little item that can be kept on your
key chain.

It is used to remove vampires from under your skin.

So far I have no vampires.

Tom Gwinnett



Skywords Safety Corner:

Well spring is finally here and with that comes a full season of flying! An FYI for the Bayview pilots, the transition from both taxiways to the paved runway is in need of some TLC. I took a look at them a few weeks ago, pretty rough especially for smaller wheeled aircraft. Tim and I have discussed a few repair options, just waiting for the ground to soften up.

There is a new safety file folder up in the Bayview club with safety report and personal injury forms from MAAC and with safety reports and club improvement tip forms for BRCM. A safety folder will also be installed at the Bronte field as soon as we can find a dry location for it.

There are also new regulations regarding drones in Canada. With the increase in popularity comes increase in rules and no drone zones, this is due mostly to untrained people buying and flying. Members can get all the information needed to fly drones at MAAC and Transportation Canada web sites. Please take a look at them.

Ok, let's get back to flying, I just wanted to remind everyone as our flying season takes off to go over all equipment and aircraft new and old alike to make sure all is working as it should. Once at the field please do all your safety checks and familiarize yourself with flying boundaries at the fields. Remember safety is everyone's responsibility at our club and when we all work together and fly safe it makes our hobby safer for all, members and the public.

Let's have a great summer full flying! Cheers! John. Ham

FLY SAFE! BE A BRCM ACE!

Auction

At the next meeting, April 26 2018
we will be holding an in-club Auction

Items above \$50 can have a reserve so if bidding doesn't go high enough it won't be sold.

This is a chance to pass on those engines, transmitters, kits, chargers, airplanes and small items that are too good to give away, even though you'll never use them.

So bring along those things that have been gathering dust.

And bring MONEY - cash, checks, I.O.U.'s. Anything more than an honest face will do.

Please be early so we have a chance to properly log in your items. We have permission to be in the room from 6PM.