



## The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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### Editorial

And so ends another series of Skywords - this being the last edition until September. I nearly missed this edition entirely since I thought I had absolutely no input from the membership. Then, Bill Swindells sent me pictures from Top Gun and Bill Montgomery sent me some stuff, Tom Gwinnett wrote about the last meeting and I'm not feeling quite so forlorn!

Remember, it's your newsletter and it's up to you to provide the "news" - I'm

just the editor.

Until September, have a good flying season and enjoy the company of your club mates.

Send stuff to [Binker@Sympatico.ca](mailto:Binker@Sympatico.ca)

*Cheers, Lawrence.*

**Thursday, May 27th.  
Show & Tell  
Where you get to show what you've built  
and tell lies about it.**

### Plans wanted.

*Tony Moore writes:*

Harold Jones gave me a partially finished SIG J3 Cub 1/4 scale. It has most of the plans but the sheet for the fuselage is missing. Also the instruction book. The kit number seems to be RC48.

Thanks Tony

### Bronte

The field is open and in great shape. The new grass cutter is a huge improvement and we are managing to keep the grass and dandelions under control. Keith Lush has refurbished the old tractor.

The field has been effectively extended about 150ft west with a new boundary of the leash free area being set up by the park after consultations with Ivan and Harold. We hope to have a split rail fence installed to delineate the boundary but this is unlikely to be done this year. Meanwhile, official park signs will be posted and we have some reasonable hopes of keeping the @#\$\$%^& dogs out.



Karl Gross with his magnificent Lysander at Top Gun, 2004

*Photo by Bill Swindells*

### Bayview

Harold Jones finished the Chickee then complained that nobody noticed. There were two responses to that: (1) the job was so good that nobody noticed and (2) it was so ugly that everyone was too embarrassed to comment.

Thanks anyway Harold.

### Bad News

Two of our members have taken on the role of patients at Joseph Brant hospital recently. Reg Phillips (profiled in the February 2003 edition) and Olaf Wodrich (profiled in the March 2003 edition). We can but wish them well.

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## TOP GUN 2004

*This from Bill Swindells who, once again, has saved the day.*



Again this year, the Burlington club was privileged to have not one, but two pilots invited to compete with world class aviators from around the world. TOP GUN is an invitational event held yearly at the end of April at the Lakeland, Florida airport and features finely scaled aircraft of all eras, from the early 1900's to the latest models of turbine driven jets. The pilots are invited through a peer nomination process, thus the contestants are not novices, but seasoned competition pilots. Even though the event produces a winner by a high score of static and flying points, all pilots are winners for just being invited to this event. Our two members, Karl Gross and George Bartkus were the selected pilots to attend. Karl displayed and competed with his beautifully detailed Westland Lysander, and George with his finely scaled FW-190-F8. Both aircraft received many fine comments and proved to be worthy of the static scores earned.

Not only do we enjoy the fine weather at that time of year, but we also get to enjoy the company of many accomplished builders and fliers from other parts of the world. It was a pleasure to attend with both Karl and George again this year, as well as being accompanied by Peter Masefield and Len Ashdowne of Fairy Swordfish fame from the Dundas Valley Fliers. In total, there were five Canadian fliers and builders in attendance. In the Expert Class, there were Jean Chevalier from the St Jean Escadrille du Haut-Richelieu, Lasalle, P.Q., Karl Gross and George Bartkus from the BRCM, Burlington. In the Team Class, were Graeme Mears (builder) from the Humber Valley, Mississauga, and pilot Dave Patrick formerly of the MARS, Montreal area.

This was an experience worth the time and expense to observe quality flying and building of great aircraft, both civilian and military and a chance to renew old friendships and acquaintances, as well as make and meet new friends. Some of the pilots I had not seen since last year at Top Gun, and others, since last summer at other flying events that I attended both here in Canada and in the U.S. Harry Barnard drove up from Naples to join us

and we were pleased to have him as our guest to spend two days and a night with us at our rental apartment.

I hope that I am fortunate enough to be able to attend again next year. Frank Tiano, along with his sponsors, runs a great event, well worth the visit if you have the opportunity. If you get 'airplaned out' with the models, you can always go up to the Flight of Fantasy aircraft museum located at exit #44 on I4 owned by Kermit Weeks, and spend at least four of five hours there with full scale aircraft covering almost a century of flight. This is well worth the visit, especially in the F4U Corsair cockpit flight simulators searching for and combating Japanese aircraft in the Pacific theatre.

Next year will prove to be another challenge, as the quality of the aircraft continues to improve, not only through the use of technology to drive the aircraft through the air, but also from newer materials used in their construction. I look forward to the Burlington club receiving invitations again.

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### \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*

*This from Bill Montgomery & Peter Hagens, the field managers of the Bayview field.*

Warm weather has finally arrived and we are now into another exciting flying season. Typically at this time of the year many new faces are seen at our flying fields, mostly Wings students mixed with a few new pilots.

Students, new members, and existing club members are reminded that they must exhibit both their BRCM and MAAC membership cards in plain sight, typically on their flight boxes.

Members are also reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to challenge unrecognized flyers at the field. All flyers MUST either be MAAC&BRCM members or MAAC members flying as a guest of a BRCM member. If you don't know the flier then ask other BRCM members if they know the person. If nobody seems to recognize the flyer then please take it upon yourself to talk with the person to determine their status. In previous years we have had several occasions where people show up at the field, fuel up their plane and then proceed to fly. On occasion these have been people who have never flown before but figure it is a public park and they can just use it to learn on. Typically if these folks are not stopped a dangerous crash shortly follows. All it would take would be one of these flights to crash in the dog park or swimming pool area for the club to loose the use of that field.

If a visitor asks you if they can fly as your guest it is up to you to make them aware of the BRCM safety rules ( posted on the transmitter rack at Bayview ) and explain the flight boundaries of the field. You should also ask to see proof of MAAC membership. They should also be made aware that the club policy is visitors may fly as a club guest up to three times per year. After that they must either join the club or fly elsewhere.

This club is self-policing. If you see any student or pilot breaking the safety code you should politely point the fact out to them and not rely on others to do so. Common safety infractions include taxiing into and out of the startup areas and forgetting to re-pin and rack transmitters when a flight is finished. If the person does not correct the behavior then the incident should be reported to a BRCM director.

Please have a safe and fun flying season.



George Bartkus prepares his FW 190 at Top Gun, 2004

Photo by Bill Swindells

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## BRCM Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2004

*This from Tom Gwinnett*

After the business section of the meeting a presentation was made by Peter Mann and Terry Jenkins about the history of MAAC and the past and present purpose and function of the MAAC Museum which is based in the MAAC office in Burlington.

Following that an auction was held of planes and equipment belonging to Don McKenzie who passed away early this year. A total of \$590 was raised and this has been passed on to Don's widow, Rene McKenzie. A number of other items were included in the auction from Gerry Baylis's workshop, and funds raised were passed to Mrs Baylis.

There are two full size headsets still available and if you know of anyone who could be interested please ask them to contact our secretary, Tony Moore.

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## Anyone for NEAT?

It's kind of a long way to go (570 Km) but it might be worth the trip. Any one interested in going please contact me: Lawrence at [Binker@Sympatico](mailto:Binker@Sympatico) or 416 622 3705.

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## Hamburg

*An invitation sent to me by email. Ed.*

I would like to extend an invitation to New Hamburg R/C Club's annual Fun Fly event to be held on June 13th, 9:00 am – 4:00 PM. Please forward this e-mail to all of your members and anyone else who may be interested in coming out.

Many thanks, Damian Polanic,  
President, New Hamburg R/C Club  
[daaj@golden.net](mailto:daaj@golden.net)

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## Events Calendar, 2004

*This listing courtesy of Bill Swindells*

May 29 - 30	Forest Lakeside Flyers Fun Fly
June 12 - 13	Laddie's float fly
June 19	Niagara Region Model Flying Club Float Fly
June 26,27	Otterville 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fly
July 10 - 11	Olean scale meet
July 1	BRCM Canada Day Fun Rally, Bronte
July 3,4	Chatham CAN-AM IMAC Contest
July 10 - 11	Olean N.Y. STARS Scale Rally
July 17,18	Niagara RegionMFC Annual Garth Mitchell Float Fly
July 24 - 25	Chatham Scale Rally
July 31 - Aug 1	Northern Ontario IMAC Challenge
August 1	Hanover Centennial – Saugeen Valley
August 7,8	Hamburg N.Y. Scale Rally
August 14,15	Oakville Aero Tow
August 21 or 28	Burlington RC Modelers Corn Roast Fun Fly
September 4,5	London – Forest City Flyers Scale Aerobatic Challenge
September 11 - 12	KW FlyingDutchmen Scale Rally
September 17 - 19	NEAT Fair, Downsville, N.Y.
September 18	Long Sault Flyers Scale Rally

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## Horrible Pun:

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."



Yes, it's a model!

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### On a personal note.

Your editor/president plans to ride one of his motorcycles to New York City to visit the Intrepid Museum and give the Concorde a hug. Yep, pictures of the event will be duly recorded.

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### Your Board of Directors:

#### Officers:

President	Lawrence Cragg
Vice President	Bill Swindells
Treasurer	Tom Gwinnett
Secretary	Tony Moore
Past President	Harold Jones

#### Directors:

Howard McNamara	Wings program
Bill Montgomery	Bayview field co-manager
Peter Hagens	Bayview field co-manager
Ivan Wismayer	Bronte field manager
Dale Eldridge	Mall show organizer
Tim McTigue	Web Master
Karl Gross.	Unassigned
Chris Wesley	Unassigned

#### Other Assignments:

Tri-Club	Bill Swindells
Corn Roast	Dale Eldridge, Ivan Wismayer and George Bartkus
Meetings Programs	????
Skywords Editor	Lawrence Cragg
MAAC Reps.	Bill Swindells & Kevin McLeod
Auditors	Ted Toth & Al Race

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### How About That?

*Carl Finch found this on the BBC web site.*

A D-Day anniversary fly-past at the former home of Sir Winston Churchill will be staged with model planes, because no real ones are available.

The RAF Strike Command's memorial flight is already booked up for next month's 60th anniversary.

So a model flying club has stepped in to put on a display at Chartwell, Sir Winston's residence in Kent.

An organizer told the BBC he thought spectators might mistake them for real planes if they were far enough away.

Events are being planned across the UK to mark the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy landings on 6 June.

The National Trust, which owns Chartwell, had wanted a fly-past over wartime leader Churchill's home. But by the time it contacted the RAF, the squadron of historic aircraft used for such events had been booked up.

With no real World War II planes available to fly over Chartwell, organizers turned to the Bickley Model Flying Club and asked for help.

The model plane enthusiasts will be flying a Lancaster bomber with an 11 ft wing span and a Spitfire measuring 6 ft across, both radio-controlled.

Club chairman Les Eagle told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "It is not quite the same. You can never replace a Merlin engine, there is no doubt about that."

"But given the right altitude and distance away from the spectators, they will easily mistake these models for the real ones."

He said club members had researched real WWII planes to ensure the models looked authentic.

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### Terrific Web Site

*Tom Gwinnett found this site which lists every aviation museum.*

This is a terrific site based, I think, in Germany. It contains a full listing of Aeroplane oriented Museums in Europe (including Europe's outer reaches of The UK) as well as location and dates of Air Shows including some in North America. So if you are unable to visit Europe without at least one "Aeroinjection" this is the site for you. There is also a good database of aeroplanes, pictures and info.

<http://www.luffahrtmuseum.com/html/general/i.htm>

