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# Skywords

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## The Newsletter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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### Vice-President's Report

Our President is away on Safari in South Africa again. So it's down to me to do the monthly missive.

Well, the building/repair season is rapidly drawing to a close so we can get up to the field to fly our latest creations. Of course a lot of us stick to our tried and true old-faithfuls. Personally, mine don't usually last long enough be faithful - and certainly not old.

Back to reality We have two excellent flying facilities which take a great deal of work to keep up to scratch. So please, if you go to either field and one of the dedicated few are doing some field maintenance, be patient. It won't be long before you can fly. Better still, see if you can lend a hand to get the job done sooner.

We have a number of events during the year that can't function without volunteers. So why not step up and get involved. You will be surprised how rewarding it is. Check the event schedule and see if you can spare a few hours for one or two of them.

The club executive are always looking for ways to improve our club and its operations. So if you have any ideas or gripes, please let a board member hear it and it will be addressed. The rules and regulations sometimes don't seem to make sense, but there is usually a lot of logic to them. They are not cast in stone. If you want to see something changed, let us know - it will be looked into.

I think that's enough for this time. By the next Club Meeting we should be doing a bit more flying. Have fun, fly safe, and buy lots of glue.

Paul Chitty.

**The next Club Meeting will be Thursday, 26th March, at 7:30 p.m.**

## Heritage Day

As many of you may know, the City of Burlington asked BRCM to put on a display of Flying Models, with a Canadian theme, for Heritage Day at the Central Library, on Valentines Day.

Several club members turned out with a display of fine models. Jim Reilly quarter-backed the event and displayed a very nice Nieuport; Kevin Andrew bought along a nice Skybolt; Ivan Wismayer sent along a Crop Sprayer; Bill Swindells sent a Harvard; Dick Fahey a Fleet Finch; and Paul Gentile a DHC Beaver. How Canadian is that ? I took a Cessna 182 on floats, registration number C-BRCM. Thanks also to Kevin Andrew, Nick Chewka, and Dennis Smart for helping man the display during the day.

We had a DVD player going all day, with model flying videos going, for the crowd to watch. The Mayor stopped by and chatted for quite a long time showing a lot of interest in our Club, and the Hobby. And so did the Councilor for Aldershot, Rick Craven. We will be inviting these two gentlemen to our Scale Rally, so if you see them be extra nice, we want them on our side.

Generally the day was a success. There was a great deal of interest in the display, and a good deal more in our club. Any promotions of this type keep us visible in the community which leads to support for our hobby. Which is very important.

Enjoy the pictures.

Photographs by Al Race



## Ivan Wismayer's Stearman

Well as you see, I have been really going at it! The whole thing is now framed and I even mounted the radial. This is really a big, big aeroplane. And Karl's is even bigger! This is really a complicated kit. The instructions are good, but you really have to be experienced at this. I'm amazed at how precise things seems to fit when put together.

I'm now at the stage where I'm beginning to put things in place like servos, radio, fuel tank, etc. I'm ordering some flat wire from Proctor for the flying wires and a set of landing struts for the undercarriage from Robarts. I have to still panel the areas with thin sheet aluminum and rivet it to the fuse with some adhesive, I already have received the pinking tape for Stits. This I will need to finish off the stitching. I also have to order the 1/4 scale instrumentation for both cockpits.



As I'm already entering the busy season in my practice, I still hope to have this flying for the summer. Talk to you next month.

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### Additional Topics

Date	Club	Event	Time
June 20th	Burlington	Father's Day Scale Rally	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **From Paul Gentile:**

For the next meeting, I will be demonstrating the step by step basics that I have learned so far in vacuum bagging.

This application is a short learning curve and has a very good benefit in model airplane construction.

I will be showing:

- equipment needed
- samples of materials used
- types of resins I use
- where you can get your supplies
- finished parts of a project in progress

#### **From Eric Palmer:**

I am setting up a group purchase on the power systems for this year's races. Right now, cost for each set, including one battery, will be \$66.40 Canadian (including shipping).

You can reach me at 905-335-9860.

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#### **From Roy Dickinson:**

Lawrence Cragg suggested that I look at an International Webzine for all Model Flight Enthusiasts. It is very interesting. You can find it at:

[www.modelflight.regheath.com/](http://www.modelflight.regheath.com/)