

Skywords

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From your President – Dave Cummings



I trust everyone had a good Christmas and some time off for the holidays. I myself just returned from the warm sunny South Florida. I did manage to get a couple days of flying in after not being on the controls since Labour Day. I thought things were going well, flying my “ever comfortable” modified Super Stick, until the fuse decided not to pull out of a dive when completing the second high torque loop and plummeted full speed into the ground. I spent the next 60 seconds watching its one piece wing flutter to the ground. (There’s a lesson in there somewhere!) In any event I joined the “Venice RC Flyer’s” <http://www.venicerc.com>really cool web site.....and hope to spend more time down there this winter. Very much the same size club as ours but I must say, “BRCM” have much better meetings! If you find yourself in the area during the winter months and would like to keep your thumbs lubricated, give me a call and you can be my guest flying at our club.

During my leave, Mike Block carried on with the club meetings and also gave me the exciting news that Al Race has volunteered to become our new Skywords Editor. Al has spent much time over the years supporting our club on the Board and also running events. We’re really happy that Al has stepped up, to fulfill this important function of the club. Please be sure to send our new Editor articles, photos or anything you feel would be of interest to share with our club members.

We’re still looking for a Bayview Field Manager. Key word being “Manager”. God bless Nick for all his efforts over the past 4 years. Nick not only managed the field but pretty much did most of the work.

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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 24 7:30 PM

CENTRAL LIBRARY

THIS MONTH IS OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at which time we elect or re-elect our Board of Directors.

The proposed Board Members for 2013 are:

Executive:

Dave Cummings - President
Mike Block - Vice President
Ashley Armstrong - Secretary
Lawrence Cragg - Treasurer/Membership/Web Site

Directors:

Carl Finch - Wings Program
Joe Fazzari - WOB Director
Karl Gross - Safety Officer Bayview
Paul Gentile - Meetings/Entertainment
Bill Swindells - Club Liaison
Peter Goodson - At Large
Robert Bagshaw - Helicopter Liaison
Neil Marchant - At Large
Dan Black - At Large

If you wish to nominate anyone for the Board please be sure they are in agreement. There’s nothing worse than someone nominating you and you don’t really want to be nominated. Being a Board member involves little time but lots of commitment and sometimes the need to make unpopular decisions but it is always with the health of the club specifically and the hobby in general at the fore front of those decisions.

Dave Cummings, President.

It is most important that all members attend the meeting and decide who will run our club for the next year. BE THERE.

(Bring a plane, too)

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Keep in mind we're really looking for someone to manage a dedicated group of guys that will cut the grass and help along with the maintenance.

If you're a new member and wanting to get more involved with the club, what a great way to meet more people and get recognition from the membership. We do need to have someone on board with this by spring.

If you are thinking about it and have any questions feel free to give me a call. BRCM needs you.

Dave Cummings

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Meetings:

February 28 March 28

April 25 May 23

Feb 10—9 am to noon

Oakville Milton Flying Club Swap Meet

Units 13/14—785 Pacific Rd, Oakville
ON

War Birds over the Bay

**July 27 and 28—Mark your
Calendars**

Toledo Weak Signals Hobby
Show

Seagate Center

April 5, 6 and 7—Toledo Ohio

Another HABU for Ted Pritlove



At a hobby shop in Naples, Florida last spring, I saw a HABU Jet Model for sale at half price, so I bought it as a spare. This past summer I lost my first HABU due to a failed receiver, after 451 flights. Now my spare HABU became my everyday jet model.

This past winter I decided to dress up this plane by modifying the tail area to look more like an F-5 Freedom Fighter and installing a Parkflyer Plastics cockpit/canopy kit.

For the finish, I stripped off the original colour scheme using ACETONE, then filled and sanded all the dents and imperfections in the foam followed by two coats of Minwax Polycrylic (water based polyurethane) to toughen up the foam surface.

Using water-based ACRYLIC paint, I finished the model in the Swiss Air Force Aerobatic colour scheme, followed by two more coats of Minwax Polycrylic. All this was easy to do, time consuming, but fun. I hope you like it.

The HABU should be easy to see on a sunny day. I am not so sure though on a white, cloudy day.

Ted Pritlove

2013 FROST FLY

For the first time in four years, we didn't have brown grass, we didn't have pouring rain, we didn't have fog but we did have snow and lots of it. What a perfect day to get our birds off on skis. It was a little overcast in the early morning but by 11.00 am the sun came out for a brilliant day.

Nick's Café was open for business with Nick Moskall and the help of Dale Eldridge. We had chili, lots of donuts, cookies and sweets. More goodies than ever before. Of course there was the coffee and hot chocolate with a few more folks trying the 50/50 blend. Then our new member Peter Manning showed up with his own home made pot of chili that frankly Tim Horton's could take a lesson. Gary Arthur even skied up his Boomerang for a great show.

In all there was close to 40 members enjoying the day and mowing down the chili. I myself got out of the tight quarters by about 1 pm just before the chili beans started to work! Nick and Dale, thanks for your efforts towards this very successful day.

Dave Cummings, Cub reporter and sometime President.



Albie and friend



Smile Guys - the food is on the way.



Gary's Boomerang on Skis



Bryan Dixon's Beaver (on floats)



A TWISTED PAIR?

Bill Swindells and Dave Cummings



DH—98 MOSQUITO FLIES AGAIN

Ardmore, New Zealand

After 8 years in restoration, a Canadian (1945) built Mosquito has flown, the first since one crashed in England in 1996.

Owner Jerry Yagen purchased the aircraft from British Columbia in 2004 and shipped it to New Zealand to be restored to flying condition. She flew in September, 2012. This photo was taken October 7th, 2012 after which she was shipped to the States.

The aircraft will reside at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, Va. (www.fighterfactory.com)

Canadian Warplane Heritage announced last week this aircraft will fly at their airshow June 15 & 16 this year. I can't wait.

The photo was taken from Flypast Magazine website.