



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

Yep, the alarm went off to remind me to prepare this edition of Skywords. Never great at advanced planning, I thought I had another week. So, here we go.

I went to a meeting of the Oakville Club where they held demonstration workshops on foam cutting, film covering, engine maintenance, fibre-glass covering and electric flight. I was particularly impressed with the foam cutting equipment exhibited by Mike Ross; simple, elegant and very effective. However, the technique is clearly best suited to production since the time required to make templates and setting up for the cut is significant. The actual operation takes very little time.

Helmut Schmitter is a master of the KISS principle as he showed while demonstrating film covering with simple tools and a singular lack of gadgets; just a razor blade and a couple of irons (one covered, one naked) set to any old temperature.

With that brief report, I'll end with my usual call for input from you, the members of BRCM.

Thursday, January 22nd. Annual General Meeting Election of 2004 Directors Video of Chickee Builders & The Frost Fly

The AGM

The January meeting is our Annual General Meeting and you are receiving official notice of this meeting with this mailing or reading of this newsletter.

At this meeting, the "old" executive will present the budget for the year 2004 and the meeting will then be adjourned. The election of your new board of directors for the year 2004 will then take place under the leadership of **Dick Fahey** who will offer a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve on the board for year 2004. This is done to simplify the election process but in no way implies a done deal nor does it prevent nominations from the floor for alternative candidates. However, if you're going to nominate a member for a particular office, please ensure that your nominee is willing to serve if elected. With nominations closed, the meeting will proceed with the election.

The club's bylaw calls for 13 directors 4 of which are directly elected to the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. A fifth officer is that of past president. The remaining 8 directors are elected 'at large' with jobs assigned to them at the next meeting of the executive. Members of the 2003 executive are listed in the December 2003 edition of Skywords.

After the election, the meeting will be reopened under the new executive and one of the first orders of business will be approval of the budget (presented earlier) to effectively create a mandate for the new treasurer.

It's your club; if you want a voice in your club's affairs, be there!

Only those members who have paid their 2004 dues are eligible to take part



A collection of members at Tim Hortons where we signed cards to the families of **Colin Lee** and **Doug Neil**. Your editor was behind the camera in this instance.



Carl Small, Tom Gwinnett, Ted Pritlove & Harold Jones visited the Canadian Warplanes Heritage Museum on December 10th, 2003

Annual Awards

Every year, in January, we award two trophies –

The **Herb Stoneham** trophy, for the *senior* member judged to have made the biggest contribution to the club in the past year.

The **Cliff Moore Memorial** trophy, for the general member who has made the biggest contribution to the club in the past year.

Prospective winners are nominated by the membership with the final selection being made by the Executive. Please be prepared to nominate your favourite candidate at the January meeting.

Help Wanted

This from Dick Fahey.

In the Club Archives (currently stored in my basement) we have a series of photo albums depicting Club activities during its history since 1973. We still have those photos covering the years to 1989, but two albums are missing. They contain a photographic record of activities during the 1990s.

The last person to have these in hand was Wayne Bransfield during his tenure as Club Secretary (circa 1998). I have checked with Wayne; he doesn't have them and wasn't able to tell me who might have them. For example, there is a series of pictures taken during the visit of the Yorkshire Air Museum Halifax model in the summer of 1995(?).

Since these photos are Club property, your self-appointed Club Archivist (me) is seeking their safe return. Finder will be rewarded with his fill of coffee and donuts from Tim Hortons. If you have any information about these albums, please contact:

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Then there is this problem:

From a collection sent to me by Neil Allatt



Events Calendar, 2004

I only have a few items so far. I'll add to the list when I can. Ed.

June 12 - 13 Laddie's float fly

Bushism:

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Governor, and that one word is 'to be prepared.'"

"I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future."

"I stand by all the misstatements that I've made."

-Governor George W. Bush

A story.

A couple went on vacation to a fishing resort up north. The husband liked to fish at the crack of dawn. The wife liked to read. One morning the husband returned after several hours of fishing and decided to take a short nap. Although she wasn't familiar with the lake, the wife decided to take the boat. She rowed out a short distance, anchored, and returned to reading her book. Along came the sheriff in his boat. He pulled up alongside her and said, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading my book," she replied...as she thought to herself, "isn't it obvious?" "You're in a restricted fishing area," he informed her. "But officer, I'm not fishing. Can't you see that?" "Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to take you in and write you up." "If you do that, I'll have to charge you with rape," snapped the irate woman. "But, I haven't even touched you," groused the sheriff. "Yes, that's true, she replied,"but you do have all the equipment."

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who knows how to read. It's likely she can also think.

Frost Fly 2004

We had a great turn out at Bayview for this annual event - but it wasn't all that cold; a balmy +5C prevailed. Bill Swindells hauled in chili, coffee and hot chocolate from Tim Hortons.



< Gimme that!



Ready ^

Oops >



Peter Hagens with a very fast electric pusher.