



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

Spring sprung for at least one day (on the 19th) when the temperature got up to 27°C and Art Titmarsh rolled the Bayview field. Our fields don't just happen; it takes effort on the part of dedicated members like Art to keep our fields in good shape. Now, if we can just get that tattered old windsock replaced...

For myself, I keep a log of "significant events" (mostly about how the balsa tree reached out to get me) and I was astonished to see that 2005 is my eighth year in the hobby. A mere amateur in comparison with many of you but I was impressed. It's also my seventh year as your Skywords editor.

*Cheers. Lawrence
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Merwin Fortney

This from Art Titmarsh 25 March 2005.

Hi! Just a note to inform you that an old highly regarded modeler Merwin Fortney passed away in his sleep today. Merwin worked for many years at the Hamilton Street Railway Company and as a member of the Hamilton Flying Tigers and the Burlington Radio Control Modelers, was known as a skillful modeler and source of information on aircraft in general. For the last little while he was volunteering at the Canadian Warplane Heritage facility where his gentle manner, dedication and general knowledge on all facets of aviation made him one of the most popular workers there. He was a renowned scale modeler and was a true kind and gentle person who's gentle personality will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him. For many years he chummed around with Brian Harrington and Gord' Magill from the Burlington R/C Modelers club and he was beginning to get involved with R/C at the Bayview Park facility under the tutelage of Brian. Private funeral services have been arranged by his family

**Thursday, April 28th.
Technical Sessions**



The March Meeting

Although Kevin McLeod gave one of his excellent expositions on jets, the meeting was poorly attended – presumably

because of the proximity of the March break. We did have a number of guests including Tim McTigue's daughter shown here:



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Glacier Girl

This from Harold Jones.

I had the pleasure of joining two of my model airplane friends here in Florida to attend the annual Sun' n Fun Fly in at Lakeland Florida.

Sun' n Fun is like a baby sister to Oshkosh. Lots of impressive aircraft. The most interesting to me was a P-38 Lockheed Lightning called "Glacier Girl" that had been salvaged from beneath the ice in Greenland. She was part of a squadron of P-38s and B-17s all of which were forced down on the Greenland Ice cap during a 1942 ferry flight to Britain. They were eventually covered with 268 feet of snow and ice.

Some 50 years later they were finally found with special electronic equipment and a unique machine that melted a shaft to bring them up. Most of the aircraft were destroyed but the one P-38 was thought to be restorable. She was brought up through the shaft in pieces.



Anyway I saw this aircraft do about 10 high speed passes along the flight line at 400+ miles per hour. Those twin Allison engines sounded absolutely magnificent. The owner will only let one pilot fly this aircraft and what a job he does.

Glacier Girl only had 47 hours when she landed on the ice cap and since restoration has another 132 hours in her log. See web site the <http://lostsquadron.com>



A Story

George W. Bush meets with the Queen of England. He asks her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give to me?" "Well," says the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people." Bush frowns. "But how do I know the people around me are really intelligent?" The Queen takes a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy. You just ask them to answer an intelligence riddle."

The Queen pushes a button on her intercom. "Please send Tony Blair in here, would you?" Tony Blair walks into the room. "Yes, my Queen?" The Queen smiles. "Answer me this, please, Tony. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?" Without pausing for a moment, Tony Blair answers, "That would be me." "Yes! Very good," says the Queen.

Back at the White House, Bush asks to speak with vice president Dick Cheney. "Dick, answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?" "I'm not sure," says the vice president. "Let me get back to you on that one." Dick Cheney goes to his advisors and asks every one, but none can give him an answer. Finally, he ends up in the men's room and recognizes Colin Powell's shoes in the next stall. Dick shouts, "Colin! Can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?" Colin Powell yells back, "That's easy. It's me!" Dick Cheney smiles. "Thanks!"

Cheney goes back to the Oval Office and to speak with Bush. "Say, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It's Colin Powell." Bush gets up, stomps over to Dick Cheney, and angrily yells into his face, "No, you idiot! It's Tony Blair!"

Diamonds are forever

A white haired man walked into a jeweler's shop late one Friday, with a beautiful young lady at his side. "I'm looking for a special ring for my girlfriend" he said.

The jeweler looked through his stock and took out a lovely ring priced at \$5,000. "I don't think you understand, I want something very unique"

At that, the jeweler went to get his special stock from the safe. "Here's a stunning ring at just \$40,000."

The girls' eyes sparkled, and the man said that he would take it. "How are you paying?"

"I'll pay by check, but of course you will want to make sure everything is in order at the bank, so I'll write the check and you can phone the bank tomorrow. I'll pick up the ring on Monday."

Monday morning a very teed-off jeweler phoned the man. "You old fart, you lied... there's no money in that account."

"I know, but can't you imagine what a fantastic weekend I had!!!!"

We did it !!!

This from Bill Swindells.

Yup. It's here, we survived the winter. We made it. As of the weekend of April 1, 2, and 3, the Toledo Weak Signals Exposition has become almost recognized as the official start of the year's flying season although some of us have continued to fly all season long.

As can be seen from the pictures, as few of us managed to get the time to experience the event again this year, in it's true fashion. There were wonderful displays of a variety of models, some beautifully detailed, some with fantastic finishes, and some just plain unusual.

It was great to greet and meet many of my friends from other flying clubs which included Olean, N.Y., Hamburg N.Y., Fort Erie, Oakville, Hamilton, Kitchener, Chatham and London, as well as some of our returning Snowbirds from Florida. On the



Friday evening, we gathered together at the Spaghetti House for a peasant dining experience, while others attended the local University to watch and enjoy the Electric Tournament of Champions. There never appears to be enough time during the weekend to take in all of the events happening.

On Saturday, April 23rd, two of our club members, Karl Gross and George Bartkus will be driving to Florida to participate in the Invitational Top Gun Scale contest. Check out the web site at <http://www.franktiano.com/tgflyer.htm>. Three others of us will also be attending, Len Ashdowne of Dundas, Peter Masefield of Burlington and myself of the BRCM. This will also be an opportunity for me to meet a long time internet friend from England, Richard Crapp. Richard has been invited to compete with this spectacular Fairy Swordfish. I hear that the seat covering in the scale model is actually covered with the material that was removed from

the full scale seats when the aircraft was refurbished. There are other stories associated with this aircraft, such as meeting the pilot of the full size aircraft that flew during WW II, and meeting the grandson of the owner of the manufacturing plant where the full scale was built.

Keep an eye on my web site in May at <http://www.mountincable.net/~cdflyer> for pictures of Top Gun. I also have CD's available from the 2004 Flying Season. Over 860 pictures from events, candid shots and flying of our members are on a CD Slide Show. Cost is only a meager \$2.00 per CD. Let me know how many you need.

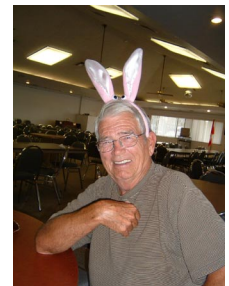
Best of the flying season to all.



There's Easter Bunnies

Then there's this one!

Come on back Bryan, it will be warm by the time you get here.



This Events Calender prepared by Bill Swindells.

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	TIME
April 27 -May 1 April 28	Lakeland Florida Burlington	Top Gun Meeting – technical	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
May 14, 15 May 19 May 26	Keswick Oakville Burlington	Spring Float Fly WW II Scale Combat Meeting - show & tell Speaker WW II Mosquitoes	9:00 AM - 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
May 28,29 May 28	Fergus Oakville	Cdn Model Aerotow Society Electric Fun Fly	9:30 AM start both days 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
June 11,12 June 12 June 12 June 18,19 June 25 June 25	Burlington Buzzard Squadron Oakville Stoney Creek Simcoe Guelph Gremlins	Float Fly at Christie Fun Fly and BBQ Food Bank Air Demonstration IMAAC Contest Fun Fly Fun Fly	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Time ? Time ? 9:00 AM Start 10:00 AM - 3:00PM 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM
July 1	Burlington	Canada Day – BAYVIEW PARK	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
July 2,3 July 9,10 July 9.10 July 9,10 July 15 – 17 July 16 July 16,17 July 16,17 July 24,25	Otterville Olean, N.Y. Hamilton Forest 400 Club Burlington Chatham Niagara Region Hamilton	Fun Fly Scale Rally Scale Aerobatic Contest Scale Rally _ Scale and larger 3D Scale Rally Scale Rally Garth Mitchell Float Fly IMAC Contest	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Time ? 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Aug. 6,7 Aug. 6,7 Aug. 7 Aug 7-14 Aug 13 Aug. 20,21 Aug 27	Hamburg N.Y. Stoney Creek Woodstock MAAC Nationals Oakville Middle Zone Burlington	Scale Rally IMAC Contest Fun Fly Nationals Contest – Chatham Tri-Club Rally Fun Fly Corn Roast & Fun Fly	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Time ? 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Times ? 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 9:00 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sept. 4,5 Sept 10,11	London Kitchener	Scale Aerobatics Scale Rally	Time ? 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sept 17 Sept 17 Sept. 22	Oakville Niagara Region Burlington	Scale Fun Fly Float Fly Meeting - electric & rubber	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Oct. 16 Oct. 27	London Burlington	Swap Meet Meeting	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Nov. 24	Burlington	Meeting – Rubber Race	7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Dec. 15	Burlington	Meeting - Social, swap and videos	7:30 PM - 10:00 PM