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## The Newsletter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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### Those Pesky Model Airplanes

*Paul Chitty:*

In the last few months there have been a number of issues brought to my attention regarding the club rules and the application of same. One note that has just arisen is Rule #4. "No aircraft shall exceed a noise level of 85 db at 7 meters."

The club has a relatively accurate sound meter that is used to test noisy aircraft. However this rule is a little subjective, yes a meter reading of more than 85 db is against the rules, but common sense is used in applying this rule. If an aircraft sounds very loud it will be tested, if it is above 85 db and it is possible to quiet it down, the pilot will be asked to try and achieve the 85 db or close to it. How can we do that? The easiest way is to slow down the prop. But how do you do that? Put a bigger one on, or a different make. Some makes of props are noisier than others. Another option is using a different muffler, yep it's gonna cost you, but if that's the only way then that's how you do it. Prop and muffle for sensible sound levels.

If you need some advice there are numerous web forums on all sorts of RC stuff and this is one such subject. A loud airplane is not necessarily a fast or attractive airplane.

Field managers have access to the sound meter so if you want a voluntary test done just ask one of them to do it for you. You won't be grounded right off the bat but you will be expected to be within limits on your next visit to the field. Pilots who ignore the rule will be asked to stop flying, and continuing to ignore the rule will result in a permanent grounding.

Remember, under certain weather conditions the sound from our planes can travel a long way i.e. into Tyundaga. If the city receives too many complaints we will lose our field.

P.S. by the time you read this the revised rules and field diagram will be posted at Bayview. Please take the time to review them.

Happy building (and repairing) season,  
Paul

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### Our World-class Competitor

*Tim McTigue:*

Back in early August the 2008 FAI World Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft were held

**Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next general meeting. Our speaker is an Australian aviator with wide experience and fascinating insights into aeronautics and aviation in Australia and around the world. We will also be talking and showing the pylon racer for next year and plans will be available.**

in Landres, France. A member of our club, Konstantin Bajaikine, came 34<sup>th</sup> in the F2B (Control Line Precision Aerobatics) competition. Konstantin has been a member of the club for some time - longer than me, and I joined in 2001. He's originally from Russia, and apparently built his plane and even the engine it uses. I think he designed the plane as well. This is at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I've known him to compete at the Worlds, the first time I heard about it was, I think, 2002, and he placed 14<sup>th</sup> at that time. Konstantin also competes at the US Nats, in the Open class, and a few years ago, he placed in the top 5. That was a year when the wind, during the competition, was relentless, and blew at 20mph or more, with gusts much higher than that. Many fliers declined to compete, and some of those who did lost their planes. Konstantin is quite an amazing guy all around and is completely amazing to watch fly.

Tim

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### Summer BBQs

*Ivan Wismayer:*

I just wanted to let everyone know that our annual Corn Roast went off without a hitch and was well attended. Thanks go to Steve Cope who, on behalf of Federal Marine, provided the drink refreshments! This year we had about 50 members attend, which is about usual for this event. We went through six dozen corn and had about a dozen or so members, some with their wives, participate in our grand finale bonfire. It was a great day and good fun was had by all at this member's event.

This event is always held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of August and is well advertised in Skywords and our website. It's our closing social Fun Fly. Let's hope next year's is even better attended.

Also to report, we put on our annual appreciation BBQ for the staff of Bronte Creek Park. This was again well received by the provincial park people and well attended by the Bronte Creek flyers. See last page for photos.

Ivan

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### **OK, where did you go this year?**

*Bill Swindells:*

Radio control model aircraft represents a universal language: It talks to people whose language you don't know; it turns frowns into smiles; it opens lines of communication with those you meet, both at home and abroad.

Years ago, when I first joined BRCM, a long-time member told me with a very straight face, that this was not a flying club! Needless to say, my heart skipped a beat. For a moment, I had this sinking feeling of having walked into the wrong meeting. However, this member quickly added that in fact, this was a social club. All of a sudden, it made great sense as I looked around me, and saw all those small groups of people, quite obviously friends, talking animatedly, renewing contact, getting news from one another and smiling and laughing. RC modeling had brought all of these folks together, but by the same token, it

had made it possible for all these friendships to be born and flourish.

This informed observation turned out to be quite true for me. In my years of membership in this club and attending other clubs' meetings, I have made hundreds of acquaintances, some of whom I am proud to count amongst my closest friends. These relationships have contributed in no small way to my growth as a person, and as a modeler. My world expanded and my appreciation of the hobby has soared to new heights and I have continued to learn from others, and so it can for you.

Again this year, George Bartkus (with his FW-190), and Karl Gross (with his Beechcraft Debonaire), both from our club, received invitations to compete at the prestigious Top Gun event in the latter part of April in Lakeland Florida. Peter Masefield and I were invited to attend as well, (at my own expense \$\$\$), but I had a job to perform, it was my job to call the manoeuvres for both George and Karl on the flight line. Also attending was Len Ashdown from the Dundas Valley Flyers with his Fairey Swordfish. All aircraft flew and competed in this event along side the top notch pilots and builders from all over the world.

This is a marvellous opportunity to hob-knob with the great ones in the RC modeling world. Every year we make new acquaintances and friends, renew old friendships, and re-establish new communications paths with old fellow modelers.

If you find that you are becoming stagnant in the hobby, try visiting another clubs' events, whether it be



**George Bartkus (BRCM) getting the FW-190 ready for flight at Top Gun**

relatively local, or even in another country or part of our country. You will probably not be surprised to realize that you all speak the same and a common language in the world of RC modeling.

So, since we are coming to the close of this year, where are you planning to go next year? Let's hear where you have been or would like to go. As you are probably aware, there are a few core members who attend events with surrounding clubs and even in New York state during the summer months. We are always welcome, we renew these friendships and acquaintances, and have many great laughs and times around the camp fire. Occasionally there is even a few long tales told, but that is another



**Karl Gross (Skycraft Hobbies) at left, Beechcraft Debonaire, and Len Ashdown, holding the aircraft for Top Gun Static Judging**

story for another time.

I will try and get the pictures for Top Gun in Florida, Joe Nall in South Carolina and Hamburg, N.Y. on my web site soon for all to enjoy. Fly fast, fly safe, but always have fun doing it!!!!

Bill



**Len Ashdown (Dundas) with his Fairey Swordfish in Static Judging at Top Gun**

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## Bronte Creek Park Staff Appreciation BBQ



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## Upcoming Events

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	TIME
October 23	Burlington	General Meeting	7:30 PM
November 27	Burlington	General Meeting	7:30 PM
December 18	Burlington	General Meeting	7:30 PM