

SKYWORDS

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October Meeting

Burlington Central Library
7:30 PM Thursday October 28th

There will be a presentation by club members on Multi Engine building and flying.

If you have something to say about multi engine flying, let pul Gentile know in advance

If you have a multi engine aircraft be sure to bring it along



Cliff Goodwin was speaker at September meeting

Our speaker at the September meeting was Cliff Goodwin . Cliff spoke to us about his early days in the Royal Air Force at the onset of WW2. After basic training in the UK he was sent to Georgia (oddly enough passing through Burlington, or Freeman as the railroad station was then called) where he was enrolled in the US Army Aircore for flight training. The USA being neutral at the time, Cliff commented on the difference between the isolationist North and the far more friendly south. After training in PT19's, Texans and Beech twins, Cliff returned to the UK where he was assigned to a Beaufort Squadron. Describing a time when, having lost two of his flight of three Beauforts to four FW190s over the Bay of Biscay, he managed to get home with the ME 109's hot on his tail. He described the situation, with disarming understatement, as "rather dicey".

He was transferred to Mosquitoes and, when asked, said that fast as the Mossie was he preferred the Beaufort as he always felt it would get him home. There is obviously much to be said for well armoured and

heavily gunned warplanes in the eyes of aircrew. Cliff left the Air Force at the end of the war having, in his own words "had enough". Aside from one trip in a friend's private plane he never flew again. Fond memories of Canada from his trip to Georgia drew Cliff back to Freeman (now Burlington) where he taught in junior high's and became a school principle. He still lives in Burlington. During his wartime career Cliff served in the UK, attacking ships over the Atlantic, then in North Africa attacking ships in the Adriatic and then attacking ships along the Norwegian fiords. He was briefly featured in a short movie entitled Ship Busters. You can see it on UTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BouPNI3AnU When the bombers are being dispersed Cliff is the one in the front row smoking.

Al Race thanked our speaker for an interesting and entertaining presentation



Above. Ashley Armstrong tells the crowd what he thinks of people who don't bother to come to our meetings, especially those that need to pick up their Wings.

Below. Charlie Chomos invites a few friends to his cottage each year for a float fly. This year it was in September rather than June. No bugs, much sun and fun. (I hope I get invited next year. Charlie you are a wonderful man!)



President's Letter

I can't believe I'm already doing the second letter of the off season, not that you would notice it's the off season. Bayview field is as busy as usual, especially with the morning crowd.

Having said that it has been increasingly obvious that the numbers flying these days is going down, I don't know why so if anybody has some ideas, please let me know. I know our membership is down a little this year but not significantly.

We've had our first meeting in the new room at the library, my feelings are that it is a very nice venue, all but a little small. When we do show and tell it will be a little tight but I'm sure we will work around that issue with no problems.

There have been some suggestions that we resurrect the Santas Parade float and also put the Mall show back on the events calendar. These two events can be great fun and very rewarding, plus of course it gives us a mid winter RC fix. If anybody is interested in quarterbacking either event please let me know by e.mail or at the meeting on the 28th.

Again I appeal for Volunteers for work parties and field maintenance, Big Nick has done a sterling job at Bayview almost on his own, lets try and spread the load a little next year.

Also on Toms behalf I appeal for submissions to Skywords, come on guys I'm sure there are many interesting projects, situations or pictures that you could share with the rest of us, dig deep and let Tom have something to print.

It was good to see a number of new faces at the last meeting, and they showed a lot of interest, lets all try and recruit new members, it's all good for the growth of the Club and the Hobby in general.

Paul Chitty
President BRCM



Harry Bernard took three float planes to Charlie's Float Fly. All flew impeccably as usual, whereas mine...not so much.

The Naughty Princess

Once upon a time there was a naughty but beautiful princess named Nieuport 28. Her Daddy the King was very proud of her. Unfortunately one day the princess decided to misbehave by parking herself up in a tree.

The King was very distraught. He searched and searched and finally found her. She had placed herself way out of reach very high up in the boughs of the tree. The King realized he must call upon one of the royal arborists to help rescue the rebellious princess. He called several such organizations and their response was "It will cost His Royal Highness \$200 for us just to come to look at it, and we are very busy now so who knows when that will be! And after that, we charge \$200 per hour".

The King was again quite distraught, since he had no intention of rewarding a bunch of shy arborists. But, he then recalled that on the bulletin board in the Bayview shed there was a business card of an arborist named Kevin Davis. The King gave him a call. He was out the very next day bright and early and he only asked for \$50! The whole process only took ½-hr from beginning to end, and Princess Nieuport was very happy to be reunited back in Daddy's arms again!

So, the moral of the story is: if you have an errant princess that decides to park herself in a tree, call Kevin. He has done work for our club before and can be reached at 905 312 9820. Unfortunately his card is no longer on the bulletin board.

And, to end on a happy note, the Princess is now completely restored to health after her ordeal, and should be seen again gracing the skies over Bayview next summer. Hopefully she will have learned her lesson that trees are nasty places.

Cheers,

Hans Christian Reilly



WARNING

When it says "apply glue to hinges", they mean both of them.

Our President, the ever cheerful Paul Chitty, has just demonstrated a one elevator landing and finds time to smile. They say God takes care of drunks and.....
Ooops I better be careful or I won't get any more soldering done free.



A Cessna 337 Skymaster. Commonly known as a Cessna suck and blow. This immaculate scale model belongs to Dave Cummings Gosh it really does look like the full size one...are you kidding me Dave?



Above. Laddie taxis out his...not sure what but it sure did fly well

Below Another of Laddie's designs

Bottom left. Pete Krautter flew a Norm Harris design. Norm built this about a hundred years ago and it flew beautifully in Pete's hands

Top Right. The rescue boat had lots of use due to very high winds.



Mini Float Fly Christie Park - The Aqua-Nuts!!!

Laddie, Uncle Charlie and I are nuts about float flying, so nuts that Charlie hosts a float fly at his cottage every year since 2003 (I think) I too started something in addition to Laddie's June Extravaganza. A Fall Fun fly for the Aqua -Nuts of our Club! We, as a club, have standing permission to fly at the Christie Conservation Park.

Last Thursday, weather permitting and no outside events like a kayak regatta scheduled at the park, we were on! Laddie and I got there at about 8:00 am I loaded with my rescue boat (Sports Pal Flat back canoe) with my trusty Johnson eggbeater to push us along. Shortly after, Pres Paul and his number two, Davey (from the Navy) arrived as did our Chief Master of the Air, Harry Barnard. Tom, the propaganda minister also is there to witness the event. Shortly after our club photographer, Pete Krautter came camera and float plane in hand. Peter has a wonderfully website where he showcase his photos. He took some mightily good photos too! Uncle Charlie had to pass as he had to drive a car somewhere in Ontario. He does this to pass the the time, I guess, gets paid too.



What a show we put on. The day is gorgeous but with 30 Km. winds! Too hot to fly anything right? Not the Aqua-Nuts!

First, the trusty eggbeater was cold and didn't want to work, then after eventually getting it going, our Pres. blasts off (Chitty style) with his Cessna only to rip off his left float! Off I go to retrieve it. To my shock, Paul also comes in the boat. I had nightmares of capsizing and maybe drowning! As we all know, with Paul chaos is the norm. To everyone's surprise the retrieve was rather uneventful. I guess Paul didn't want to get wet?

Back to putting my plane together. Then Off I go to help Dave with his J-3, it too capsized, even before getting going. It began to sink. We rushed out and by the time we got there it was half full of water. Another save. In the meantime Laddie with his electrics is having his third successful flight! Harry is up and away also with his Goldberg Cub followed by a hairy flight with his Smoothly. That Smoothy is about 30 years old and was always on floats.

By now I have my Pa-11 together, it is 10:00 and the wind is worse. Pete has had a good flight with his Smoothly like plane Norm Harris gave him on Gee-Bee floats. Pete now is in photographer mode and snapping photos all over. My engine is running fine and just as I was about to go someone else is in the drink upside down. Tom and Laddie go out to retrieve, but I can't go as with the wind you don't know what to expect. Shut off and wait. Got to start again and the right aileron quit. Fix and now the engine won't rev to max. Something is telling me to pack it up. Didn't give up took

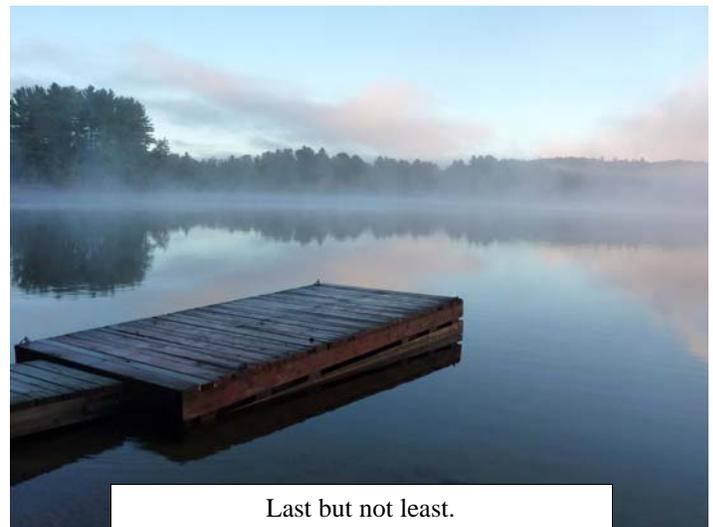
the engine rocker off to check the valves and found to my dismay the rockers were on upside down - Ringoglinto! Fix and the power is back. Off to fly, the aileron goes wacky. Fix and the engine is acting up again. Quit and packed it in. After draining the fuel I started the engine to clear what's left of the fuel and she ran just great. Go figure. It was noon by now we were tired and hungry. We all helped loading the boat and gear on the truck and headed to Horton's for some more laughs.

It was a real Aqua-nut day.

Cheers

Ivan

Ed. Thanks Ivan



Last but not least.
Nothing could be more "Ontario" than this
early morning view of the lake at Charlie
Chomos's cottage.

A special thanks

12 hours before I had to put this edition to bed I had nothing to fill the pages. I put out an appeal and Shazzam! Dave Cummings, Paul Chitty, Ivan Wismayer, Jim Reilly and Pete Krautter responded. Thanks very much Guys.

Remember anyone with a pic or a story..send it to me.