

Skywords

The Newsletter of :
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Next Meeting

Thursday 25th November 7:30 P.M.
Burlington Public Library

Show and Tell

(Bring and Brag)

New model built from scratch?

New ARF?

Something in Between?

Don't leave it to the someone else,
bring it along.



Thanks to Carl Finch for this reminder.



Someone *has* to be able to explain this!

Important To All Members Grass Cutting at Bayview

The Grass has to be cut.

It has to be cut by volunteers.

The volunteers cut the grass when they can.
If you want to decide when the grass should
be cut, volunteer!

It would be nice to have a schedule for grass
cutting, before 8am on Saturday would be
lovely. Unfortunately we do not have anyone
who wants to do that. Also if it is rainy on
Saturday what then? This year the grass had
to be cut every four or five days, how can
you schedule that? If we had a line up of
volunteers we could do it, but we haven't so
we do what we can.

You know that Nick Moskal, who does the
vast majority of the mowing at Bayview, re-
cently had a knee operation. Not one single
non-board member offered to help out while
he was out of action.

The club rule is that when the grass is being
cut you don't fly.

Remember the guy on the cutter would rather
be flying too.



Wayne Bransfield was a long term member of this club, and one time President of MAAC, until he moved to BC a few years ago. Wayne always liked "BIG" models so this Martin Mars is the latest of a long line of multi engine biggies. Specs are. Wingspan 20 feet. Length 15feet. 4X50cc gas engines. Weight approx 130lbs. radio is Futaba. Test flight will be next spring at Sproy Lake Vancouver Island. I'll keep you informed of the results.

[Want to know more about batteries? Here is a good site courtesy of Rob Sleath.](http://www.rchelicoptersonline.com/rc-lipo-batteries.html)

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From Ashley Armstrong

I am building a Dornier 215 Mk B4 twin engine German Photo reconnaissance bomber which needed 2 hemispherical gun blisters and 2 - 3D compound curve triangular cockpit windows. Not having the skills nor equipment to mould these items this is what I came up with:

For the Gun blisters I found in Michaels (handicraft store) clear plastic spherical Christmas ornaments @ 2.5 and 3.5 inch diameters. I used my Hole saw to cut out semi hemispherical discs which looked like a huge contact lenses, and then trimmed them to suit and polyzapped them in position they look great.

For the 3D cockpit windows I carved the shapes I needed in balsa wood and found the best fit in the pointed end of the 2.5 inch diameter spinner blister packs that I had bought for this aircraft marking the rough outline and trimming them to suit, once again polyzapping them in place. This worked out very well.



Norm Harris has found a lipo battery at the Bronte field The person who left it there should contact him. This happened a while back but your editor forgot to put Norm's message in at the time.



Competition

Can anyone identify this aircraft? Tell me how it came to be parked in an Arizona bone yard and I'll publish the most imaginative answer next month.

Ed.



These two pictures of Bronte were taken by Carl Finch using his \$18 camera from China. They were taken this September from his "Zepher Old Timer". Notice the date stamp is three and a bit years wrong. Carl hasn't yet been able to get rid of it or put it right. Perhaps he should have bought the \$19 camara.

A Good Read

"My Heart Is Africa"

by Scott Griffin

Published by Thomas Allen. Toronto

Scott Griffin is a successful businessman in Toronto who, after being thrown out of his own company in a board room putsch, decided to devote a couple of years of his life to a charity. He wanted to do this in Africa and was eventually hired as an unpaid business consultant to the Air Ambulance service in Kenya. He decided to fly his own Cessna 180 to Kenya and his book starts with the journey from Toronto to Kenya.

The descriptions of the journey to Africa and his subsequent travels in Africa are fascinating and form the backbone of the narrative, it's all good stuff and I think any of us would enjoy the read.

His travails in the Air Ambulance service are covered at some length and it is interesting to get the feel of the problems these agencies face. Griffin's disgust with many of the aid workers on the ground in Africa is pointed. To paraphrase him. "A bunch of self important con-artists riding around in expensive Range Rovers while African starve". He can be very blunt.

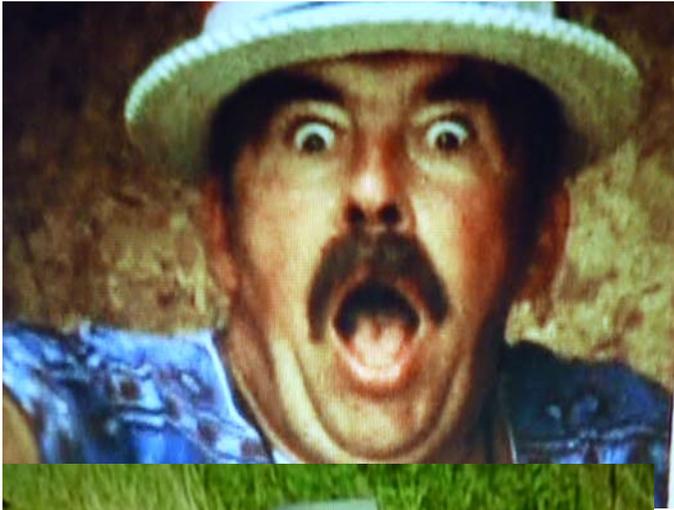
I found that some of the things he did were a bit annoying in their stupidity, such as flying knowingly into other African countries without the right clearances, on one occasion with this wife on board, and landing on very risky surfaces on uninhabited islands. But these escapades add excitement to the story.

He donates all the proceeds from his book to the flying doctors organization. This is the same Scott Griffin that founded the Griffin Poetry Prize.

All in all A Good Read, and available at The Burlington Public Library.



Ashly Armstrong and Peter Goddard (right). Peter arranged for our financial review to be carried out without cost to the club. Thanks Peter.



Anybody identify these club members at an event in the seventies? No prizes.

Brian Dixon wants to sell his 1/4 scale Skywalker (with both wings) and this 72" wingspan Cub. Call Brian for more info.



New Members

We have several new Members, 3 of whom are pictured on the right. Please welcome them to the field and offer any assistance you can to ensure they get that maximum possible from our hobby and club.

There are 5 additional new members and I hope to have their pictures for a future addition of Sky-words. They are Bob Clark, Daniel Joubert, Christian Klepson, Ben Kukucska and Neil Marchant,



Ashley Armstrong's beautiful scale Handley-Page H.P.42 (Hannibal). There were a total of 8 aircraft built, 4 with Bristol Jupiter engines with 490HP and 4 with the supercharged version giving 555HP. The H.P.42 first flew in 1930 and stayed in service till 1940 including 2 years with the RAF. No lives were lost in this aircraft, believed to be a record.

First flight of Ashley's model should be in 2011



Vern Cantlon



Dennis Fell



Ted Karluk