

SKYWORDS

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SAFETY MATTERS—MIKE BLOCK

We've encountered some safety issues this year that fortunately were minor, but could easily have gone bad and been much worse. So, this has prompted me to put together a quick review of some very simple, preventative measures that we can do. We all get complacent at times and that's exactly when you get bitten.

I see very few people checking range. We've become so confident in the new 2.4 radios that we abandon the manufacturers recommendations and don't do a range check before flying. Each aircraft you bring should be range checked at the beginning of the flying session. The range check can identify a number of issues that need attention before the aircraft gets off the ground.

Do a control surface check. Be sure to do a thorough check of the direction of the control surfaces. We have all seen or maybe been the guy to take off with reversed ailerons. You can take it a step further by giving the control surfaces a gentle tug to make sure they are secure.

Make sure your batteries are charged. Don't depend on the charge that is left over from the last flying session. Many battery types self discharge when idle. When you do charge your batteries make sure they take the charge. Some battery types like NIMH for example are prone to "false peaking" on the charger so, unless you know how many Ma when in, you don't really know if it is charged or not. Many new transmitters use NIMH batteries.

We recently had a fly away at Bayview when the TX battery gave out. The plane did 5 or 6 circuits over the dog park area before crashing into a tree!

Set your failsafe. This is very important. All the new 2.4 systems incorporate a failsafe but it's no good if it's not set. The failsafe should send your throttle to idle or shut it off in the case of RF loss. This prevents the aircraft from flying away out of control. Test the failsafe to make sure you have it right. If you are using one of the popular JR/Spectrum radios, the failsafe is set during the bind process. This is why it's very important that after a new plane is set up, it's rebound .. In order to set the failsafe.

Turn your plane off when you return to the pits. This is most important for electrics. We've had a couple of incidents both at Bayview and Bronte where pilots have not unplugged their electric plane, started to fly another one, and both planes try to take off!

No one has been hurt yet. ***Please be aware of safety and focus on what we are doing.***

Mike

This is a letter from Joe Fazzari that may be of interest to Club Members:

“The following are two items that club members will be working on during the summer months. Your input and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

1. BRCM CLUB PATCH - Joe and some fellow club members feel we should have a club patch and would like to take the lead in developing one for our club. Your input with ideas and even drawing would be appreciated.
2. BRCM AVIATION COMPETITION EVENT - again Joe and fellow club members feel some kind of fun fly should be offered to club members in the fall and are prepared to organize it. The original idea includes possible fun events such as Bean Bag Target drop; 3 man / plane relay race ; limbo competition. During the summer they would like to develop a short list of potential events for the fun fly; define the rules for each event; test these rules and fine tune as needed; select the events and rules that are actually viable.

Assistance is requested from club members to;

- A. Create a list of potential events
- B. Review the rules to see if they are actually workable
- C. Assist in testing the chosen events
- D. Review the plans for the Fun Fly and provide suitable input.

To keep interested club members up to date there is a web site at home.cogeco.ca/~brcmstuff. In addition to the details of the above topics this web site also provides instructions on communication regarding these items. Joe“

Editors Note: I have edited Joe’s letter but believe the purpose of the letter has not been changed. If you have input for a Fun Fly please communicate with Joe and his group. Al

PHOTOS FROM MAY 2013 MEETING



Dave Cummings beautiful Super -
Decathlon ARF from Hanger Nine
DLE111 Engine with 138 Inch Wing-
span There is no hiding this one from
Anne!

*What is wrong in this
photo?*



Carl Finch presented Tim Bid-
well with his Wings Certificate.
Well done, Tim.



Louis Lopez demonstrated his
method of preparing foam aircraft
for scale painting.
Most impressive.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Ian Brown advises that Paul Chitty will be in Burlington June 13th and has called a meeting for all volunteers for War Birds Over the Bay at 7 pm at Bayview Park.

IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT please plan to be there. We can get all our questions answered and jobs assigned.

See you there

Al

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13 War Birds over the Bay meeting 7 pm Bayview

June 15 and 16 CWH Airshow at Mount Hope

July 1 Canada Day Fun Fly at Bayview

July 13 STARS 36 Annual Scale Rally—Olean, NY.

July 19, 20, 21 Warbirds and Classics over Chatham, Ont.

July 27 and 28 War Birds over the Bay at Bayview Park

Aug 2, 3 & 4 Flying Knights Hamburg NY Scale Rally

Sept 7 & 8 KW Dutchmen Scale Rally—Kitchener, Ont.

WARBIRDS OVER THE BAY



Burlington Radio Control Modelers

July 27th & 28th, 2013

**At the BAYVIEW MODEL AIRPORT
1800 King Rd. Burlington ON
CANADA**

Event is open to military aircraft of any era, Jet and Helicopters welcome (no camo trainers please) MAAC or AMA required to fly.

No charge overnight camping (no hookups) 110v power available for charging electrics, radios etc. Pre Register for Camping is recommended.

Pre Registration \$10.00 before June 30, 2013..... \$15.00 on the day

Food, Fun, Fellowship, Raffles and Pilot draws.

A \$5.00 per car donation will be requested at the gate for spectators to be donated to a local charity.



This is a WAAC sanctioned event

*For further information and directions please see: www.brcm.org or contact
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