

# SKYWORDS

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From the President – Dave Cummings

**Unbelievable weather we're having, after such a crappy spring. We've been blessed with a season of the best fall flying weather conditions that I know of. Ten consecutive days of blue skies, no wind and super flying conditions.**

I'm just getting back from a day at Bayview and fun fly with Joe Farazzi's group of volunteers and corn roast. There was an array of fun events that participants and spectators enjoyed. Thanks Joe for putting this together. Let's make sure it's on the calendar for next year.

We had our opening "Back to our General Meetings" event on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Great turn out with 58 members showing up. It sure it had everything to do with Mr. Tom Gwinnett who demonstrated his prowess of auctioneering. Gord Watson a former member of our club decided to donate his life-long hanger contents to our club to sell off, with all proceeds going to our club. Tom and Lawrence loaded up their two vehicles and stored these contents in Tom's basement for a few weeks. Tom's wife Kay contributed by saying Tom would need to move out to the street curb, to watch over this stuff until he arrange to get rid of it, or maybe the translation was, "to find a new home for it and you!"

We'll, this past GM we had one of the best auctions and fun time events, conducted by Tom. He really has missed his calling as an auctioneer... although I think the effort had everything to do with regaining access to his basement. Tom had hoped to obtain an approx. value of \$600.00 for Gord's equipment. At the end of the auction we made just shy of \$1,100.00. Thanks Gord and Tom for this contribution.

The other Hi-lite of the month was the great opportunity to further expose our club to the media. Just last week, I had a call from Nicola Jones from CHCH TV Hamilton. Out of the blue she asked if she could feature our club on a TV segment call: "Take it Out Doors" Nicola had lived in Burlington for a number of years and always remember seeing our planes fly, as she drove to Hamilton along the 403. I agreed this would be a fantastic opportunity to show the TV audience of CHCH broadcasting, what we are all about. For an inside look of what came down, check the following links:

Part one: <http://www.chch.com/take-outside-burlington-radio-control-modellers-club/>

Part Two: <http://www.chch.com/take-outside-flying-basics/>

I'm so pleased with the activities over the past several months that make our club one of the best RC flying venues in Southern Ontario.

**Dave**

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



“Auctioneer” Tom Gwinnett holding forth selling Gord Watson’s kits, motors, engines and airplanes. Gord donated his hanger to the club—Tom through hard work and skulldugery raised about \$1100 for the club’s coffers. Thanks to Gord, Tom and all the buyers.



Don Irvine brought his finished Hughes MD500 Tow Defender. Great job, Don.



Dave Cummings brought his new blue and white Piper Cub to show everyone.

Gary Arthur brought his refurbished CF18—hope it can fly off the new runway, Gary.



## September Meeting Cont'd



Instructor Ivan Wismayer presented Wade Woppler and Nick Colonna with their Wings Certificates.



New Member Julie Armstrong



New Member Fred Fish



Instructor Laddie Mikulasko presented his student Bernie Fedusko with his wings certificate.

### MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at Burlington Central Library on New Street at 730 pm  
Thursday nights:

October 24th, 2013

November 28th, 2013

December 19th, 2013

January 23rd, 2014

February 27th, 2014

March 27th, 2014

April 24th, 2014

May 22nd, 2014

**War Birds**

**July 26/27 2014**

In September's issue of Skywords we showed photos of Karl balancing his Cessna Crane. I have reports of a successful maiden flight on Sunday Sept 29th. Congratulations Karl.



Work party Sunday September 15th cleaning up the field after the runway was paved.  
**Thanks a lot, guys.**

### CHCH TV at Bayview Sept 24, 2013

Weather lady Nicola Jones interviewed Dave Cummings for her show "Take it Out Doors" which aired Thursday and Friday Sept 26/27. Karl and Dave flew their Piper Pawnees in formation, Gary Arthur and Rich Muller flew jets, and Dan Black flew his smokin' biplane for the camera.





**Hamburg NY Scale Rally** was hosted by the Hamburg Flying Knights again this year the first weekend of August. This event draws many flyers from NY, PA and Ontario. Karl Gross and I attended, this being my 15th year, and Karl's 2nd year. Camping is in the parking lot at the Recreation Centre where the flying field is located which includes a grass strip and a paved runway. The usual food is offered at reasonable prices BUT the big attraction is on Saturday night at 6 PM when all are invited to a free pot luck dinner which includes more food than you can possibly put on your plate and seconds are expected by the hosts. If you leave hungry, it's your own fault!

As part of the RC Gypsies Group, I am always welcome and now Karl is an honorary member of the group around the after-dark campfire when snacks are passed around and sessions of deep discussion about flying and the days events take place. Come with us next year. Visiting pilots are made welcome and appreciated for attending the event.

Bill Swindells



The STARS (Southern Tier Aero Radio Society) held their 36th Annual Scale Rally on July 13th and 14th. The event is held at the Olean Municipal Airport with the airport closed to air traffic during the two days from 9 am to 5 pm.

Many campers arrive on Wednesday at the 2200 ft elevation runway. Usually some tweaking of the needle valve is required at that altitude. The airport is located on the top of a mountain, offering spectacular sunrises and sunsets when the skies are clear. Being away from the city lights the stars are so bright and many nights they are spectacular.

This is probably my 15th or 16th trip to this event where every club member must volunteer time for the event. Members do not fly during the event. During the day, food is supplied by the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department. Each registered pilot receives food tickets for at least one lunch with a drink. Courtesy of the host club is paramount, with a hosted wine and cheese party at 6 PM on Saturday until whenever the wine is depleted. Then the campfire discussions reviewing the events of the day begin.

This event should be attended at least once in your lifetime as you will be welcomed by everyone. Camping is welcomed no matter whether you have a motor home or a tent, or even sleeping in the back of your van.

Bill Swindells

