

SKYWORDS

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From the President – Dave Cummings

What a difference a few weeks make!

It truly was a spectacular fall. I've never seen the trees and colours last so long in our region. It certainly provided a lot of extended flying opportunities and for some of those late summer project test flights. Karl Gross gave us quite a thrill with his New Cessna Crane. The roar of those twin Moki radial engines in sync, made it just a fabulous experience. He also got his new ¼ Scale Hanger 9 Super Cub up in the air, on one of the last reasonable weather days. You should see what he is working on next. You got that right.. it is BIG! (Pg 5—Ed)

We're getting more and more members and guests out to our General Meetings this year. I know everyone is pleased with the meeting format. "**More entertainment with a short business meeting, at the end**". Attendance has been in the 50 to 60's for the last several meetings. We don't want to run out of entertainment ideas, so if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see happening at upcoming General Meetings, please let us know. Drop anyone of the Board Members an e-mail or a phone call. We'd appreciate your input. If you haven't made it out recently, each month we now alternate the 50/50 draw (cash certificates at Skycraft) with our "Tools" draw. Works great. Bring five bucks and go home with some excellent prizes.

Novembers' Entertainment theme will be a "Swap Meet". Bring whatever you didn't manage to sell at the recent London Swap and cash it in on Thursday November 28th. We've arranged to have extra tables to display your items. Charlie Chomos will be showing his WOB 2013 Video while the Swap Meet is running. He'll also have DVD copies available for sale. So don't forget to come and bring your buddies who are on the fence about getting into the hobby. Lawrence will be accepting 2014 renewals and would love to register some new members too.

See you there,

Dave

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH 7.30 PM

GARAGE SALE—BRING MODEL STUFF YOU WANT TO SELL AND BRING SOME MONEY TO BUY OTHER MEMBERS UNWANTED/ UNNEEDED MODEL AIRPLANE STUFF.

Joe Fazzari writes;

CLUB PATCH

The presentation on the proposal to develop a club patch at the October meeting generated considerable constructive discussion and a clarification of positions related to the concept.

I doubt that many members are interested in the details of these discussions so I will not bore you with them at this time, although I am prepared to share them with anyone who is interested.

The bottom line is as follows:

At this time there is no interest on the part of the club to develop a club patch.

The club executive sees no problem with individual members who are interested in developing a patch doing so at their own expense.

In addition, the executive has no problem with the inclusion of the club name and/or logo on a patch designed and produced by individual club members.

As a result, we have decided on the following patch designs. We will produce them for our own use on a iron on/heat transfer medium which is cost effective for small quantities. If anyone would like a copy of the art work to produce their own patch in a similar manner please let me know. Interest has also been expressed in having the design reproduced as an embroidered patch. The cost would obviously depend on the number produced but it is expected to be between \$5.00 and \$10.00 per unit with the unit price decreasing with increasing quantities. Please communicate your interest in the patch by emailing your request to brcmstuff@cogeco.ca.

Patch A



Patch B



FALL FUN FLY

On September 29th some of the newer members to the BRCM organized a Fall Fun Fly and Corn Roast. This event was initiated by Bill Ayre. The sun shone brightly but the winds were verging on the high end of safe flying. This did not deter about 10 of our keener members, of all age brackets, from participating in the flying events. A number of members emailed their regrets and conveyed their encouragement and best wishes for the event. The organizers were quite pleased with the attendance, level of participation and support, and are interested in organizing a similar event next fall.

Some of the veteran members indicated that the participation was not at the level of the “hey days” of the club. We understand that at one time the club had 250 members and that times have changed with more work and family demands being placed on the club members. The newer members do not have a baseline to evaluate the degree of success of such events, but as was mentioned, the organizing group were pleased with the Fall Fun Fly and are willing to organize it again next year if the membership feels it is a worthwhile event.

Joe Fazzari

AN IDEA—WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I am about to undertake what is for me a substantial renovation in my house. It's likely children play for some of you and that lead me to think about how to find club members who have particular skills and would like to employ them. So why not use our club's communications to help members find skilled help within the club's membership?

Since I look after the membership that seems to be a good place to start. What I have in mind is a very short description of a member's skill set that he has to offer on whatever basis he might choose. The description might be confined to a few words eg; carpenter, plumber, painter, etc. that I would add to the membership spread sheet which is available to members who ask for it. In addition, I would like to think about a “skills exchange” section on our web site. This could be public or confined to BRCM members.

So that's it up to this point. If you are interested in this mild form of advertising let me know by email at Binker@sympatico.ca; let me know who you are together with a short description of your skill set and any other comment you may care to make. If there is enough interest I'll try to work out how best to accomplish this task.

Lawrence Cragg



MEETING DATES

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

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

Steve Bigg from AIR COMBAT ZONE in Mississauga addressed the October meeting with details of their Air Combat experience, and his new business titled "LOCKED ON PHOTOGRAPHY".

A number of members indicated willingness to do some air combat on CF18 simulators. Should be fun.



Derek Solodzuk received his Wings Certificate from instructor John Moschini.

Congratulations
Derek.

Bill Swindells sent along two pictures of Karl Gross' Sikorsky under construction in his workshop/garage. Sure is big. Note the stuff in the background—a number of large aircraft hanging from the ceiling or leaning in the corner. That's only a part of Karl's hanger.

Karl inherited the Sikorsky already partly built and now has to find out where all the parts and fittings go! This will keep him out of the pool halls for a while.



Ted Pritlove updates us on the Jet Scene at BRCM:

Over the past summer, our Jet members have been busy flying at Wingham and Welland airports as well as the Flying Tigers and our Bayview R/C air fields. So here is an up-date:

Mike Block's new jet is an F-4 Phantom in US Marine Corps colours. This monster is 98 inches long with a wing span of 63 inches. The finished weight will be 40 lbs. and will have a 40 lb. thrust turbine. Cool!

Gary Arthur has purchased an Ultra Flash. This is a more streamlined version of the Flash Sport Jet family. Gary has yet to maiden his big F-18. He said the F-18 sure draws a crowd when he taxis it up and down his street. (I'll bet it does—ed)

Rich Muller has purchased one of Gary's Flash Sport jets. Rich's L-39 has seen a lot of air time this summer. A beautifully painted model.

Doug Mathews has also purchased a Flash and I hear he flies it very low and very fast.

Our new Jet pilot is Trevor Brum. Trevor, a former Flying Tigers member, has a jet hanger filled with an A-10, twin turbine F-18 Hawk, a Flash Sport and others.

Eric Klepesch has built a large foamy T-33 in Canadian colours. This jet is 60 inches long with a 64 inch wing-span and will be powered by the new EPF Mercury Alloy 90 mm fan- 1600 KV motor on 10 cell 5500 mah Lipos. As soon as we get some good flying weather this 11 lb. T-33 will be maiden. Can't wait.

I crunched my Venom on a "failed go-round" due to a low battery. Repairs—well maybe! Eric Klepesch has given my Swiss coloured Habu a new power system. He installed a well balanced C-10 (10 blades) fan and re-located a more powerful ESC into the intake duct for better cooling. Those who have seen the Habu fly are amazed at the quiet and jet-like sound this aircraft now has.

I can't wait for spring to see Mike's F-4 and Gary's Ultra Flash and F-18 fly.

Cheers

Ted Pritlove

A-10 at Hamilton June 2013

