

# SKYWORDS

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Greetings from your new President- Mike Block

We're off to a solid start to the 2014 season.

A new board was duly elected in a good ol' fashioned election at the January General Meeting. A remarkable example of democracy at it's finest!

I'm looking forward to working with the new team. We have assembled a strong group with a variety of expertise to draw on. Already, we've had our first board meeting and have been hard at work assigning some key portfolios to various board members:

Joe Baus is the new BRCM Helicopter Liaison. Joe will provide input to the board with respect to the needs of our growing group of chopper pilots.

Gary Arthur is the new club Jet Liaison. Jets are another segment of our club experiencing high growth. At time of writing, I count 12 turbine pilots within our ranks, presently 10% of our membership! Gary also sits on the MAAC Jet Committee.

A team of myself, Dan Black and Rich Muller has taken on the huge challenge of planning our general meetings. Under Past President Dave Cummings, a new meeting format was developed that puts entertainment first, club business second, thus resulting in much improved attendance at our General Meetings.

The new board plans to continue this great formula and is looking for the membership to step forward and share your modeling talents with the rest of us. Idea's for "how to" seminars are always welcome!

Karl Gross has been a great asset as the club Safety Officer and will continue in this key role. Carl Finch will continue to run our wings program and will be soon be announcing a schedule for the ground school this spring. Paul Chitty, of course will continue to run the club's popular Warbirds over the Bay event with the assistance of Ian Brown.

Tom Gwinnett will take on the role of BRCM Public Relations. Doug Edwards has again volunteered to manage at Bayview field and Ivan Wismayer will continue as the Bronte field manager.

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President—continued

The Board's focus to start this season will be on finding a suitable replacement for the defunct Bronte Chickee and filling the 4 inch dip in the new Bayview runway.

We are also looking to improve communication between the board and the club membership. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with your concerns. Communication is particularly important in my case as I do not reside close to the field. If something notable is happening there, don't assume that I'm aware of it!

Get involved with YOUR club this year. There will be times when we need both your brains and your brawn! By the time summer rolls around I expect to have 160 plus members. Lets not expect 12 guys to do all the work.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Feb 27th General Meeting where our own 'Master Modeler' Karl Gross will demystify the 'Art of Soldering'. You'll find me at the front of the line for this one.

Mike Block

## 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

At our Annual Meeting in January the following were elected to our Board of Directors for the coming year.

### **EXECUTIVE;**

PRESIDENT - Mike Block

VICE-PRESIDENT - Ashley Armstrong

TREASURER - Lawrence Cragg

SECRETARY - Joe Fazzari

### **DIRECTORS;**

Dave Cummings ( Past President)

Carl Finch      Karl Gross

Ian Brown      Dan Black

Gary Arthur      Tom Gwinnett

Joe Baus      Richard Muller

*OLD MANAGEMENT SAYING*

*If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.*



## B.R.C.M. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014

Back Row: Karl Gross Dan Black Richard Muller

Middle; Carl Finch Ashley Armstong Tom Gwinnett Joe Baus Ian Brown

Front Row: Dave Cummings Mike Block Lawrence Cragg

Absent From Photo: Joe Fazzari and Gary Arthur

**Bristol Beaufort A9-141** under restoration near Brisbane, Australia.

Very similar to the Bolingbroke under restoration at the Warplane Heritage in Mount Hope.

Trust the ladies will attend the CWH roll-out!

Photo courtesy of FLYPAST magazine



Paul Chitty

Fairey Gannett

Details next page.



Not being the best note-taker I had to email Paul for some info on his model. Here is his reply. Thought other members might be interested. Al

Hi Al,

Info on the **Gannet**. The motors are 100amp contra rotating with Master Airscrew 16x8 three blade props. It has operational extending Radome for search radar, bomb bay doors and two torpedo drops, extending Arrestor hook. electric retracts and split flaps. The battery is a 22.2v 8000mAH 6cell Nano Tec Lipo from Turnigy. The crew consists of three people, a Pilot and two Observers, the first one being the Navigator and weapons officer and the back seat is the Radar operator ( the front 2 are there to ferry the rear guy around !!! ). The full size airplane can also drop a string of Sona Bouys. ( Sonar system used to triangulate on submerged submarines ). The rear seat Observer would also operate that system.

One of the reasons I was so interested in the Gannet was because the roll it played for the navy was similar to the role my first operational RAF sqdn played and it used similar methods to find subs, i.e. Air to Surface Vessel Radar. ( ASV Mk 21 ) and Sona Bouys both of which systems I maintained as an Airborne Radar Tech.

If you need anything else give me a call, and could you send me the photos you took, I want to send them to my older brother who was an RN helicopter pilot and he flew in the COD version of the Gannet several times.

Paul

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

***February 27 - General Meeting***

***March 27 - General Meeting***

***April 4/6 - Toledo Show***

***April 24 - General Meeting***

***May 10/17— Joe Nall***

***May 22 - General Meeting (Last until Sept.)***

## MAAC Annual Zone Meeting - January 18, 2014

Members present - 14, meeting chaired by Roy Rymer, Zone Director

MAAC membership up slightly this year

**New Deputy Zone Director** - Andy Falkna - Rose City Model Flyers - plans to attend as many events within the zone as possible, and to be visible to Zone Clubs

**Nomination for Awards from Zone** - 4 for Leader Memberships, 1 - Hall of Fame

Clubs should enter mentoring programs and encourage members to engage in workshops, and information sessions to transfer their knowledge to less capable members, and also bring new members into the hobby/sport.

**Nominations for Committee Chairpersons or Members** - Gary Arthur for RC Jet Committee, BRCM

**Recommendations to By-Laws** - FAI travel funds NOT be paid until individual reports are submitted, so that competing members fulfill their obligations to earn these funds.

**Safety**, some changes to the existing Recommendations and Code to be updated soon. All MAAC members should familiarized themselves with the Codes as part of their commitment to MAAC and signing of their membership card. On the card that arrives with your MAAC card, it states: "**All members shall review and comply with the MAAC Safety Code, .....**"

Safety information is available on the MAAC website at: [http://maac.ca/committees/maac\\_committee.php?cm=33](http://maac.ca/committees/maac_committee.php?cm=33)

**MAAC Coupons** - Coupons are available for Junior members for a one year MAAC membership. This gives the youth an opportunity to become familiar with MAAC and a local club although the youth is still required to pay for the club membership. These are available upon request from our Zone Director.

**Next Annual Zone Meeting** - October 18th, 2014, Brantford Information Centre, 10 AM

This is a great opportunity to meet interested members from other clubs and discuss events and opportunities about modeling, and well worth a few hours once a year of our time.

Bill Swindells - MAAC 47841L

### STUFF WANTED OR FOR SALE

If members wish to advertise modelling stuff for sale, or if there are things they want that other members may be willing to sell, let me know and we will try to create a column.

I will need some details (photo sometimes useful) with price and contact info.

Email me at [skywords@brcm.org](mailto:skywords@brcm.org)