

SKYWORDS

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We are saddened to report that our friend and BRCM founding member Harry Barnard passed away Saturday May 14 at the age of 83. We will miss him.

Ted Pritlove writes

HARRY BARNARD—MASTER BUILDER AND PILOT

Harry Barnard was a good man! He was a friend to many in our Burlington R/C Club and many of us benefited from his vast knowledge of engines, electronics, building and flying techniques.

Harry was a good man for our club. He was a founding member, a past president, secretary and for many years a director. He represented our club when he won the Canadian Scale Championship Trophy with his J-3 Cub and has won many other smaller scale awards. For many years he was our Chief Pilot and flight-tested many of our creations. He was always available as an instructor for new and existing members. I asked Harry recently how many people he had instructed—he said that he didn't know but it must be between 30 and 40 people.

Harry was a good man for MAAC. He was a member of the Giant Scale Committee and judged at many events across Canada for scale and pattern contests. He was invited to judge for the World Championships in France and said he loved the food and the wine even though he couldn't drink that much.

In my 35 years of being a friend, our conversations always drifted to cars—new and old, aircraft—full scale (not jets) and models (not jets) and his family. He was very proud of his four children and adored his wife, Angela.

HARRY BARNARD WAS A GOOD MAN.

Ted Pritlove.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2016

Now that the flying season has really started it is imperative that all pilots be aware that safety and courtesy to others is everybody's responsibility.

SAFETY

Some of the things to remember.

According to Burlington Hydro, the un-insulated power line at the east end of the field carries 2,400 volts AC ,so if perchance your aircraft becomes hung up on this line **DO NOT TRY TO RETRIEVE IT BUT CALL BURLINGTON HYDRO, YOU COULD BE VERY BADLY HURT / KILLED , PLEASE ADVISE ANY GUEST FLYERS.**

From reports in the newspaper and on the Wireless, Lyme Disease is becoming more prevalent in southern Ontario. This is spread by small ticks which like to live in long grass. Bayview and Bronte have large areas of long grass around the fields, if you have to retrieve your plane from these areas you should preferably be wearing long trousers tucked into your socks. Boots are very much better than open toed sandals, when you exit from the long grass you should check that no ticks are sticking on your clothes. Check the Internet for a full description of this disease. Not nice

One of our rules / guidelines is not to fly alone. If you have a serious injury you may have to be driven to the Hospital, in addition it don't go hunting for your plane in the woods or Death valley ALONE just in case you have an accident, always let somebody know where you are going.

Let other pilots, who are flying, know your intentions with respect to **TAKING OFF LANDING OR GOING ONTO THE FIELD so they can stay up high out of danger.**

If you are flying more than one Electric aircraft please be sure that the one that is not flying has been switched off prior to taking the other up.

My belief is that this club must try to try accommodate all member's needs with respect to the types and sizes of aircraft that they fly. It is unfortunate that Bayview has been built backwards, i.e. The active grass runway is between the flight line and the asphalt runway, there has been much discussion on installing Geotech Taxiways so order that small wheeled aircraft have the ability to taxi out to the Asphalt runway. There are strong arguments for and against them. So the board has decided on 2 lines of attack. The first is that we have rolled the field and in addition we have embarked on a regimen of Weed , Feed , and Seeding to improve the quality of the grass. However water is always a problem Doug Edwards is looking into a solution for this.

The 2 nd line of attack is to present to the club members at the next GM (May 26 th) a **COMPROMISE** layout for a Geotech runway starting at the west end of the flight line going out to the west end of the runway. Hopefully a solution will be reached.

Doug Edwards has received Quotations on completely installing new chain link fencing at Bayview , as what we have right now looks pretty ratty. This will be presented at the next GM for your vote and approval.

Wade Wepler and Myself attended a meeting at the Rifle Club this past week and it would appear that we would be able to tie into their Internet system so that we can either have our own weather system or use their's Wade is looking after this, Our discussions with the Rifle Club will continue as we might have mutual interests.

On a lighter note it was brought to my attention via an e-mail that was forwarded to me that my report of last month was completely missing lower case letters. The club member asked whether my computer had run out of said letters. I had not noticed this so had Microsoft e-mail a whole bunch to me as you will notice in this report .

But thing that really impressed me the most was the courage of this member to admit to a third party that he had actually read Skywords. Wow !!!

Ashley

E—DAY AT BAYVIEW



Any aircraft powered by battery is welcome to fly that day; foamies, helis, multi-rotors etc etc. No gas or nitro aircraft, nor jets (except electric ducted fans) may fly from 0900 to 1500 hours..

There will be no cost to fly, charging stations will be available, lunch of hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. BRCM members or their guests only please. Must have MAAC or AMA to fly.

For info call Al Race 905-637-0739

WARBIRDS OVER THE BAY



Bayview Park | 1800 King Road | Burlington

July 23 start 8:30 | July 24 start 9:30



MAAC/AMA Membership Required
Overnight Camping Available (no services)
Pre-Registration \$15.00 before June 2nd
Thereafter \$20.00, including day of event
Open to military aircraft of any era
with focus on Naval Aircraft



For details see www.brcm.org, or contact
Event Coordinator - Ian Brown @ (905) 690-1249

Bronte Our Other field

Here is an offer to those of you that have never flown, or even been to our “other field” at Bronte.



I know it costs \$15 or so to get in without an annual pass and that is a big disincentive, but if you would like to visit, email me and I will arrange for you to be met at the Timmies on Burloak Road north of the QEW and taken in by someone with an annual pass. (These cost \$125. which when you think about it is the cost of a heavy landing in many models)

We have about 30 members that fly at Bronte and we have room for more.

NOTE: Best flying is in the mornings as the sun is behind you.

Bronte is a smaller field but we fly all kinds and sizes of models except Jets (The park has fire concerns and frankly we haven't enough air space for jets)

It is a grass runway but fixed u/c EDF's like Habu also work as do bungy and of course hand launched models.

We have short approaches especially with East winds so big gassers and 1/4 scale warbirds might have problems flying inside our envelope.

You will find the nicest bunch of people in modeldom so come out and visit, you will be very welcome and it is your field.

Tom Gwinnett
gwinnett@cogeco.ca





I wonder whose aircraft this is? Photo taken during 2015 flying season—WAY, WAY WAY TOO FAR EAST OF OUR FIELD. If this was you, or could have been you, you risk us losing Bayview. PLEASE FLY WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES. Thank you. Al

SAVE THESE DATES / 2016

**May 26 General Meeting
(Last before summer)
Central Library 7 pm**

**FLOAT FLY
June 11 and 12
Christie Conservation Area**

**SCALE RALLY
June 18, Bayview**

**SOUTHERN ONTARIO GIANT SCALE RALLY
Stoney Creek Airport
June 24 and 25**

**CANADA DAY FUN FLY
July 1, Bayview**

**WAR BIRDS OVER THE BAY
July 23/24 Bayview Field**

**ELECTRIC—ONLY DAY
August 20, Bayview**

**September 22 General Meeting
Central Library 7 pm**

BRCM General Meeting Minutes – Thursday April 28, 2016

Motion to open meeting by T. Madge and D. Edwards was passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of March 24, 2016 meeting as documented and circulated by G. McGill and seconded by D. Matthews was passed.

Guests / New Members: Ken Weaver

IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

DATE	RESPONSIBILITY	DETAILS	STATUS
Apr 23	A Armstrong	Report on City Joint Venture Mtg	Waiting on city
Apr 23	W Weppler	Investigating Geotech runway for Bronte	
Apr 23	J Fazzari	2 nd Bayview outside charging stations report	On hold
	J Fazzari	Bayview Weather Station	On hold
Mar/16	T Brum	Pathforward – Geotex Taxiways	For May Meeting
Mar/16	T Brum	Pathforward – Field Improvements (Spending Your Mon-	For May Meeting
Mar/16	A Armstrong	Motion by J. Fazzari – Long Term Vision	To be discussed at next Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Burlington Gun Club Expansion

BRCM Exec and Burlington Rifle Club Exec to meet May 9th – will discuss synergies such as water, internet and potentially getting old building if structurally safe to relocate without falling apart

New City Contract

Indications were that A Armstrong and L Cragg might be able to meet with city officials to discuss the contract by the end of January. They are waiting for the city officials to advise of the date of the meeting.

Joint Venture Group

A Armstrong will meet with Joint Venture group on May 17th to show that what BRCM is all about to assist in their efforts to develop and general contract template for all organizations in Burlington

UPDATES

Club Membership and Financials

Next report to be given at May General Meeting (L. Cragg was ill and did not make this meeting)

Wings

12 students enrolled to date. Six are 15years of age and younger. 9 students attended recent ground school

Bronte Field Update

Parking lot is usable, field looks dry, field will be rolled soon. Flying to start on Sat Apr 30th

Bayview Field Update

Field was recently rolled. Looking at purchasing a pull-behind roller for tractor

Quotes for grass improvement program to be reviewed with Executive at upcoming board meeting and presented at May General Meeting.

Quotes for fencing to be reviewed with Executive at upcoming board meeting and presented at May General Meeting.

D. Edwards has been investigating grass improvement solutions. After discussion with many landscaping companies, suggested best approach is to fertilize and do a weed kill. Investigation also underway for water tanks.

Mowing schedule currently being developed. Anyone interested, please talk to D. Edwards. Currently short of help and need volunteers

Reminder to All.... Garbage Bags need to be changed. Do Not Leave for Others

Spending Your Money

Board to get back to membership for May meeting.

Warbirds

F4U Corsair is this year's volunteer prize. 19 volunteers so far, expecting 25 to make this a success

Taxiways

Discussion was had about pros and cons of taxiways. Appears that membership is divided on the concept.

A. Armstrong suggested the board take another "kick at the can" on this point at the next Board Meeting and come to the May General Meeting with a game plan to resolve this topic.

Hamilton Warplane Museum Donation

Every year, BRCM donates \$200 to the Warplane Museum

A. Race proposed to the club a motion that BRCM donate an additional \$500 for 2016 to the Warplane Museum to help fund their purchase of a new engine for the Lancaster

Motion passed (Update – L. Cragg has made the donation)

Motion to close the meeting by A. Race and seconded by D. Edwards was passed.

CRITICAL DATES

Christie Float Fly June 11 & 12, 2016

Bayview Scale Rally June 18, 2016

Southern Ontario Giant Scale Rally June 24 & 25, 2016

Canada Day Bayview July 1, 2016

Warbirds Over the Bay July 23 & 24, 2016