

The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers

The President Writes:

Spring is just around the corner, but that doesn't stop our members from flying!

Our webcam has been moved back to the weather station webpage and has been working better than ever.

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IBURLING5>

We are looking for more volunteers to represent our club at the Home & Garden Show on April 6, 7 and 8. If you can spare some time or contribute a plane to show, please email your coordinator Bill Ayre at vice-president@brcm.org.
<https://www.ontariohomeshows.com/http://www.warplane.com/events/upcoming-events/event-details.aspx?eventId=43>

There is no news about our case. The only thing we do know is that the courts were booked past the end of April. As advised by our counsel, there is nothing more to say. This applies to every member including our board of directors. We are simply following the rules and doing what is best for our club.

Thanks to your input, and notably Geoff Norman, we are planning some exciting events for our upcoming meetings. We will add the details to the events webpage as they become available. <http://brcm.org/events.html>

Our mowers will be in tip top shape for the flying season, we expect them to be ready next month. Anyone can contribute to field maintenance. Contact Doug Edwards for Bayview, or Peter Krautter for Bronte.

I found this and can't wait to fly from my home to the field. I wonder how many of my model planes will fit inside!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGrAwc-cbrY>

If you have any questions, ideas or input for Skywords, please feel free to email us using the contacts webpage.
<http://brcm.org/contacts.html> That's all for now.

We hope to see you at our flying fields very soon!

Dwayne

“Safety is everyone's responsibility.”

Next Meeting *Thursday, March 22nd*

Craig Brookhouse, flight engineer on the Canadian Warplane Heritage Lancaster bomber, will tell us about his experiences keeping the Lanc in the air. Mr. Brookhouse has been involved in auto mechanics since he was a teenager, and is the owner of Elite Automotive in Ancaster. He has been the flight engineer on the Lanc for about 10 years. In 2014, he and the Lanc joined the one other flying Lancaster in the UK, a unique event documented in the DVD “Reunion of Giants.”



Volunteers Needed

Our club is participating in the Spring Home and Garden Show, April 6,7, 8, at the Warplane Heritage Museum. We need volunteers to man the display and talk about RC airplanes, what could be better. Email me at vice-president@brcm.org, or call 905-689-0946 to sign up or for more information..

PS We are also looking for volunteer airplanes to put into the display.

Bill Ayre

Geoff Norman Reports:

At last month's meeting, a survey was distributed to attendees eliciting their opinions about various possible activities for the winter meetings. Overall responses were very positive; all of the suggestions were rated positively.

Most positive responses were for: presentations by the jet fliers, and by the giant scale and warbirds, a visit by the Lancaster flight engineer and workshops in a number of topics including finishes, adhesives, selecting electric motor and prop, programming transmitter.

We have tentatively scheduled a live auction for the April meeting and a workshop on programming Spektrum transmitters for May.

We'll keep you posted of program activities month by month in Skywords.

Tom Gwinnett writes from South Africa

Saturday I paid a visit to the Peninsular Radio Flyers at their Zeekoeivlei field in Cape Town. This club of about 40 members only flies at weekends, usually 12 to 20 members turn out although I was there early so I got to meet only half a dozen, they were very welcoming and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit.



This club uses a number of shipping containers as washrooms and kitchen and they have a brick built “brai” or BBQ. South Africans are huge meat eaters and a brai is essential at every venue.

The runway is made up of paving slabs with most of the joints cemented in, the club is inside a

nature reserve so only temporary structures are allowed and paving stones are temporary in the bureaucratic mind, some things are the same all over. They seem to have no problem with all but the smallest edfs in taking off or landing.

I was very impressed by every flier’s ability to hit the runway every time. To them this newish 8m wide runway was super wide compared to their old runway which was 3m of old conveyer belting. Going off the runway has its dangers too as moles plough up the sand tripping aircraft on their nose and filling the carb or motor with sand.

You will also see from the photos that while they have flight station rules similar to ours, they are a wee bit more relaxed about their enforcement. There is an irrigation system fed from the nearby lake but you can see green grass as we know it isn’t realistic in this climate.



Most flying is done in winter when the winds are calmer and the temperature drops at times to a bone chilling 10C although it usually climbs to mid teens or low 20s by noon.

To get into the nature reserve you go through a sliding gate controlled from your cell phone. The fence is super heavy duty and electrified and I wondered about this until I found out that “Zeekoeivlei” means Sea-cow-wetland. A sea cow being a hippopotamus. Yes in the middle of Cape Town there is a herd of hippos. The problem is that hippos are Africa’s most dangerous animal accounting for most human fatalities in wildlife encounters. Hippos are strictly vegetarian but if you are between where they are and where they want to be they just bite you in half then trample you. The fact that then don’t eat you is small consolation at this point. With the hippos, a multitude of snakes and several ostrich who like shiny things and are not to be toyed with, searching for a downed aircraft in the bush has a certain thrill to it that we don’t enjoy in Burlington.

I think more kit built or scratch built aircraft are flown here probably because of the high cost of shipping ARFs from Asia. Multi copters and helis blight the landscape as in Canada.

I was happy to see some glow power, but here too Flyers are finding the electric dark side of the hobby ever more attractive.

That’s it. A couple of very enjoyable hour spent among a group of guys just like us, 10% fly 90% chat.

February Meeting

Tim Bidwell showed off his magnificent ME109



John Zellman demonstrated his hover craft:



And Mike Block talked about his Phantom jet



Ed Note

This is my last issue. Tom will return as your editor upon his return from South Africa. Lawrence.



FLOAT FLY

CHRISTIE CONSERVATION AREA

JUNE 9 and 10 2018

From 10 AM to 4 PM

The Burlington R/C Model club invites you to participate or just watch the models flying from the water at our Annual Float Fly. The park features boating, fishing and picnic areas. Enjoy Boris's BBQ Sausages at Lunch time. Bring the entire family and enjoy the facilities and the flying exhibition!

For more information call:

- **Ivan Wismayer (905) 339-9255; or**
- **Boris Fediushko (905) 627-4915.**

The CHRISTIE CONSERVATION AREA PARK is located on #5 Highway west of #6 Highway near Hamilton Ontario. Watch for signs. (There is a Park admission charge per car)