



SKYWORDS

BURLINGTON RADIO CONTROL MODELERS

APRIL 2020

It's Your Turn, Speak Up

I would like to thank all that provided input to Skywords and assure you that everything said has been considered as I will report below.

The concern appears to be with the length of the Club Newsletter and the Content, and rightly so. These are the things that we must get right if we wish to maintain

1. a quality newsletter that
2. is sustainable over the long run by
3. anyone who takes on the task.

I see these as our 3 critical objectives. But as it is your newsletter nothing is concrete. These criteria are just a starting point requiring fine tuning and continuous improvement over time. Everything is dynamic and can be changed if it is for the better of the club and its members. As perfection is not possible, the question that each of us must answer will be "Can I live with the results?".

The general consensus seems to be that you, the members, want Skywords to primarily focus on items directly related to the club. I, as the editor, want not only this but also to create a newsletter that has content that is of interest to all, and that all will read at least parts of each issue. If a member does not look at the newsletter for 2 or 3 issues, then they will fall out of the routine of looking at any future issues. Likewise, if in a particular issue there is really nothing to report that is directly related to the club we may not have any content. So I have included sections that can be created with content off of the internet.

With input from a few members, the following was decided:

1. We will eliminate the section titled "We will not forget". It was correctly pointed out that although important, it has nothing to do with our club or the hobby
2. For this first newsletter, I will include all remaining parts to give you an idea of what we have in mind. One of the things that we can do is combine the contest and the section titled "WingMate of the Month". To do this we can run the contest giving additional hints to the plane in question until a member solves the puzzle or 3 clues have been given, whichever is first. At the end of this period the plane that is the subject of the contest will be written up as the "Wingmate of the Month". This means that "WingMate of the Month" will not appear in every issue unless you people are really sharp.

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3. Filler and additional information will be used to complete pages and it will be up to the editor to decide on what to include and where.
4. This first section, titled "It's Your Turn, Speak Up" will include letters to the editor or opinion pieces that will not have a perfect answer but will hopefully inspire members to discuss in their groups, think about and hopefully comment on by submitting articles to this section.
5. Initially the newsletter will be completed using a Microsoft Word Template that I created but it has been pointed out that Microsoft Power Point may be just as effective and maybe more effective in creating a professional looking newsletter. We will keep this in mind.

So happy reading and let's do it.

FROM CLUB TO MEMBERS



A few members have been talking about and initiated the process of having a Hot Dog BBQ every second Thursday starting the end of June at the Bayview Field. This will be in conjunction with a fun fly. All family members are invited. The plan is to provide free food and drinks but there will be an opportunity for attendees to donate if and when they wish to offset the costs to the club.

The current situation resulting from the corona-virus will hopefully be over by that time. More information will be provided in future editions of Skywords.

What's Happenin' at BRCM

1. By-Weekly Thursday Hot Dog BBQ at Bayview Field – planned starting end of June – Details to follow
2. Warbirds Over The Bay – Details to follow
3. We are all happy to hear the Geoff Norman is home from the hospital and doing well. He has informed me that the plan for the April General Meeting is for Nicholas Jacob and Mike Penny to demonstrate 3-D printing, IF IT IS ON WHICH AT THIS TIME SEEMS DOUBTFUL.



NEW MEMBER: Al Lien



This section was generally welcomed but there was a comment that maybe it should not be in every issue. The idea is to provide an opportunity to get to know all the club members, particularly new members.

A club member who has a great sense of humour and knows me well enough to know I can't resist a good laugh submitted this. Let's use it as a great example to display how this section can be used. We will get serious next issue.

Al was born on Beta Reticuli, although he grew up in Roswell New Mexico. He transferred to the Burlington area from a position at Area 51 in 1948.

His childhood hobbies included abduction, cow tipping /mutilating, probing, the standard stuff.

He started to fly pretty well right out of the test tube incubator on a saucer with training wings. He started RC in July 1947. He was a nervous flyer, and a few of the early models "kind of got away on me", with a few unexpected crashes. (editor's note; might be referring a fellow member here)

His favourite RC aircraft to fly is the Foo Fighter as he claims to like the classics.

Although he has had some experience with real aircraft he admits that he just dabbled a little in hyperspace trans dimensional quantum fluid physics, and subspace matter displacement theory. Nothing very complex.

Al is somewhat opinionated in that he feels that the new government interference in the hobby sucks!!! He claims it is "like some kind of conspiracy, with Larry, Curly, and Moe making up the rules!!!"

If you see Al at the field, avoid him.

NEXT ISSUE: CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS YOUNGER VERSION OF A CURRENT BRCM MEMBER?



Wing Mate of the Month



Role	Medium bomber
National origin	United States
Manufacturer	North American Aviation
First flight	19 August 1940
Introduction	1941
Retired	1979 (Indonesia)
Primary users	United States Army Air Forces
Number built	9,816 ^{[1][a]}
Developed from	North American NA-40
Developed into	North American XB-28

The **North American B-25 Mitchell** is a medium bomber that was introduced in 1941 and named in honor of Major General William "Billy" Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation.^[2] Used by many Allied air forces, the B-25 served in every theater of World War II, and after the war ended, many remained in service, operating across four decades. Produced in numerous variants, nearly 10,000 B-25s were built.^[1] These included a few limited models such as the F-10 reconnaissance aircraft, the AT-24 crew trainers, and the United States Marine Corps' PBJ-1 patrol bomber.



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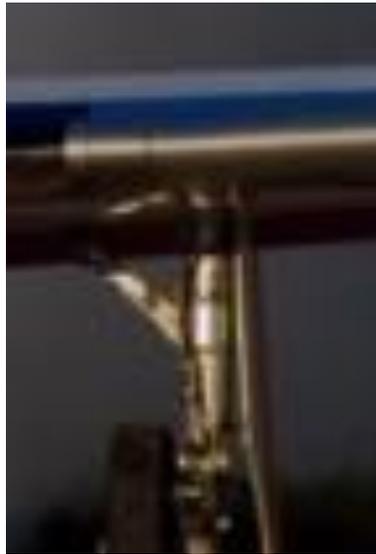
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The following pictures are of Ian Browns Winter Build Project, which he was generous enough to share with us. Ian has become very familiar with IC Engine Electric Motor conversions. A few years ago he made a club presentation. Maybe it is time for a repeat.

It is an Army Observation Aircraft #9.kit from Air sail company New Zealand. It has a 74" wingspan and was intended to be powered by a 46 to 60 size glow motor. Ian is using E-flite 60. He had to redesign the front to house the battery and electric motor. The Canadian connection is that the RCAF purchased 34 aircraft in 1947. The planes were modified for Canadian operations. One of these aircraft hangs in the gift shop at the Canadian Warplane Heritage museum.



Name That Plane



CAN YOU NAME THIS PLANE?

SUBMIT YOUR GUESS TO:

skywords@brcm.org

A businessman boarded a plane to find, sitting next to him, an elegant woman wearing the largest, most stunning diamond ring he had ever seen. He asked her about it.

"This is the Bexfield diamond," she said. "It is beautiful, but there is a terrible curse that goes with it."

"What's the curse?" the man asked.

"Mr. Bexfield."



Swap Shop/Flea Market

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A few years ago, a number of newer members of the club put up some seed money and had a club patch designed and produced. The design work was done by John Zellmann. If anyone is interested in purchasing a patch let me know at skywords@brcm.org. The cost is \$10.00 and there are only a few left.

FROM THE BOARD



BURLINGTON
Public Library



bpl.on.ca

Library update
April, 2020

The Library will remain closed until the end of June 2020. All programs and room rentals are cancelled and facilities will stay closed.

This appears to cancel the Club Monthly General Meetings for the spring of 2020

PER RECENT EMAIL TO MEMBERS

Dear BRCM Members,

The Ontario Government has extended the current Declaration of Emergency to April 13, 2020. Both Bayview and Bronte parks will remain closed until at least that date.

In addition, City of Burlington has closed all of its non essential facilities until June 30, 2020. This means that our Board and General meetings will be cancelled until that time. The closure could impact Bayview park as well.

I will continue to keep you updated regarding developments as I get them from the city. Bronte park falls under provincial jurisdiction so, is not affected by the City of Burlington closure.

Mike Block
President BRCM

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Again much of the proposed information for Skywords seems to currently be handled very well within the current Club Web Page.

My feeling is that some of it should be left where it is on the Club Web Page? The main guiding principal to information management and distribution (database management) is that information must be stored **in one and only one place** otherwise it gets out of synch, conveying two differing "thoughts" and therefore leading to confusion rather than informing.

To me there appears to be 4 potential topics that I propose for Skywords that are not on the Club Web Page:

1. It's Your Turn Speak Up (basically letter to the editor section)
2. Focus on a member
3. WingMate of the Month
4. Contests of some form
5. + other stuff that may be of interest to the hobby

This leads to the question that I initially asked: "Is Skywords in fact necessary? Does it add any value to the club?" What can you live with?

If the conclusion is that it does add value then the details will have to be sorted out by Peter Krautter, who is responsible for the Club Web Page and myself as editor of Skywords. THE GUIDING PRINCIPAL WILL BE THAT THE INFORMATION IS IN ONE AND ONLY ONE PLACE – EITHER THE CLUB WEB PAGE OR THE CLUB NEWSLETTER BUT **DEFINITELY NOT BOTH.**

Please send your comments, which will determine our ultimate decision, to:

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