

MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER.

Take off is optional
but landing is mandatory.

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LEAD STORY HEADLINE

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NEW TOOL FOR THE ZONE.

If anyone is interested in a photo package of the Hurricane, send me an e-mail, and I'll send you a copy. 100 pictures and a movie on the run-up, great scale documentation.

Yes it's free, you pay the postage.

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Cato.

Wow, 24 Issues, time sure goes by when you have fun, well it sure feels like Fall, frost and wind, lots of wind all around the Zone making it a challenging time to make that plane come back down again, never less, lots of events was put on by many clubs, and the membership still comes to fly as you will see inside, thanks to some of my trusted contributors, if it wasn't for them, it would be a small simple NL for me to put together, so here I go again; if you have an event, or just a bunch of you get together, please take a couple of pictures and a little something to go along with the picture and the name of the person or persons. It just gives us all a little insight in what's going on around the zone, and it just might encourage someone to just take that trip to your field or event, a win win situation for all, so lets have some input. My e-mail is on the last page, or if you like: chansen@nbnet.nb.ca. The picture or pictures can be what ever you like to send in size as I'll adjust as I see fit, as far as a write up, a few notes, and I'll edit and put it all together just like that.

The events this month is just two, and the first one is the The Wings of Wellington RC Club Oktoberfest Fun Fly coming up on the 5th of October, and they hope to see you all to join in a great day of flying and awesome food as Jack McDonald will be back at the BBQ. For

directions, go to their web site; <http://wingsofwellington.org/news.htm>
The next one is put on by Greg Hatt of Shearwater R/C Flyers October 12, as they are holding their 2nd Annual Fall Rocket Launch at Shearwater Airport, it should be an interesting event with lots of open space, for more information, contact Greg at: www.maritimehobbies.com
1521 Grafton St. Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2B9. Phone 902-423-8870.

And lets have a great turn-out at the Atlantic Zone Meeting in Hillsborough on October 26 at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 32. At 31 Legion St. Hillsborough, New Brunswick. The meeting will start at 2:30 PM, that's 14:30 for some guys, and there will also be flying in the morning at their field just around the corner, so why not make an exemption and come and take it all in and let your voice be heard, or just see what's going on, hope to see you there at beautiful Hillsborough, and they also have an interesting railroad museum there for you to see too, it is closed for the season, but as they say on their web site;

While visitors are welcome to drop by and take a chance that a volunteer will be on site. We recommend arranging shoulder seasons visits by emailing: nbrailway@nb.aibn.com.

HAWKER HURRICANE MARK IV IN SAINT JOHN.

Here is Cliff Boyer and his wife Betty talking to the Hawker Hurricane Mark IV pilot Joe Cosmano at the Saint John Airport Atlantic Flight College as it was there in commemoration ceremony at the M. Gerald Teed



Memorial School that was build on the site of the old Airport and training center for WW 2 Pilots, and in honour of the five pilots who were killed in the Battle of Britain that where all flying Hurricanes. This Hurricane is based at Ottawa Vintage Wings Organization.



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2013 WINDSOR SCALE AEROBATICS BY SANDY MCINNIES.

2013 Windsor Scale Aerobatics.

Well, it seems Windsor had the only real good weather in the area yesterday, although driving through fog and drizzle to get there, sure wasn't promising. Skies sunny, wind zip, temperatures "OH MY"! Spoiler alert - if the thermometer in the shelter is reading 35 deg, you can bet the "Johnny on the Spot" will be considerably hotter.....don't linger!!

Fuelled with copious quantities of Timmies coffee, The Cool man kept the flight line humming, and we managed 4 rounds of Sportsman and Intermediate. Basic had only one participant, Dayle Smith, and after 2 rounds a lunch he decided to sit the rest of the day out.

Overall, there were 11 pilots flying in the 2013 Windsor Scale Aerobatics contest. They were:

Alan Coolen, Ben Lann, Brandon Smith, Chris Garrett, all the way down from New Brunswick, Dayle Smith, Grant Beaver, Kelly Dorry, Mike Notley, Paul Sinnis, Sandy McInnis and Todd Fowler.

We flew a grand total of 240 judged sequences. Ben Lann, with a very nice electric, won the Sportsman class. There were 4 pilots in Sportsman.

The winning order was:

(1) Ben Lann, (2) Brandon Smith, (3) Todd Fowler and (4) Chris Garrett.

They flew 8 known sequences (4 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 4,789.6 to a high of 6,000 (a range of 1,210.4 points).

Kelly Doary won the Intermediate class. There were 6 pilots in Intermediate. The winning order was:

(1) Kelly Dorry, (2) Alan Coolen, (3) Paul Sinnis, (4) Grant Beaver, (5) Mike Notley and (6) Sandy McInnis.

They flew 8 known sequences (4 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 2,336.1 to a high of 6,000 (a range of 3,663.9 points).

The tightest competition was for 3rd place in the Intermediate class, with only 155.7 points difference between Paul Sinnis and Grant Beaver.

Tim Horton's of Windsor very kindly provided an urn of coffee at the start of the day (thanks Everett for picking that up), Generosity like that is always appreciated, and the coffee was very welcome first thing in the morning when it was almost cool at the field. It also generated much of Al's enthusiasm, (7 cups? 8? 9?) keeping the rest of us going all day The Avon club hosted the lunch, and burgers and sausages were plentiful (thanks guys).

Personal thanks go to Kathy Garrett for helping out with the data entry. Without her help the results would have been somewhat later printed.



Sandy McInnis' SBach landing with his trademark long grass hanging from the landing gear... Old timers from early Saint John contests might remember that as part of his "snap roll" routine. not in the book, but a crowd pleaser LOL!!



Mike Notley flying his sequence, with Paul Sinnis calling.



Al Coolen flying his 40% Extra, with Sandy McInnis calling.

Todd Fowler of Avon, getting "steeled" for his next flight.



Brandon Smith of Chester starting his plane.

This is an oldie - Grant Beaver, active in the first run at IMAC in the late '80s, puts in an appearance at the Aug 31/13 event in the early morning start-up as the crowd is forming up.



The Old and the New - Brandon Smith calling for his dad, Dayle. Dayle is one of the old timers who flew IMAC back in the late '80s and early '90s - even travelled to Saint John a couple of times..

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CHARLOTTETOWN RCFCLUB AND A FEW PICTURES FROM JIM LLOYD AT RHINEBECK.

Here is a little something from Charlottetown Radio Control Flying Club taken from their web site, if you are planning to go to the Island in the future, check in on their web site and or send them a note, I can say for sure someone will attend to your needs.



A quick thank you to everyone who came out, it was a great afternoon of flying! With a warm sun and clear blue sky; the only challenge was getting the aircraft to stop flying during the approach with the wind speed hovering around 19~21kmh straight down the runway. Throughout the afternoon there was always one or more aircraft airborne. All the twelve to fourteen aircraft went home in the same basic condition they arrived, no casualties - it was a good afternoon! All the best to John Code and his wife in their road trip back home to British Columbia. John is a member of the 100 Mile Model Flyers club in B.C and spent the afternoon flying with us.



Planning another Club Fun Fly in October - the tentative date is set for Saturday October 19...keep an eye on the website for changes. If your able to lend a hand or have some thoughts about this drop a note in the [Oktoberfest Fun Fly FORUM](#).



Also, our annual indoor flying schedule is in the works with a start date in mid November - more on this later.



Hi there, Jim Lloyd here with a few pictures from Rhinebeck that Pamela the Spotter took when we where there on our trip down to the States to take in the Rhinebeck and the Neat Fair, as you probably know the Neat Fair is Electric Only, and do they ever get the pilots, I think that this year it was around 400 Pilots and I don't know how many vendors, some comes down from Rhinebeck as the Neat Fair is the week after.



Anyway, have a look at the pictures, and maybe we will see you there next year.

Here is David getting ready for a flight with me as the Spotter.



Lots of peoples in the stands when the big boys comes out to play.



Yes they all fly.



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ZONE NEWS FROM NORTHUMBERLAND FUN FLY BY AL EASTMAN.

Some thirty pilots were in attendance at the Northumberland RC Modellers fun fly at the club field in New Glasgow on September 7th.

The weather gods have been kicking butt at meets in Nova Scotia this season and once again presented flyers with extreme wind conditions, but that did little to slow things down and flyers were active throughout the day.

Many participants brought strykers and several fun rounds were flown with lots of attempted bashing taking place. The little foam rare bears are also popular and several informal pylon races were run.

Times, they are a-changing and assistant zone director Sandy McInnis was seen deeply involved in that racing and with a tiny e-powered plane no less!

The day's highlight for me was watching and filming Northumberland modeller Gary Del Bel Belluz shooting touch and goes with his quarter scale coroplast float equipped piper cub onto a tiny ditch with barely enough water to float the thing. See my video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLDuHg1ndAs&feature=youtu.be_gdata_player

No no, oh no, no! That's what Northumberland member Paul Sinnis (center) is saying as this picture was being made. Paul's Stryker battery was failing prematurely and he could not continue in this particular Stryker bash, much to the delight of Kelly Doary (left) and Jon Eastman. See my video link above!



Stryker bashing is very popular. Taking part in one round are Frank MacDonald, Kelly Doary, Sandy McInnis and Grant Beaver. All travelled some distance to take part in the event.



Northumberland club member Gary Del Bel Belluz carries his large coroplast piper cub back to the pits after making repeated touch and goes on a tiny little almost dry ditch on the runway edge.

Barely enough water to dampen the float bottoms was all Gary needed as he showed considerable skill in hitting the confined space again and again.



Northumberland club member Ben Lann has been shooting some excellent video with his Hi Tech camera gear, an iPad Mini. Ben is shown here filming a flight by Al Coolen. Behind is Paul Sinnis and standing ready to fly is Brandon Smith of the Northumberland club.



Retrieving their rare bears after an informal pylon race are Grant Beaver and Kelly Doary.



Part of the flight line at the field on Saturday. Several of the flyers at the meet are active in Scale Aerobatic competitions throughout the province.



Brandon Smith and Andreas Ritter share a laugh. Andreas of the South Shore Radio Control Club travelled some distance to attend the Fun Fly.



Assistant Zone Director Sandy McInnis jokes about the size of his small electric rare bear. Sandy generally flies Scale Aerobatic mounts similar in size to Al Coolen's Ultimate shown here.



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HALIFAX ELECTRIC FLYERS FUN FLY AT POTTERS LAKE.

I took the liberty in taking this write up by John, Andrew and Bill from HEFA's Forum on their web site, along with the pictures. As you can see the true meaning of FUN FLY has happen, a note to some of us to sit up and notice not to take it all to serious, it is supposed to be a hobby with fun.

This year alone we have had our "Games Day" (July?), our informal Slope Day (August) and now our Annual Fly-in September. All three events were very well attended and well organized and ran very smoothly. I especially liked the variety of model flying which we were treated with.

I have been a member of numerous model flying clubs in six countries over the past 6 decades and I can honestly say that the best club I have flown in is the Halifax Electric Flyers Association. *(How about that John.)*

The club caters to a wide variety of model types and a full range of contest and fun fliers. There are no "Prima Donnas" and each facet of the hobby is treated with respect.

There is no shortage of help-



ful experienced fliers who donate their time and expertise to the newcomers.

When the association was formalized a few years ago there were a number of external fliers who declared that we would never make a go of it.

They regarded us as flaky

mavericks, without appreciating the seriousness of our intent. We have proven our dedication to the hobby. Through the valiant effort of a few stalwarts, we have evolved into one of the most prolific clubs in eastern Canada. I could mention several names here but I am sure that they are too modest to accept the praise. We have a healthy membership and have great guidance from a dedicated group of direc-



tors. The efforts in installing the Cha-teau and toilet facilities at Porters Lake did not happen without some serious efforts by not just the directors but also a number of regular members. Thank you all.

Our best days are still ahead. Possibly the thing about the association is the lack of monthly meetings. To my mind these lead to needless over-regulation and dissension. We have General meetings occasionally as we need them.

Keep up the good work. I did a model count and came to more than 63, without including the Micro Helis which gave us much entertainment as the first contest. Thanks to everyone who made this flying session one of our most enjoyable yet.

The numbers of sponsors was incredible and it's important that we remember to return the favour and support these local sponsors. In the end, the weather was perfect and the company and friends....even better. I was pleased with our registration of 32 fliers and figure next year we will push to get that total to forty..!

So much is learned when you have a successful event like this, and each year you develop assets that you can build on for the following year.

I would imagine many of today participants will talk this event up over the next twelve months, and convince many more to attend. Here is a link where members are posting photos and videos.

viewtopic.php?f=24&t=3204

Mary made a pile of homemade deserts that are the best around! Also Vic and Mary did all the work of getting the food, lugging their BBQ, propane, tent cover, supplies, also did the baking, and also all the barbecuing of the food. That is a heck of a lot of work, which they have done, event after event all these years, and so they deserve a HEFA medal, which if we had one, would be theirs. Thank you Mary and Vic!!!!

Thank you again to everyone, for making our 2013 HEFA Fun Fly sooooo much fun!

PS: Special thanks to Beth and Mary for feeding us!



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WESTMORLAND AEROMODELERS FUN FLY BY AL EASTMAN.

ASRCM members Alain Richer, my son Jon and I traveled to New Brunswick September 21st for the Westmorland Aeromodelers Fun Fly at the club field located on Mark Ramsay's farm just outside Petitcodiac. Some twenty other modellers attended the event and their registration fees resulted in a one hundred dollar donation to the local SPCA.

Mark, well known for his turbine jet and helicopter flying skills is also pretty handy with farm machinery and has done a great job of restoring and grooming the field following last year's vandalism. As a result the club has a fine long grass runway.

A big thank you is due to event organizer Matt Clarke. Like a number of other event organizers this summer though, Matt didn't have any inside edge with the wind gods. Although flyers enjoyed a fine warm late summer day, it was a bit on the windy side. Still, no one was deterred and flying continued non-stop throughout the day. see my video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MROiWxv-60&feature=c4-overview&list=UU4P5SAQfLKeezo3KnYcMGtw>

Mark Ramsay returns to the pits after flying his micro Habu. This latest jet offering by Eflite has the AS3X system which allows the tiny two ounce foamy to fly in very heavy winds. Mark and Matt Clarke proved it's ability by chasing each other around and the little jets handled the conditions with ease.



Jon Eastman flew several flights on his Tucano, losing the right gear during the landing on this flight. Alain Richer helps in the retrieval. Both travelled from the ASRCM club in Nova Scotia to join in the fun.



Atlantic Zone director Regis Landry greets the photographer. Regis had travelled to Moncton with his wife to visit family and dropped in to the fun fly. With Regis are Terry Gauvin (left) and Jason Aube.



Mark Ramsay is pictured here flying his turbine powered Habu. The little turbine handled the wind with ease, although it got jostled pretty good just before touchdown. See



my video above. In the photo with Mark are left to right Alain Richer, John Lewis, and Jim Hogg.



Calvin Martini flew several very interesting flights with his FPV equipped flying wing. It was fascinating to see him fly out of sight over the trees, disappear for a while and then sneak up from behind us for his landing. A separate small

monitor allows others to check what Calvin sees during the flight. Doing that are Mark Ramsay, Jon Eastman and Matt Clark.

Chris Garrett checks his Eflite Yak prior to a flight. Chris bought this plane during a visit to discount retailer Marden's in Maine. In all the times I've visited those stores, I've never been lucky enough to find anything RC related.



Matt Clark (Mr. IKON) wows the crowd with his 3D heli skills. Both Matt and Mark flew a number of 3d heli flights in the high winds. Also in this picture are Jim Hogg, John Lewis, and Kevin Drayson.

Shooting the bull in this picture are Jon Eastman. Jim Hogg, Matt Clark, and John Lewis. Mark Ramsay is in the foreground while Alain Richer enjoys flying in the wind in the background.



Kevin Drayson readies his wildcat for another flight with some help from John Lewis. Kevin has a neat sound system installed in this foam bird emulating the sounds of the full

sized warbird's radial.

Matt Clark gets ready for another helicopter flight. Among those urging him along with some inflammatory comments are Terry Gauvin, Charles Lewis and Mark Ramsay.



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ANDREW COLWELL REPORT FROM THE NEAT FAIR IN THE CATSKILL'S.

Here is a nice report from Andrew Colwell's yearly trip to one of those places that we all just read about:

Last year, I ventured off in search of vintage airplanes of the Golden Years of Aviation at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. While on that trip, I heard about the marvellous things that went on a week later at the NEAT Fair. So this year, I got the little Toyota Echo a wheel alignment and new oil and hit the road for "flying airplanes deep in the woods. Sounds strange doesn't it." Located in Godknowswhere, NY, it was a 12 hour drive according to the GPS. The NEAT Fair (Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology) is run by Tom Hunt, a guy with more control issues than me, who makes his way from Staten Island. The campground owner, Arnie, has a Cub and offers up his flying field each year. When I arrived mid morning, the campground was full of trailers. I drove down the road behind the flight line until I recognized the SJMFC banner outside Jim and Pam's trailer which served as base camp for the weekend.



I grabbed my plane, and headed to the field. It really is very pretty area of the Catskill Mountains, nestled between two sharply rising hills and the Delaware River that runs beside the field. The flying field faces a steep slope, and the

sun rarely gets in ones eyes.

As the day passed, more and more pilots arrived. I have never seen so many RC planes in one spot before. Over 400 pilots arrived.



The first event I participated was a mass warbird massacre of 44 planes in the air. I thought it was mayhem, but the next day showed 60+ planes in a swirling tornado of military sharks trying to bite the tail of another fish.



Here is Jim, me and Dave on the flight line.

How about this one for a classic, Mr. Lloyd in full head gear, as you can see my smiling face in the background, it sure was fun.



Over the weekend, aerobatic demonstrations, new manufacturer's planes, and night flying were highlights. The vendor huts were full of great buys, as was the auc-

tion, where the campground owner bought a wing for \$1 for kindling. I was truly thrilled to be part of the Fair. It certainly has a different feel from Rhinebeck, and definitely a more energetic group of



pilots. It was a great weekend and many thanks to Pam, Jim and David for providing great friendship through the weekend. With luck, next year's trip will be a toss of the coin as to which weekend to attend.

Jim Lloyd, Andrew Colwell and the equivalent of a Zone director in the AMA, his name is Eric Williams we met him at Rhinebeck last year and explained the Ace program to him and added that his comments at the end of his Zone report in the AMA magazine inspired the program. **It isn't the flying it's the people you meet.** So at the Neat Fair this year I thought it only proper to tell him of the progress here and present him with an ACE crest and Decal. He was really touched by the information and thinks he might present the program to the AMA. The only change he sees is to leave it at a club level not necessarily a national level, as the Clubs in the States have well over 100 members as an average and a lot of them travel around to different events.



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FREE FLIGHT POSTAL CONTEST.

Here is a nice little project this winter, get some balsa, tissue or light covering and have a go at it, nothing like creating your own and see it flying, and it wont take long to make either. So here is a copy from Scale Staffel Newsletter put on by Editor William Scott, wscott127@mac.com

Scale Staffel

FAC Squadron #41

AMA chapter 915

Come and be part of a global flying contest!

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Worldwide Postal. The reason it's called a postal is, in the past, everyone would send in their flight times to the CD via the post office. And for those of you that love technology please feel free to use the very acceptable term E-postal. This year the contest is a non-judged scale contest, there are three categories.

High Wing, Low Wing and Biplane.

Here are the rules:

This contest is being held via the honor systems, and is intended to generate fun and enthusiasm for the sport of scale free flight. **The finished plane must have a wing span of 22" or less.**

The plane must be free flight, rubber powered.

The plane must be listed below.

There will be no scale judging even though the planes listed below are scale planes.

We will accept 5 official flights, flights of less than 20 seconds do not count. The flights may occur anytime between now and June 30, 2014. And they do not have to be taken on the same day. Your flight times must be e-mailed to Caley, the CD, no later than midnight on June 30, 2014, PST.

Scoring will be as follows:

Five flights: throw out the lowest and highest times, then add the remaining three together to get your total. Here is an example:

The five flight times are 62, 68, 120, 140, 180. The CD would throw out 62 and 180 add the remaining, and it would give you a score of 328.

When your five flights have been recorded please e-mail them to Caley at: caleyannhand@yahoo.com with a subject line of "22nd AWWP times" with a short paragraph about yourself, some details about the days you flew and a photo of you and the planes or just the plane.

Please limit your photos to 400K jpg's

The planes are:

High Wing: Pilatus Porter

Low Wing: P-40

Biplane: Antonov AN2

Any version of the plane is acceptable.

For more information you can visit

www.hippocketaeronautics.com

Click on "Builders' forum", scroll down to "Outdoor Free Flight Forum" click on "Free Flight Scale" scroll down and click on "Worldwide Free Flight Postal Scale Builds" Good luck to you all!

<http://www.outerzone.co.uk/index.asp>

Type in the name for your plane in the "search", click on GO. If more than one plan is listed, click on the one you like, scroll down to you see "download page", click on that, and another page will come up where you can "download the plan", click on that, and save a copy to your favoured file. Download to disk and take in to a place like Norman Wade and have your plan copied, the cost should be around \$5.00.

Here is the plans, just click on link and download.

P-40:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=15412279>

Antonov AN2:

http://www.outerzone.co.uk/download_this_plan.asp?ID=4281

Pilatus Porter:

http://www.outerzone.co.uk/download_this_plan.asp?ID=1687

If you are looking for an easy way to build a rubber power, or convert to Electric, here is a catalogue for laser cut old timer planes:

<http://dielengineeringinc.com/content/00/01/59/40/43/userimages/CATALOG27FCOMLETE07222013.pdf>

So there you go, have fun this winter and try to make one of them into electric power if you don't like rubber power, but anyway you like, you will learn how to trim for an successful flight, nothing like going back to basic.



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stration in the Stratford location.

SANCTIONED AND OR PLANNED EVENTS IN THE ZONE.

October 5, 2013 – 1 Day.

Wings Of Wellington R/C Aircraft Club.

Oktoberfest Fun Fly.

Hello Folks, once again The Wings of Wellington RC Club is Proud to announce that we will be holding our annual Oktoberfest Fall Fun-Fly. So please Come out for a Day of Fun, Great Food, Flying and Fellowship. This is considered to be one of the last Fun Fly's of the season, so come on out and enjoy a great time. Event Date is October 5th at 9.00am and the rain date is October 6th. It cost \$5.00 to register, and that includes a very tasty BBQ lunch with refreshments and all the flying you can handle. MAAC membership card will be requested at registration. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. And please check for updates on our website. Hope to see you there.



This event is at Shearwater Airport and it is scheduled for October 12th, 2013 - 1 Day event.

2nd Annual Shearwater R/C Flyers Fall Rocket Launch

October 12th 2013 Shearwater Airport, Cole Harbour NS

**Prizes!
Food!
FUN!!**

Follow Caldwell road until you come to the MacDonald beach entrance. Follow MacDonald beach road until you see the sign for the Shearwater R/C Flyers Site

<http://www.wingsofwellington.org> and click on *Field for directions.*

For more information, contact Greg Hatt at Maritime Hobbies and Craft.

www.maritimehobbies.com

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FROM OUR ZONE DIRECTOR.



Hi again, it's that time of the year again, so put your heads together and if you have something that you think will benefit us all, put it in writing and bring it to the Atlantic Zone Meeting, see the address and time on page one. This is the time to voice your opinion, make a resolution or recommendation. We also have an election this year for a Zone Director, and I'm asking for your support for another term. So come to Hillsborough, bring a plane and lets have a fun fly in the morning, before we go to the meeting in the afternoon. See you there. Regis.

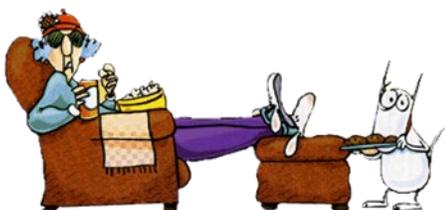
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Congratulation to Al Coolen from Regis and all of us in the zone for a well deserved Leading Member Award in the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada.



Some days, you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.

<http://www.gibbsguides.com/index.htm>
I probably put this on before, but never less if you like some info on Electric flying and batteries, he does have some great books for sale, plus sign up for his News Letter to get lots of information.

Soaring, Choosing a Flying Field.

Most everyone has access to a "flat land" site. School football fields, parks, and vacant lots can serve as flying fields, at least in the short term. These flat land fields and the surrounding areas generate thermals (rising columns of warm air) which can be used to keep a radio controlled glider in the air for sustained periods. Some areas of the country are blessed with hills, mountains and cliffs which are relatively clear of brush and free of trees. When the wind blows up the face of these slopes, the updraft can be used to keep a glider in the air for hours at a time.



The Thermal Soarer:
 Thermal soaring is a challenging and exciting experience. Gliders designed for thermal flying usually have long narrow wings.



The Slope Soarer:
 Because conditions on the slope can be substantially different than those found on a flat field, flying on the slope means a robust and manoeuvrable aircraft is desirable. EPP construction is well suited to trainer slope planes because it is tough and resilient. A recent advancement in slope flying, particularly for the contest scene, is the "flying wing" or tailless glider. Easy to build, very strong, and exceptionally manoeuvrable, more and more 'wings are showing up on slopes everywhere.

