



MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER

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Takeoff is optional
But landing is mandatory

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Looks like a great flying site. The Bay St. George R C Flyers site is a portion of the old parking ramp on the east side of the former Ernest Harmon U. S. Air Force Base base. Inside check the story on their great new starting benches.

This C-130 landing on an aircraft carrier will make you rethink physics. Watch the wings flex each time it hits the deck.



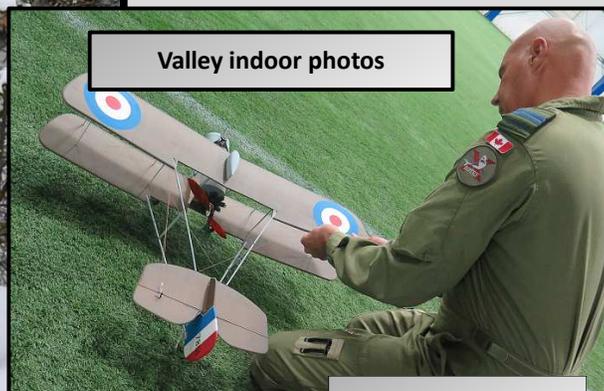
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There's a big new foamie underway in NS



Helis on Ice was a great success this year with 35 pilots in attendance!



Valley indoor photos

And a lot more!



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Valley Gathering 2017 April 1st-Kentville



Valley Gathering 2017

April 1st - Kentville

The Wings of Wellington is very pleased to once again be hosting the Valley Gathering. The event will include a swap shop and day of indoor flying. All electric indoor AC are welcome including multi-rotors and Helicopters (up to 450 size).

We hope you can come and join us for our 7th annual MAAC sanctioned indoor FunFly Admission at the door \$25

Canteen services will not be available onsite this year. Club may make arrangements for Pizza if flyers are interested

LOCATION Kentville NS – Indoor Soccer Stadium – www.valleyindoorsoccer.com/directions.asp – Take exit 14 on Highway 101 to Route 1. Turn right (east) at stop sign by former Pine Hill hotel. Head towards Kentville. Field is on left about 3.6 km along.

Flying Hours: 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

Swap Shop Hours: 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

This is a MAAC sanctioned event. MAAC membership is required to fly.

Notice to all flyers – bring a pair of indoor shoes – outdoor footwear cannot be worn on the field!

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HELIS ON ICE 2017



Helis of Ice was held on Sherbrook Lake in Lunenburg County again this year at our cottage on Killdog Cove. We started this 7 years ago with a small group of Heli Flyers and it has since expanded to include all types of flying machines and a much larger group of pilots. We broke past records for turnout, averaging 40 people and approx. 35 pilots for most of the day. It was a balmy -8C and calm which made for cold fingers but no frostbite that I heard of. We were just past a major snow storm 2 days before and staring down a blizzard coming two days after. It turned out to be a really fun day with lots of great flying squeezed in between storms. My wife Christie (the chili and pulled pork expert) and I would like to thank all that those that made the journey, some from as far as New Brunswick and Yarmouth, on some seriously snow covered roads. It was a lot of fun hosting the event and we look forward to having everyone back in 2018.



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Videos from the event shot by Terry Bullerwell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvP9YGN6ZTA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPifFOkJZyU>



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THE STORY OF THE ALMOST OVERNIGHT STARTING BENCHES



STANDARD SIZE BENCH WITH CHRIS DOHANEY'S NEWLY BUILT 1/5 SCALE ME109

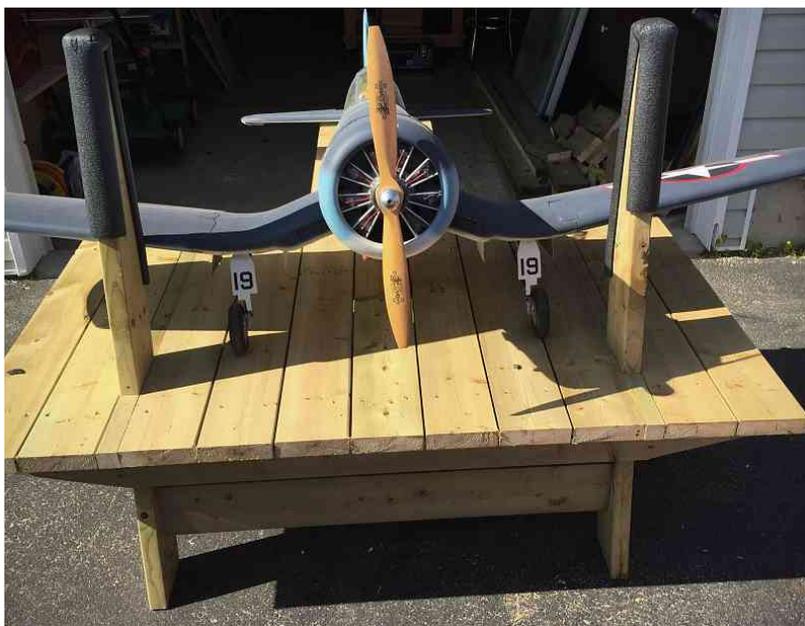
THE STORY OF THE ALMOST OVERNIGHT STARTING BENCHES. . . .by Doug Fowlow

On August the 6 and 7, 2016 weekend the Bay St. George RC Flyers held a special fun fly event to mark the 75th anniversary of the beginning of Ernest Harmon U. S. Air Force Base and the 50th anniversary of it's closing in 1966. (MAAC'S Zone B Newsletter Vol. 54, August 2016). This event was sponsored in part by the Stephenville Cultural Destinations Committee which helped the BSG Flyers with a small funding grant to assist with the expenses related to the function.

Besides the great memories, one of the lasting legacies of the event are the new starting benches that were installed at our flying field, which, incidentally, is a portion of the old parking ramp on the east side of the former base.

The base, runway and adjoining ramp areas are open and exposed to Bay St. George which in turn is open to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Wind gusts in excess of 100 kph are not uncommon. Our old benches, apart from having passed their useful life and requiring constant repair to keep ahead of persistent rotting, were of a three legged design that were prone to tip easily when subject to strong wind gusts, so it was part of our regular routine after an unexpected storm to have to go to the field and retrieve our benches scattered hither and yon, repair as necessary and re-install.

Thanks to club member, Chris Dohaney, discounts from a local building supplier and the SCDC grant we were able to replace the old one last summer with ten new, pressure treated benches of a four legged, very stable design that so far have not budged from their placement despite the wildest storms this past fall and winter - and we have had some dandies with gusts recorded in excess of 140 kph. Eight benches are standard size and accommodate .40 to 1.20 size up to 1/5 scale aircraft while two are larger and will handle giant-scale models with no problem.



LARGER SIZE BENCH HOLDING CHRIS'S GIANT-SCALE F4U CORSAIR

PHOTOS: by Chris Dohaney

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PHOTO by Steve Fowlow.



THE OLD BENCHES IN 2014

Chris is a long time member of the club, and a skilled modeller, carpenter and cabinet maker in his spare time who just recently retired from his "day job" as a computer specialist and administrator at the local community college. He is the type of guy every club needs, who takes on a job and tenaciously sees it to the finish. In the case of the benches, when we decided at an informal meeting that we should replace the benches, Chris volunteered to take on the project and the rest of us promised faithfully to help in any way we could; you know the drill, the "Oh yes, just give me a call whenever you go at it and I will give you a hand" speech.

Imagine our surprise a week later when he emailed us the photos of the finished project - done and installed!! Needless to say we were effusive in our praise and thanks to Chris, but chagrined to some degree that he had not called on us to assist.

Ever modest, he replied, "Aw, ye fellers would have only got in the way when I'm working!"



REAR VIEW WITH THE TWO LARGE BENCHES ON THE LEFT



Chris Dohaney receives an award from Doug Fowlow during last summer's warbird event.



FRONT VIEW OF THE NEW BENCHES ALL READY TO GO. THESE BENCHES ARE SO STABLE THAT TO DATE NOTHING HAS MOVED THEM

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ASRCM indoor Monday nights at Riverside Elementary

The ASRCM indoor is on all winter at the Riverside Elementary school in Milford. NO CHARGE for three hours of flying Monday nights 6-9pm. ALL FLYERS WELCOME!



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SIDE OF THE ROAD FLYING



Photos by Jeremy Dann

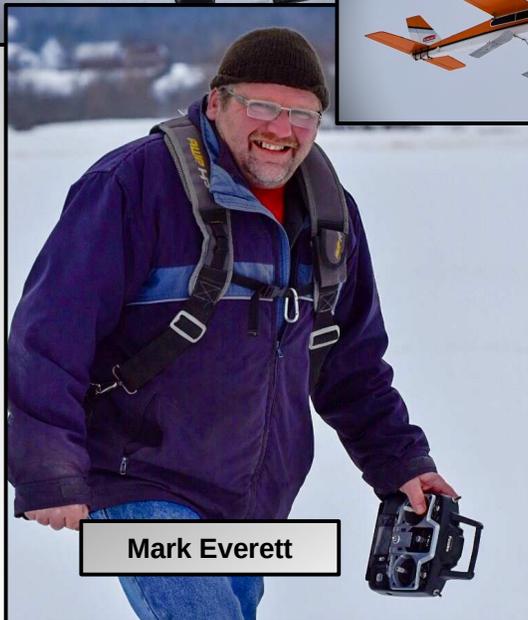
When there is a 8 foot wall of snow blocking access to our field, whatcha you gona do. Side of a road and a farmers field. FEB 19 after the third storm



Don Macphee



Wayne Carter



Mark Everett



Brian Moore



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SOME BITS AND BYTES FROM THE ZONE

Recent updates to Mark Everett's extra 300 build. Plus a few older photos of the beginning. Mark reports: "Finally starting to take shape. Couple more weeks she'll be ready for the maiden flight. Come on spring."



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After some months on the building board Sandy McInnis's big Hurricane is finally up on its wheels. Sandy reports on his progress on the Avon flyers forum.

Scary moment, but parts sitting up on gear! Still require copious quantities of epoxy on the blind nuts, cause once things are buttoned up, they are buttoned up! On this part of the wing, still need inner flaps and servo, air tank, plumbing, and start the mechanical structure for the 3 piece wing...then sheet bottom. But in the interim, I can use this much for the wing fairings....



While waiting for the correct wheels to arrive; In order to go on with the wing section I need to mount the gear. To mount the gear I need some 5" wheels for alignment. While they'd be a tad rough on pavement, should be fine on grass. Plus, they'll work for aligning the gear and the wheel well liners.....

After all, you only use them to get IN the air, then when landing - only 5% of the time.... Wink

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Bill Foster reports from another visit to the **Wings of Wellington** weekly indoor



Another good crowd of 19 flyers today. Six again from Metro. Great drive up...a lot different returning as the furies had started around 3pm. So at 4pm I beat her for home and it was not too bad until I reached St Croix, when the front end did a little jig, and I back off the gas peddle. Going through Bedford was the slowest..20Kph..apparently the Bi-Hi was a mess so drivers bailed and came through Bedford. Happy February 1st...!



Photos by Tim Ferro and Bill Foster



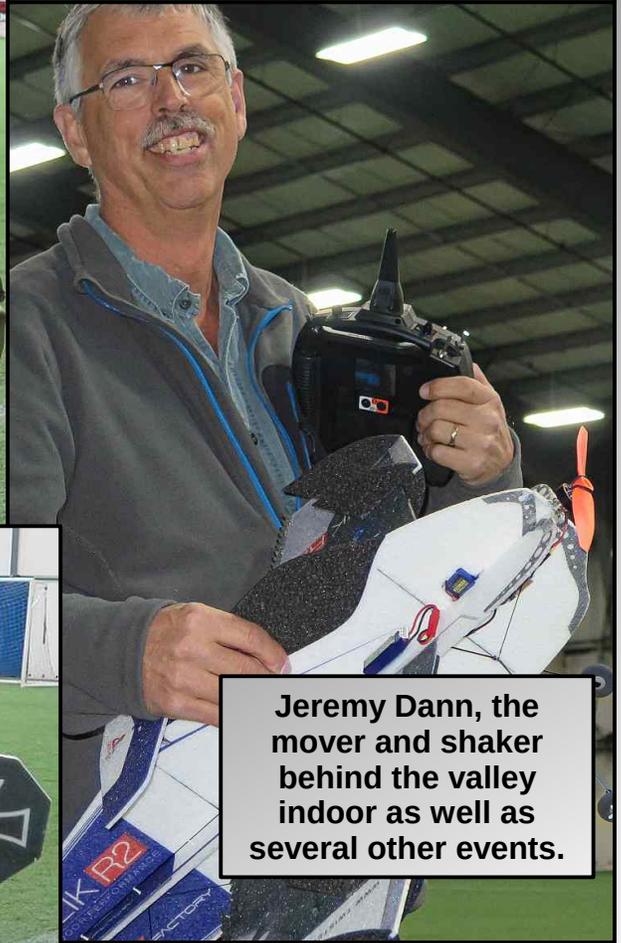
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Mary Jefferson sends these excellent photos also from the **Wings of Wellington** weekly indoor



Vic Rusgys with his self designed de Havilland DH-2 pusher.



Jeremy Dann, the mover and shaker behind the valley indoor as well as several other events.

Al Coolen, a well known and prolific builder and flyer in NS checks his tri-plane.



Photos by Mary Jefferson

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ST JOHN'S R/C FLYERS WINTER ACTIVITY

With long winters here in Newfoundland the best opportunity to fly is indoors. We have several locations available to the club. One is a Techniplex, indoor soccer field, and the other a school gymnasium. Both locations have allotted times for our indoor electric aircraft. The 300 x 200 foot Techniplex is perfect for the retired flyer as its one afternoon per week, while the gymnasium with its evening booking is better suited for school age flyers and working folk.

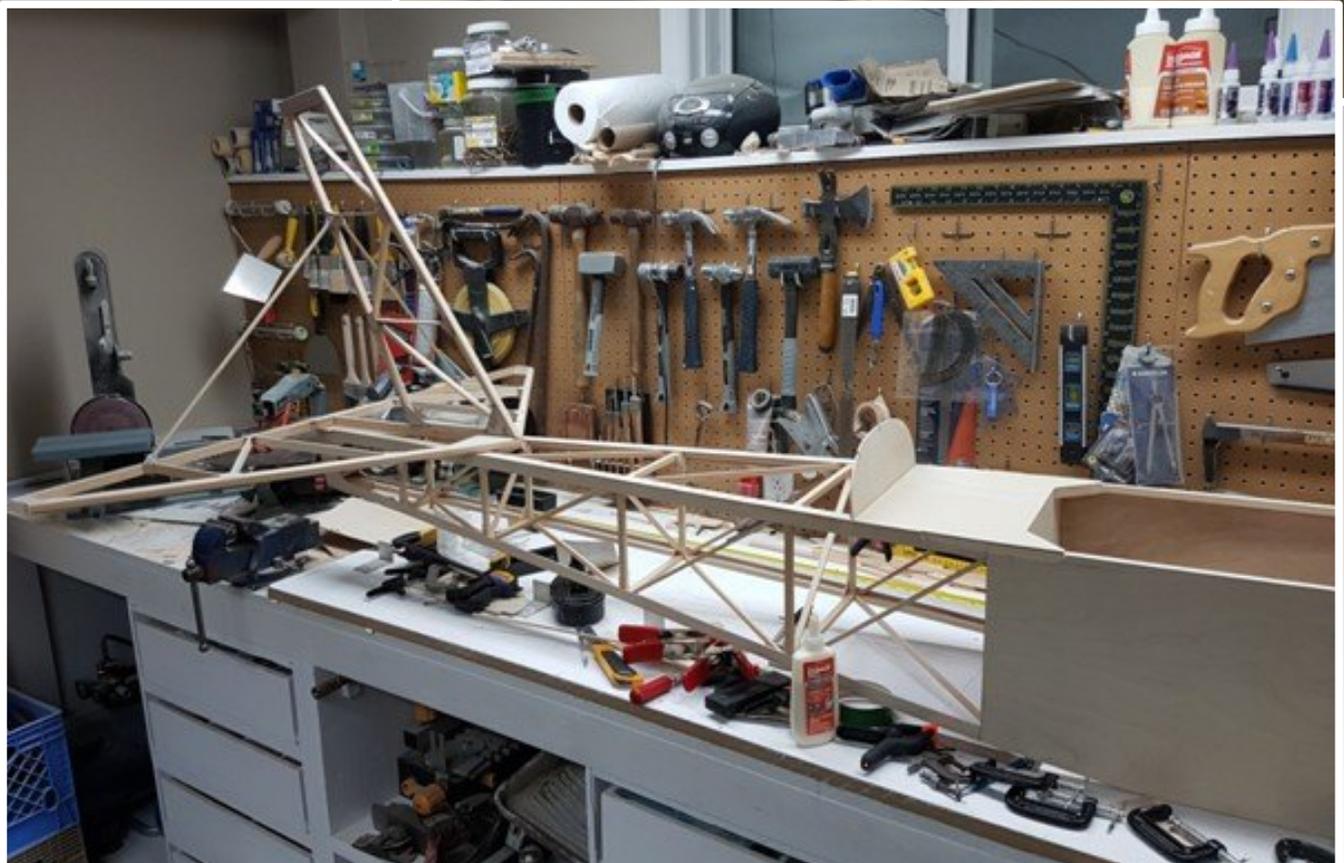
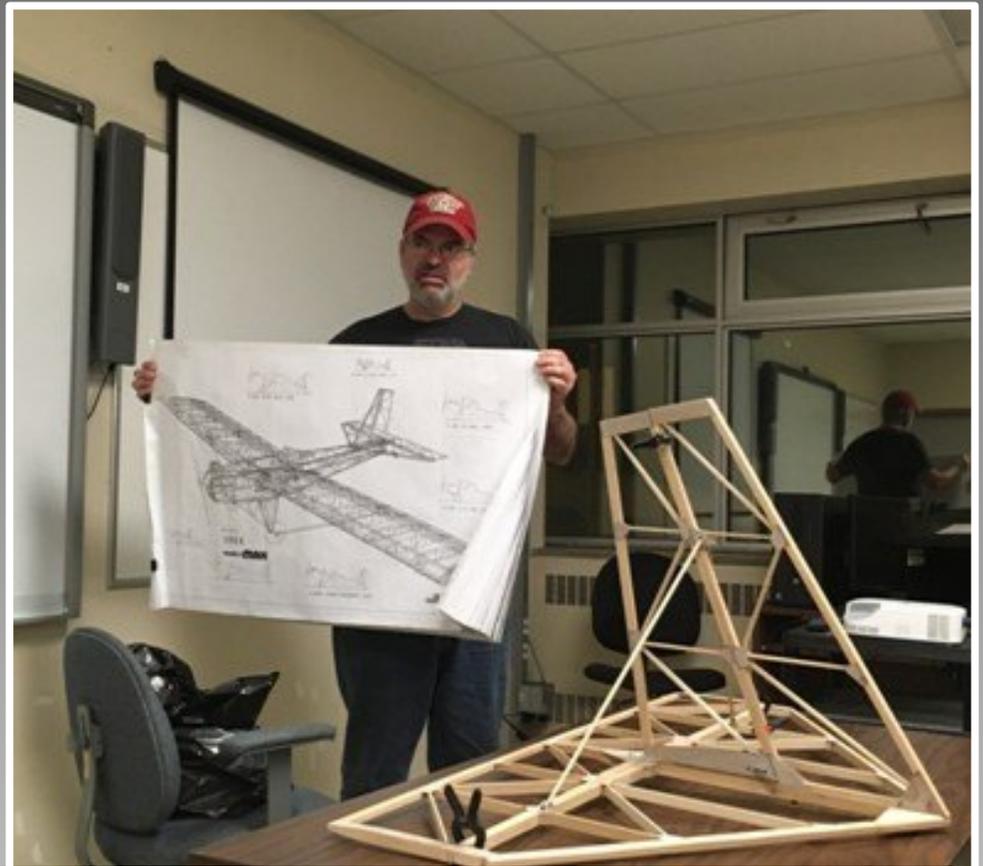


Of course there are always those repairs and new builds that keep our club members busy. Recently our local university decided to thin out its hanger of airplanes and miscellaneous items. They donated nearly a dozen planes to our club. Don't get too envious, these were mostly planes that didn't fare to well over the past few flying seasons. One of the engineering classes is doing experiments in flight, remote sensing and a host of other electronic related subjects. We decided to sell off most of the stuff to club members in February so they could incorporate the items into their winter build projects. As a result, we were able to raise \$600 for the club coffers. There were two trainer planes that could be salvaged and repaired for the club to offer new fliers to enter our trainer program. Thanks to MUN for this generous donation.

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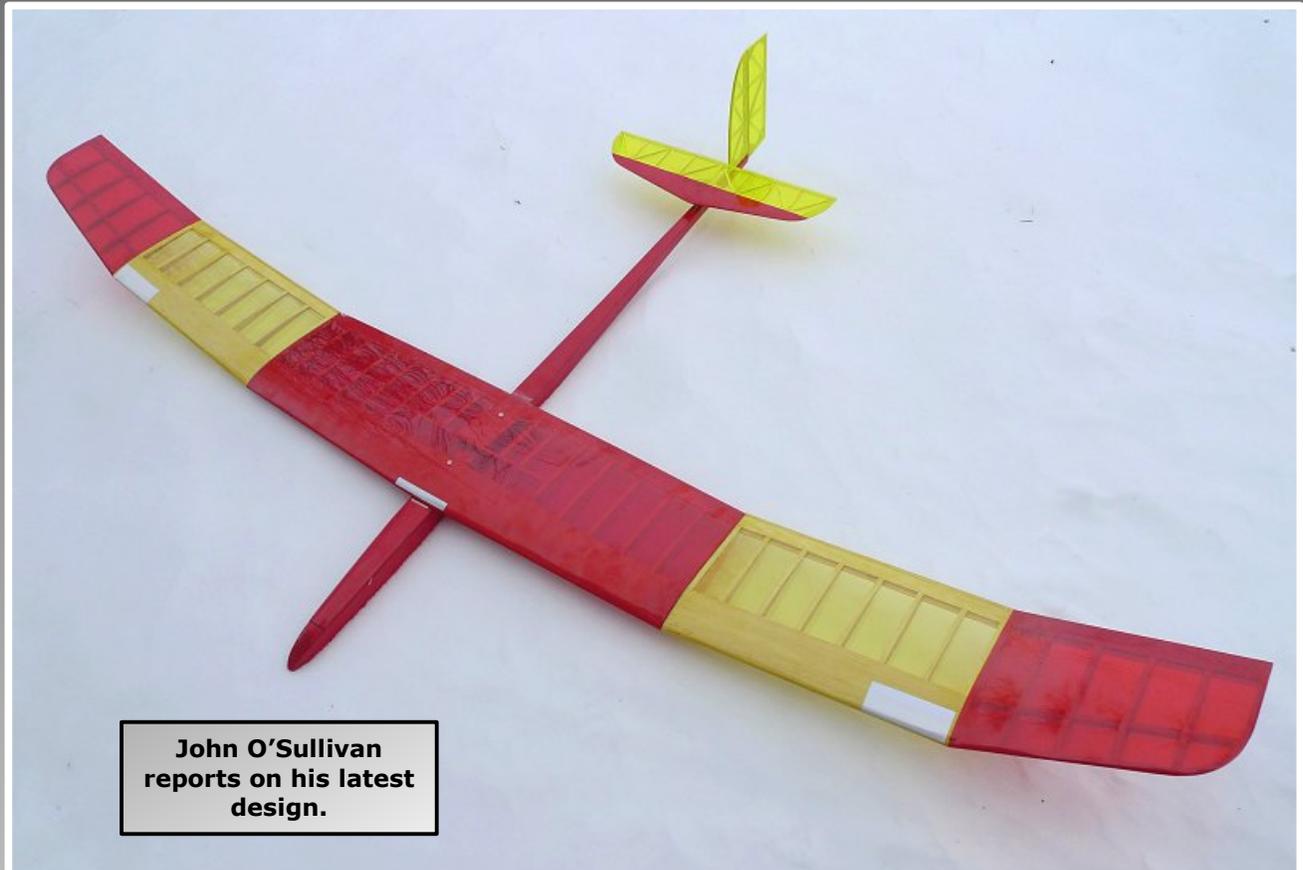
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One of the more industrious projects is this 50% Hi-Max being built by Stephen. He has been out of the hobby for quite a few years building a business; now he's back to RC in a big way! This BME 116 gas powered plane has a 96 inch fuse, 150 inch wing span and expected to weigh in at about 45-50 pounds.



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John O'Sullivan reports on his latest design.

Just finished the sailplane version of my new 2 metre MAYFLY design.
Finished up at 16.5 ounces - reasonable light at 3.9 ounces/ sq. ft.
Ended up with 1.1 oz noseweight.

Detailing the plan is a fiddly job, ensuring that all the steps are clear to those with little building experience. As well, it will take time to do a construction manual. I have oodles of construction photos which will help in this phase. So far I have spent at least twice as much time massaging the plans as it took to build the model.

Had thought about kitting it, and still might, but I will be at least making plans (and possibly a short kit) available. The structure is much simpler than the current German designs which are extremely laser or CNC machined with complex jigsaw interlocking pieces.

With the simpler design, it gives up nothing in terms of structure, Airfoils or performance potential. I believe it can be built for about half the cost of current German basic kits which cost in excess of \$200 Can plus shipping and still require covering etc.



Carl Layden writes in a recent facebook post:

RC pilots, just because it's an ARF doesn't mean you shouldn't add a little detail to your plane. Here's an easy update that helped 'dress-up' my Spitfire. A little paint and extra prop blades help the appearance.

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Now THIS is a foamie. Adam Dube reports on his self designed twin engine cargo plane build.



I think I'm going to need a bigger kitchen... The cargo plane is back on the build bench since everything else is finished. Closed up all the sheeting that needed to be addressed, made some hatches, horizontal stab is finished, windows are in, and raydome is getting a hinge

Specs: wingspan- 109 inches total length- 83 inches twin NTM-5050 brushless motors ,100 amp escs. 10000mah 8s battery (4x50004s) countless sheets of foam board and a charge account at the local dollarama

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INDOOR FLYING IN THE ZONE 2016/17

South Shore Indoor R/C Flying Bridgewater

Indoor Flying is back on again at HB Studios Sports Centre. Flying fee is still \$10.00 and can be paid at front desk or left with Chris Martin. Following are the booked times.



Saturday, January 7th - 2:00pm-4:00pm
Sunday, January 22nd - 9:00am-11:00am
Sunday, February 5th - 10:00am-12:00pm
Saturday, February 25th - 2:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, March 4th - 2:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, March 18th - 2:00pm-4:00pm



ASRCM WINTER INDOOR

We have the gym at the **Riverside Education Center in Milford** booked every Monday evening from now until the spring. All are welcome to fly and there is no charge for three hours of flying 6-9pm. Please note that the school has priority of the gym and any school activities or events will take precedence. We will post on this forum of any changes that may need to be communicated.

<http://www.asrcm.ns.ca/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

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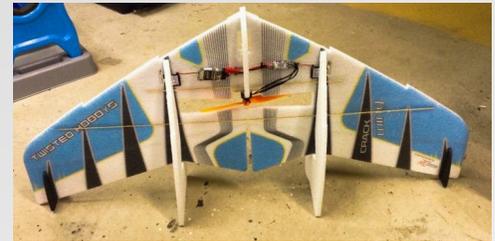
INDOOR FLYING IN THE ZONE 2016/17

NORTHUMBERLAND RC MODELERS WINTER INDOOR



Work on the gymnasium floor has forced cancellation of this indoor for the moment. Stay tuned for updates.

NSCC Pictou Campus
Monday starting Oct 17
7:30PM to 9:30PM



MAST Winter Indoor in Truro
Royal Canadian Legion on Brunswick Street –
Friday evenings 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Fee dependent on
the number of
attendees



The **Wings of Wellington** is very pleased to organize weekly indoor flying for all RC pilots. All electric indoor AC are welcome including multi-rotors and Helicopters (up to 250 size). Location and Directions: Kentville NS – Indoor Multipurpose Soccer Stadium – www.valleyindoorsoccer.com/directions.asp – Take exit 14 on Highway 101 to Route 1. Turn right (east) at stop sign by former Pine Hill hotel. Head towards Kentville. Field is on left about 3.6 km along. Flying Hours: 1- 4 PM. Cost - \$10 payable to the facility manager when you leave



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FROM YOUR ZONE DIRECTOR

Hello everyone

We are doing much better now since the ice storm is over but not without traces of the damages that was done mostly in all the eastern part of New Brunswick.

Anyway now life is getting back to normal which includes getting some planes ready for the coming flying season.

Don't forget to get ready for the Valley Gathering 2017 by the Wings of Wellington in Kentville Nova Scotia which is on April 1st certainly not an April's fool's day and by participating it gives a chance to win a one year MAAC membership, enjoy and have fun.

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Atlantic ZD



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A Jumbo jet was coming into London Heathrow after a long-haul trip from Singapore and the captain opened the intercom and said 'Ladies and gentlemen we are now making our final approach into Heathrow, we hope you've enjoyed flying with RarelyCrash Airways and that we'll see you again soon, please have a safe onward journey' at which point he forgot to turn the intercom off. He turned to the co-pilot and said 'well Roger what plans do you have for the rest of the day?' the co-pilot replied 'My wife will be at the hotel, Mike, and she's got seats booked for a West-End show, I don't know which one, what plans do you have?' The cabin crew and passengers meanwhile are quite enjoying this change from the norm. The captain continued 'as you know my divorce was finalised last week so I'll be taking a long soak in the bath before ordering dinner in my room. I'm thinking that after that I'll call the pretty new blonde stewardess working upstairs, Susanne I think her name is, and take her out for a drink then take her back to my room and give her a damn good seeing to' At that moment the passengers cheered loudly and in the upper deck Susanne realised the intercom was still on by accident and she had to get downstairs and let them know. She ran up the aisle and tripped headlong over an old lady's handbag which was poking out into the aisle. The old lady looked down at the spread-eagled young woman and said 'there's no need to hurry love, he's going to have a bath first'

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