



# MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER

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Takeoff is optional  
But landing is mandatory

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2019 Valley Gathering

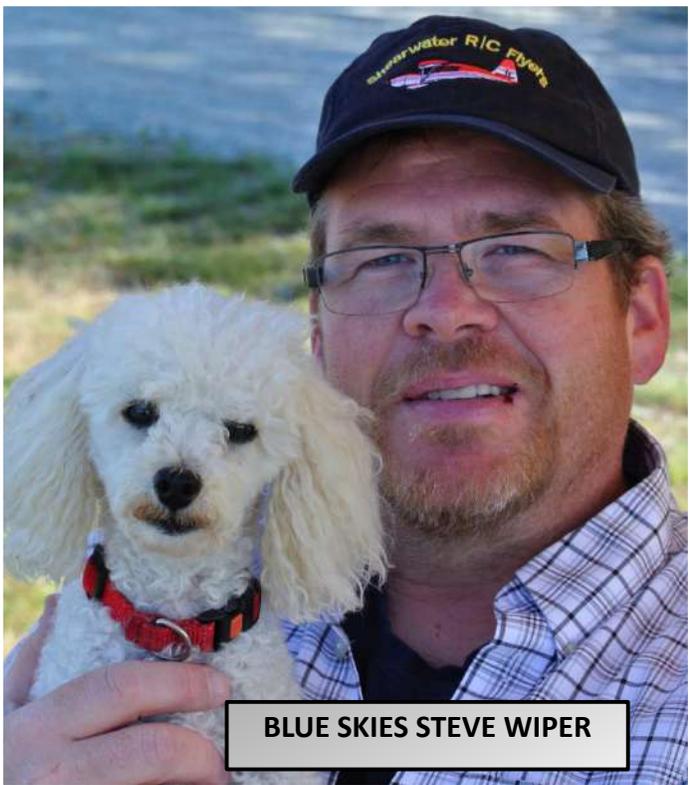


Indoor hi-jinks

**“Bitchin’ Betty” Says Farewell: Beloved Voice Behind Boeing’s F/A-18 Super Hornet Retires**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx7-yvXf6f8>



BLUE SKIES STEVE WIPER



And a lot more!



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# Farewell to a loved and respected modeler

One of many tributes: Steve had always been such a great influence to our club. Always willing to help anyone in need with building tips, trimming a plane, hand-launching or recovering from a missed / short landing. I will forever remember the commitment that Steve had for getting a member's Timber out of a tree - on a long weekend after everyone else had gone and when the call of home was pressing for holiday dinner. He stuck it out to help our members. He was that kind of guy.

He publically supported our club - and I hope enjoyed it - through events such as the Shearwater Hobby Show and "recently" at the HEFA Canada Day festivities with HRM at the Halifax Common. Nice to meet Lisa there too at this full day event.

One of our best - if not the best - pilots at the field. His jovial nature will be missed. Steve and Lucy just seemed to go together everywhere. He was a great builder for planes, and his flight boxes were always completed with precision and pride.

Certainly my condolences go out to his family. This leaves a huge hole for his family and also for anyone who had the honour to meet Steve.



**Stephen Douglas Wiper 52, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2019.**

**A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, April 4, 2019 (12:00-2:00 pm) at the Royal Cdn Legion Centennial Branch 160 (703 Main Street, Dartmouth). In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated.**

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# St. John's RC Flyers winter activities

Winter still has its grip firmly in Newfoundland but St. John's RC Flyers continue to make the best of it. As weather permits, impromptu outdoor flying takes place on Miller's Pond next to President, Robert Dicks' home. On this occasion a half dozen pilots donned their winter attire and had a great morning of flying off skis. Regular indoor flying takes place at one of the high school gyms every Monday evening. For a small fee it's a great way of retaining that hand-eye coordination so critical to keep those repairs to a minimum. The local indoor soccer Techniplex Complex has graciously offered its facility each Wednesday afternoon for a two-hour period at \$2 per person (definitely not enough to cover their lights). It's a fabulous opportunity for those of us retirees and those of needing a lot more space to enjoy indoor flying.

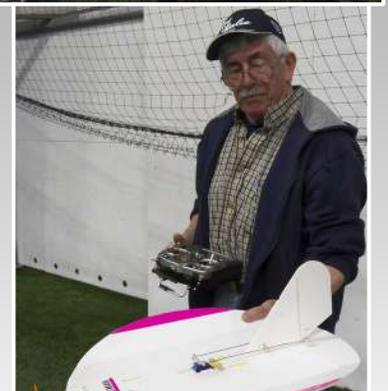
This month we held our annual club swap meet. This followed our monthly meeting in March. It was well attended, and a great variety of items were offered for swap or sale. Several pilots are moving out of nitro and going to gas or electric flight, so a good selection of planes and engines were offered. This year's swap meet was held a little earlier than previous years, so newly acquired items had time to be incorporated into ongoing winter projects.



Report and Photos by Robert Dicks

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## Valley Gathering 2019 Indoor Final

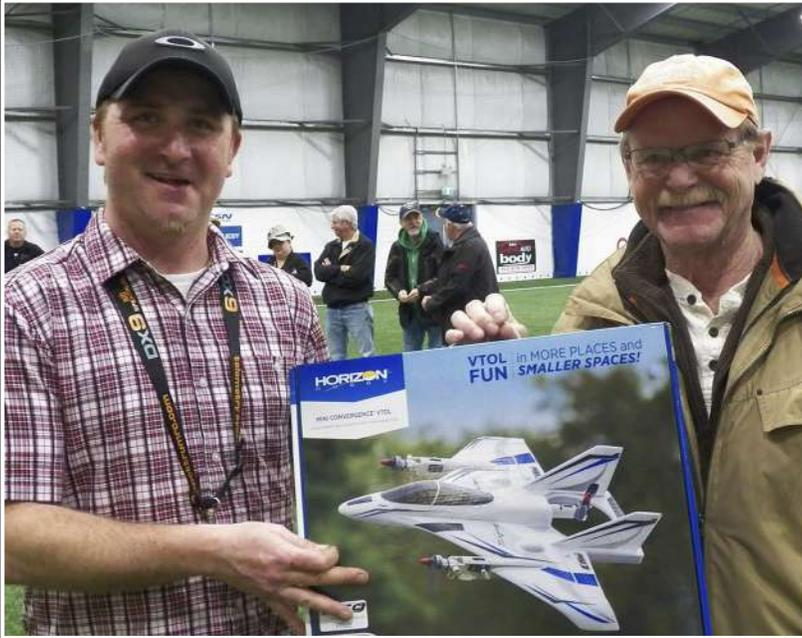


More Photos can be seen at  
[http://www.asrcm.ns.ca/Valley\\_Gathering%20\\_2019.html](http://www.asrcm.ns.ca/Valley_Gathering%20_2019.html)

Photos by Terry  
Bullerwell

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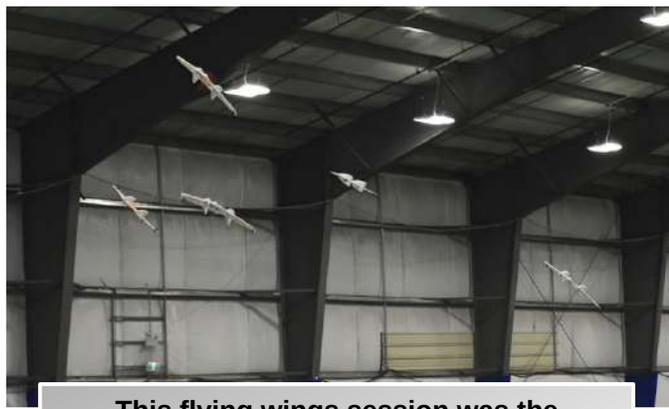
## Yarmouth South West Flyers Indoor



Photos by Terry Bullerwell

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## Wings of Wellington weekly indoor



This flying wings session was the highlight for many at the March 6<sup>th</sup> indoor. Just look at the expression on their faces!



Photos by Barry Lloyd

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# Rick LeBlanc foam board builder extraordinaire!



Rick posted on facebook recently "These are some of my creations with foam board over the last few years. They all flew. Some even still exist."



**Paul Sinnis Mossie update**

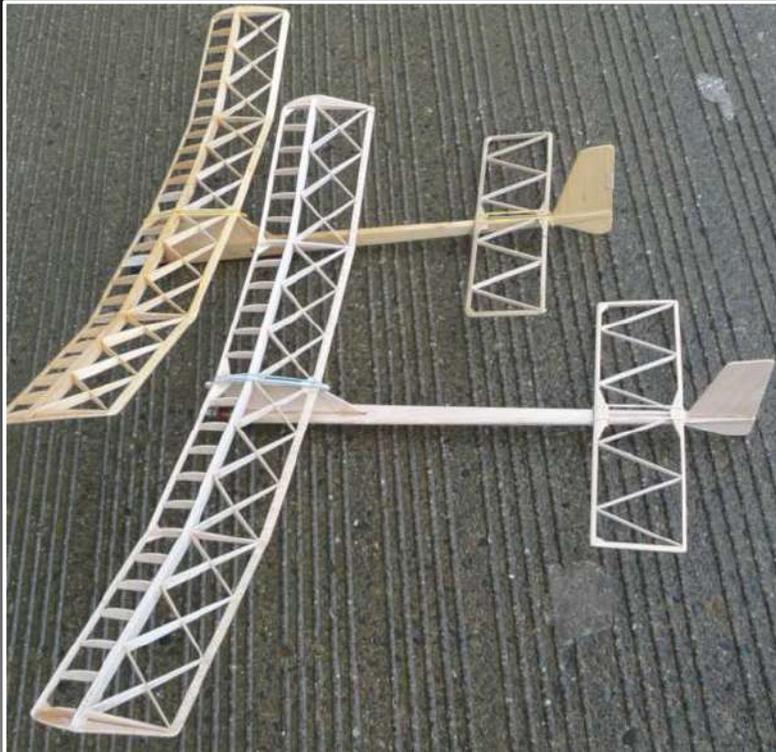


**Some progress on the mosquito being built by Paul Sinnis of the Northumberland RC Modellers**

**Photos by Paul Sinnis**

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### John O'Sullivan updates his Pocket Rocket design



My Pocket Rocket Free Flight duration model was designed in 1962 for the Cox .01 tiny motor. The motor came with a spring clip and was advertised as the "fastest Revving Tie Clip in the World. (27,000 rpm). I still have the original Plans.

In 1963 Aeromodeller turned down the plans for publication, but in the final days of the Model Builder Magazine they had accepted it for publication. Unfortunately the magazine folded before it was published.

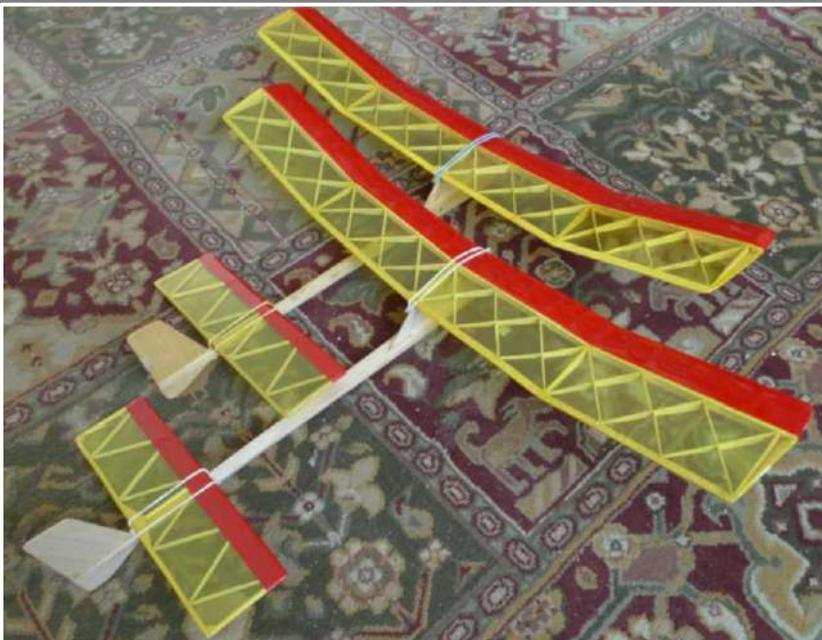
I redrew the plans in CAD and built another in 1991 which has lain in the pile since. I put the plans on Outerzone [https://outerzone.co.uk/plan\\_details.asp?ID=2133](https://outerzone.co.uk/plan_details.asp?ID=2133)

In the last few months I have had a few people build the model both I/C and Electric. So I decided to build a new one. I pulled out the old one but the wing and tail looked very sad with tattered tissue covering and I planned on building another replacement wing. Ever try and remove old tissue covering from a model?

Diesel Danny from Australia suggested putting the wing in a plastic bag with a couple of tablespoons of acetone and leave it overnight. I did this and lo and behold the tissue peeled right off leaving a pristine wing.

Well the original has been refurbished and the new model built and both are now ready for covering. Uncovered WITH motors but not covered the new one weighs 26 grams and the old one 28 gm (under an ounce). The old one ready to fly was 1.24 ounces.

I only had a tank backplate for my second motor and decided to make a mount using my 3D printer. So far it seems to be working well.



Photos by John O'Sullivan

**Dayle Smith celebrates the big 70**



**Dayle photographed at the weekly Wings of Wellington indoor mid march.**

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### Three generations of flyers!

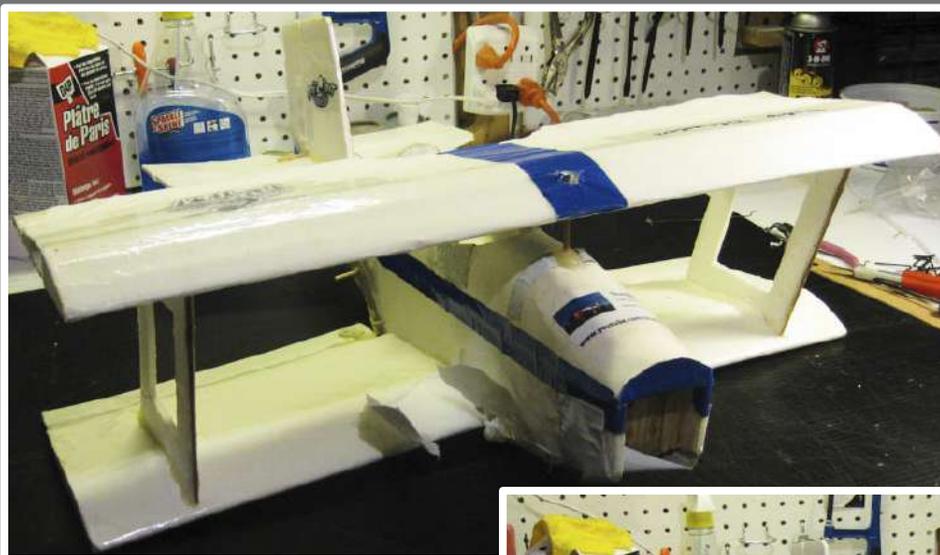


And speaking of Dayle. Here he is with his son and grandson. Three generations of the Smith family, flyers all!

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# BABY BLENDER REVAMP by Rick LeBlanc

Rick LeBlanc of the Yarmouth "South West Flyers R/C Club" provides these photos: Terry's sad old FliteTest Baby Blender is having its air-frame replaced. This was one of my first builds and it was never coated with sealer or paint. The new one is straight and solid.



Photos by Rick LeBlanc

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# WOW CLUB FIELD CONDITIONS REPORT

Note from Aaron Mason: "Good day Pilots, I am very pleased to announce, that our beautiful flying field is not in ruins after a long cold winter. I was pleasantly shocked when I pulled in to have a peek at the field, to see the field looking like it did when we left it in the fall :)

Keep in mind, there is still Frost that needs to come out of the ground, but I think we'll be safe from having our runways chewed up from the frost this year.

Looks to me like we may have an early work party this year!

"Fingers crossed"

Aaron,"



Photos by Aaron Mason

# 21st Annual Shearwater Aviation Museum Spring Hobby Show

Saturday, April 13 - Sunday, April 14, 2019 • 10 am til 4 pm



*Featuring Military, Ship & Automotive Models, Dolls and Dollhouse Miniatures, Model Railways, Radio Control Aircraft & Ships, LEGO, Historical Re-enactors, a Model Contest (Saturday only), a Trade Fair and much more!*

**General Admission - \$5.00**  
- Families \$12.00

**Sea King Club, 242 Warrior Avenue,  
12 Wing Shearwater**

For more information call (902) 720-1083; for contest rules/categories visit:  
[www.shearwateraviationmuseum.ns.ca](http://www.shearwateraviationmuseum.ns.ca)



Miniature Aircraft Society of Truro is hosting a  
Swap Meet!!!

Where- Truro Legion

When- May 18,2019

Cost- \$20 per table for vendors, \$5 for adults and  
free for children 12 and under

Registration deadline for tables April 13th 2019  
there is a limited amount of tables so please  
contact me Christian Pratt - [cpratt30@gmail.com](mailto:cpratt30@gmail.com)  
or 902-957-0505

There will be a canteen on site!

**Time- 8:30-4 For vendors and 10-3 for customers.  
Legion location is 42 Brunswick St.**

## **South West Flyers Mall Show**



**Apr 20 at 10 PM – Apr 21 at 4 PM**

**Annual Mall Display hosted by the South West Flyers R/C Club (SWF). Drop by the Yarmouth Mall and take in the displays located next to Chucks Diner. Radio control airplanes, helicopters and drones will be on display and Club members will be available to answer any and all questions about this exciting hobby.**

**Additionally, flight simulators will be set-up and you can try your hand at taking off, flying and then landing your plane successfully.**

**Hope to see YOU there.**

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## HOBBY SHOPS IN OUR ZONE.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

Freedom Hobbies  
[www.freedomhobbies.ca](http://www.freedomhobbies.ca)  
3134 Main Street,  
Salisbury, N.B.  
E4J2L6. Owner  
Patrick Last.  
[freedom@makeitlast.ca](mailto:freedom@makeitlast.ca)

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100 Bosse Ave,  
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PH: (506)-737-8700  
Fax (506)-737-8701  
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[Info@VarioCanada.com](mailto:Info@VarioCanada.com)

### NOVA SCOTIA

Mighty Small Cars  
552 Windmill Road  
Dartmouth, NS  
902 423-9298  
<https://www.facebook.com/Mighty-Small-Cars-Limited-1519260711625776/>

Owner is Geoff  
Davis.

Maritime Hobbies  
and Crafts  
1521 Grafton St.  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia, B3J  
2B9  
902-423-8870

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Signal Hobbies,  
[www.signalhobbies.com](http://www.signalhobbies.com)

36 Pearson, St.  
John's, NL A1A 3R1  
709-722-7021

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Great Hobbies.  
171 Buchanan Drive,  
Charlottetown, PE I.

<http://www.greathobbies.com>

902-569-3262  
1-800-839-3262  
The new store is now  
located in Charlottetown  
with only  
administration in the  
Stratford location.

## Some bits and bytes from the Zone



Jeeremy Dann flying with transmitter behind his back, and Al Coolan pointing out his errors

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FROM YOUR ZONE DIRECTOR

Hi all,

Spring is in the air, indoor flying is coming to an end and the test of your creation is about to happen, it being a scratch build or an ARF the rules are the same, do your ground checks and you will be rewarded with no surprises.

And it's that time of the year that the Annual General Meeting of MAAC is going to take place, and as you probably know its taken place in Kamloops, BC.

This time again its only for two days with one and a half day set aside for the BOD face to face meeting and the other half is the Annual Members Meeting which takes place on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

I would encourage you to read the Annual Report and send me and note if you are curious about something, it being the budget, the recommendation, regulations, or whatever, I will do my best to answer you all. The work of the BOD has been an exhausting exercise over the last year with no fewer than 20 teleconference and 4 executive meetings since last AGM. As for a relative newcomer to this level of MAAC organization it has been a wake-up call to what's going on, on that level.

With the 5 year operating plan and many rewrite of documents to be up to date with our fast moving world, and working together with all the BOD members for the betterment of our organization and our members, it's always a work in progress, and after the AGM it all starts again, I'm not complaining, but it sure cuts into my model building, but on the other hand it gives us all the freedom to continue enjoying our hobby the way we always have been doing it. Well what about the new regulations you say, when June rolls along, we should be flying and enjoying our hobby as we always have and have been for the last 70 years, so in saying this I would like to Congratulate the MAAC Organization and all its members on your 70 years celebrations of a safe and committed organization to our great hobby.

Fly safe and be courteous.  
Cato.



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