



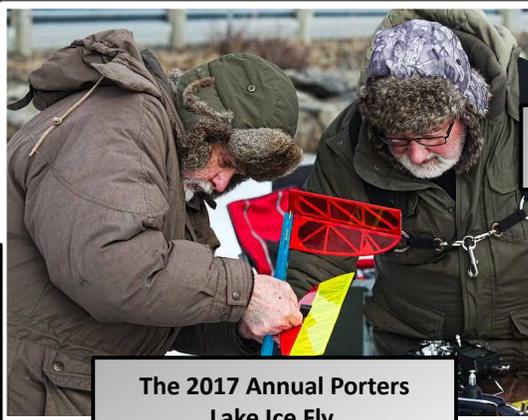
MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER

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But landing is mandatory

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Runway
Intersecting a
Road



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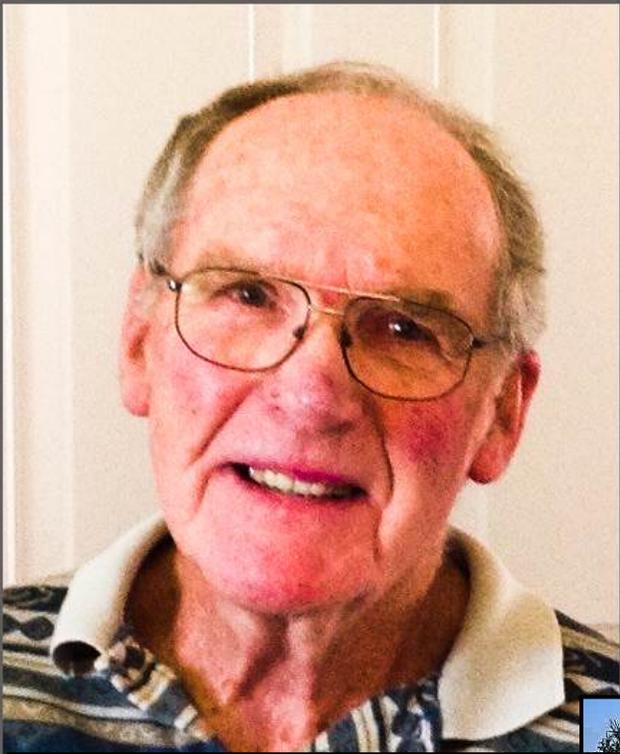


Truro MAST club's winter indoor

And a lot more!

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Tom Foote June 10, 1932 - March 4, 2017



The HEFA club's most senior member, Tom Foote, passed away, on March 4, 2017.

Bill Foster writes:

Tom was such a sailplane advocate, having flown the real thing for many years before doing the same thing with RC models. One day, years ago, he shared pictures with us about having left the Stanley NS field, come right down to Halifax, flown directly over the Citadel, took pictures, and then turned back and returned to Stanley; all the while being powered by the wind. I was blown away by this event, enough so that I went home and managed to find Tom's name on the Internet in regard to other achievements of his. It was truly an honor to know you Tom, rest in peace my friend.



Hefa member John O'Sullivan writes: I first met Tom in Stanley about 30 years ago. He arranged a flight in a sailplane for me and another for my son. Later he approached me about getting into models and he then built a Spirit 2m sailplane and we used to go out to Lawrencetown. Typical of Tom's cautious nature and attention to safety he insisted that we stay on the buddy box longer than he needed to. He was a low key individual who was highly talented but kept his talents hidden from most people. Above all he was a gentleman. He loved sailplanes and used to go solo to Shannon and Lawrencetown usually in the early morning. About 12 years ago he said to me of model sailplane flying that "I never thought that I would get to this stage of my life before I found the most satisfying hobby of all." He was indeed the type of individual who excelled in many things, without seeking the limelight. He is sorely missed.

2017 Annual Porters Lake Ice Fly



After many weeks of waiting for the right combination of conditions, the 2017 Annual Porters Lake Ice Fly finally took place on Saturday, March 18th. Each winter, this gathering of flying-starved model aviators takes place on the frozen waters in front of our house in East Lawrencetown.

This year though, it really started to look like the event might not happen at all, as one weekend after another went by with either deep, snow-covered ice, frigid temperatures, gale force winds, or all these elements together conspiring to postpone the day. Finally, in spite of the rapid departure of ice from most of the lake, the required conditions prevailed to allow the event to take place. Saturday dawned with light northerly winds, reasonable temperatures and a solid and mostly snow-free ice surface on the bay.



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Although the sun failed to make an appearance, in spite of the forecast, a hardy group of 15 flyers arrived to enjoy a full day of flying and socializing. The ice-pilots brought with them a variety of flying machines including Jeremy Dann's large electric helicopter, Kevin Baker's unusual autogyro and Don McPhee's unique Convergence. The autogyro and the Convergence failed to take to the air for various technical reasons, but plenty of other craft plied the wide open skies over the lake. John O'Sullivan and Jeremy even managed to catch some elusive winter thermals with their motor-gliders to spec out to the edge of the overcast. Jack and Wil Veasey arrived to mix things up and entertain the gang with the launch of a number of their model rockets. Piloting a large, impressive multicopter, John Liddard took aerial photos of the action on the ice. Of course, some of our more comical characters (no names, no pack-drill) barely restrained themselves from causing some, shall we say, less than PC images. Luckily, with the chance that Mary might catch them in the act, sanity prevailed!

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As usual, Mary cooked up a gastronomic delight of her home-made chili, pulled pork sandwiches for lunch and freshly baked delicacies for dessert. Assisted in the kitchen by Denise Baker, the two ladies fed the hungry fliers as they took a break from activities on the ice.

A draw was held for some small door prizes which were presented to winners Bill Foster, Rick MacDonald and Jim Haliburton. Flying continued late into the afternoon by a keen few, as the wind continued to stay light throughout the day.

Mary and I would like to thank all for attending, with special mention to Jeremy and Don who travelled from the Valley to join us on Porters Lake. We would also like to thank HEFA and the guys for the kind donation towards the event costs. As it was, the Ice Fly went off just in the nick of time, as the storm on Sunday laid waste to the remaining ice on the lake! We were blessed again this year with good timing, as well as a good time had by all.

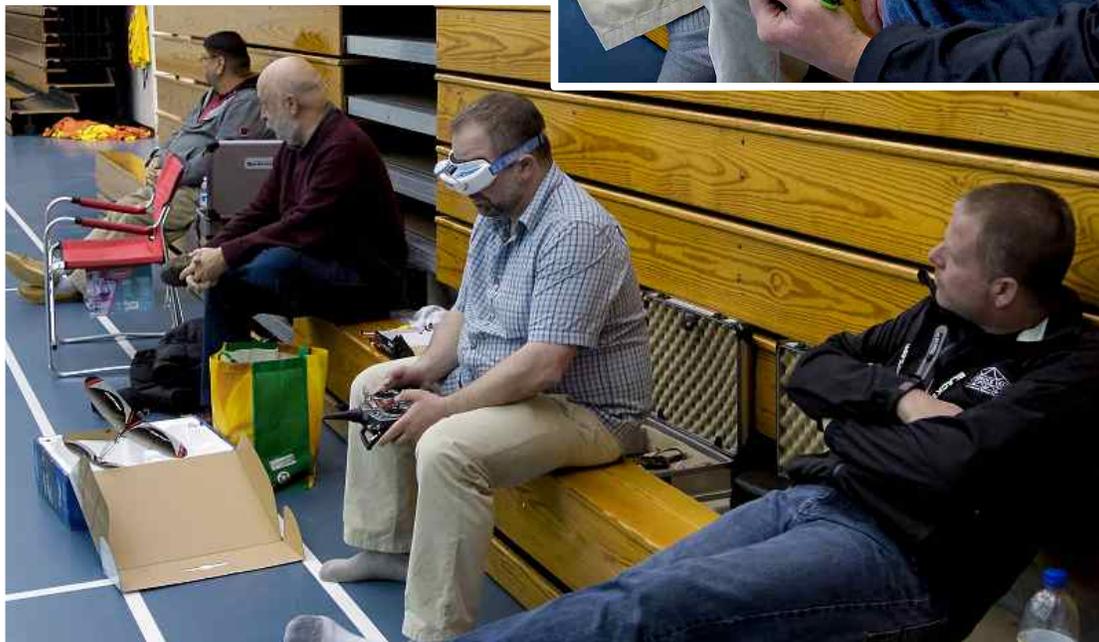
Item report by Vic Rugsys
Photographs by Vic, Mary
Jefferson and John Walker

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ASRCM indoor Monday nights at Riverside Elementary



Indoor events throughout the zone are coming to a close. The ASRCM indoor was a success again this season and will wind up mid April.



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SOME BITS AND BYTES FROM THE ZONE



Jim Gavel of the South West Flyers R/C Club of Yarmouth comments on his new Sabre.

It's a Freewing model sold by Motionrc, 80mm EDF, 47.2inch x 47.2inch (square just like the full size), electric retracts, flaps, complete with all servos, leads, ESC, 12 blade fan unit, all installed, just add your receiver and a 3500 - 4500 mah 6S 60C battery and go fly. Check out the videos on Motionrc's website, awesome flight and sound. For a foamy I'm impressed and I'm not normally impressed with foam planes.



Photos by Jim Gavel

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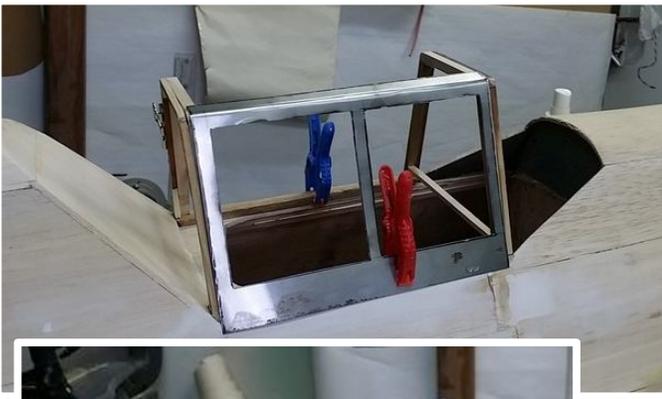
Glen Miller of the Shearwater RC Flyers is shown test flying his new clik on March 29th during the weekly indoor in Kentville. The Clik has become very popular and Glen's makes a total of 7 flying indoors in Kentville this year. Sandy McInnis is providing catapult service for the test flight.



Photos by Jeremy
Dann

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This is one of the neatest things I've seen in all my years of modeling. Al Coolen has hand fashioned a hood for the rebuild on his me-109. Amazing. The photos are self explanatory.



Photos by Al Coolen

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Photo by Judy Harpell



Ed Harpell of the Truro MAST club shows his Flitetest Bloody Wonder, one of several being built for the upcoming season. Anyone want to try their hand at combat!?



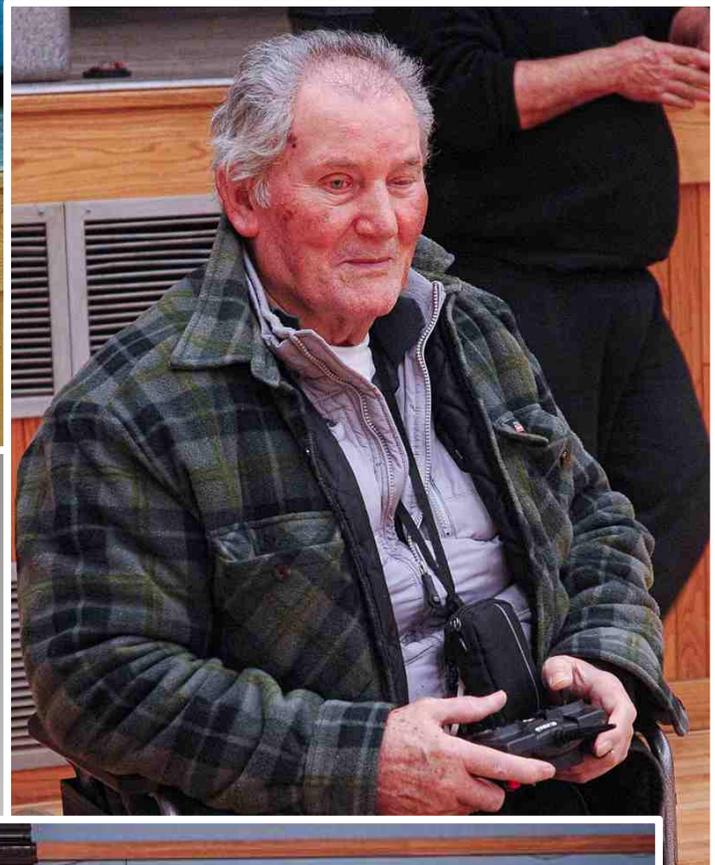
Ethan Bates, son of Mike Bates, President of the MAST club of Truro is chased by his killer whale during a recent club indoor.

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The Truro MAST club indoor March 24th



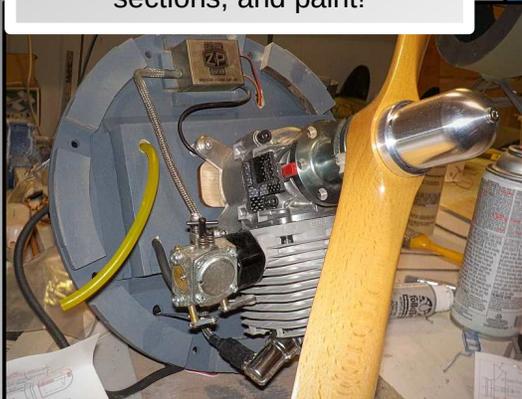
Photos by Ed Harpell

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Shearwater RC Flyers member Dave Rowe has finished Moncton flyer Kevin Drayson's F4F Wildcat.

Dave reports on his progress just prior to delivery: I couldn't live with putting all this work into the plane, only to have a very thin, frameless canopy attached. So, with a bit of a warm up on test pieces, I cut strips of aluminum tape, and went to work. Outside of the frames is all done, now I have to do the same on the inside. Then, I can tape off the clear sections, and paint!



Photos by Dave Rowe

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HOBBY SHOPS IN OUR ZONE.

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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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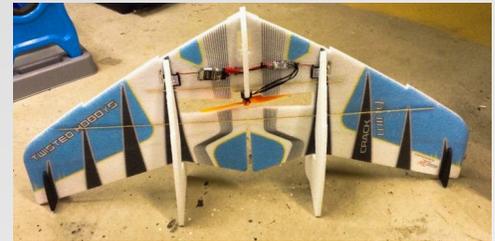
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NORTHUMBERLAND RC MODELERS WINTER INDOOR



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

The good weather is getting closer and everyone should be almost ready to have some flights soon, providing the fields are accessible and dry enough. But it will be all ok for the season opener in Margaree.

Transport Canada is requiring more rules for our hobby but in the long run MAAC should benefit from it by getting more members to enjoy this great hobby and to get everyone to fly in a safe manner.

The Annual General Meeting is just about here on April 23 and hope to see many of you in attendance and you can also attend at the board meetings April 21&22 as observers if possible.



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Pilot's-Eye View Of The Awesome WW2 B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" During Takeoff



<https://m.warhistoryonline.com/whotube-2/b-17-aluminum-overcast-takeoff-cockpit-x.html>

Some folks are doing their best to rain on your parade... So remember this story the next time ... A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded: "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?" "We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!" "Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?" We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste." "Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump." "We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope." "That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it." A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome. "It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!" Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope." "Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me.." "Oh, really! What'd he say?" He said: "Who screwed up your hair?"