



# MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER

Issue no. 74

Takeoff is optional  
But landing is mandatory

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**Flight test of the Blue Bronco.**  
The plane will be raffled off to a lucky winner at the Yarmouth club's FunFly in August.



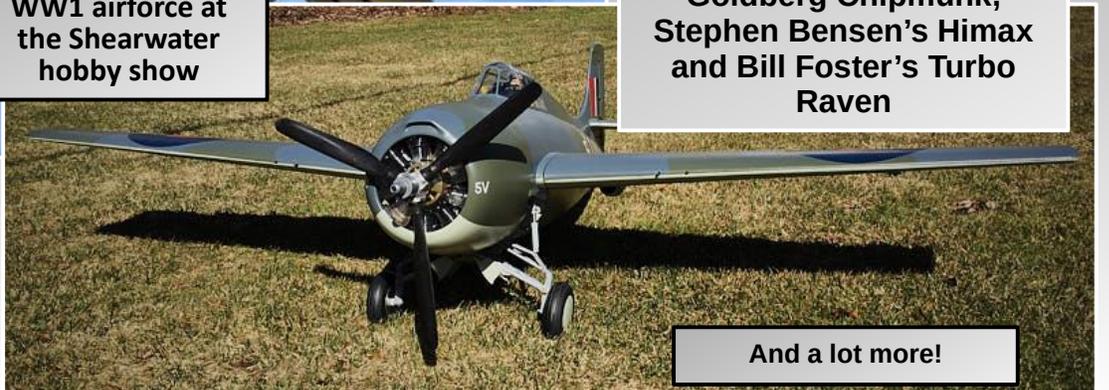
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Vic Ruzgys with his WW1 airforce at the Shearwater hobby show



Some of the projects underway in the zone this winter include Kevin Bissett's 70's era KAOS, Kevin Drayson's electric Wildcat, Rae Coyle's Goldberg Chipmunk, Stephen Bensen's Himax and Bill Foster's Turbo Raven



And a lot more!



# Kevin Drayson's huge Electric Wildcat

Kevin Drayson writes: Been meaning to send you some pics of my Wildcat, which is just about ready for a test flight. This is the one that Dave Rowe put together before he headed west. There was quite a bit still to be done, but it's finally there! All-up it's 35 pounds, with a Rimfire 65cc motor, to be powered by 4 6S batteries arranged for 12S 11,000mah in order to give plenty of flight time. Shown in the pics is a Ramoser Varioprop with 3 blades and a scale prop hub that I 3D printed in ABS. That hub might not fly... I plan to do some testing to see if it can handle the forces.

Markings are those of a Martlet/Wildcat V from 881 Sqn. RN that served aboard HMS Pursuer. The squadron was commanded by a Canadian, Lt. Cdr. Digby Cosh and participated in Murmansk convoy runs, Operation Tungsten against the Tirpitz, and Operation Neptune protecting the Normandy invasion fleet from U-boat attack.

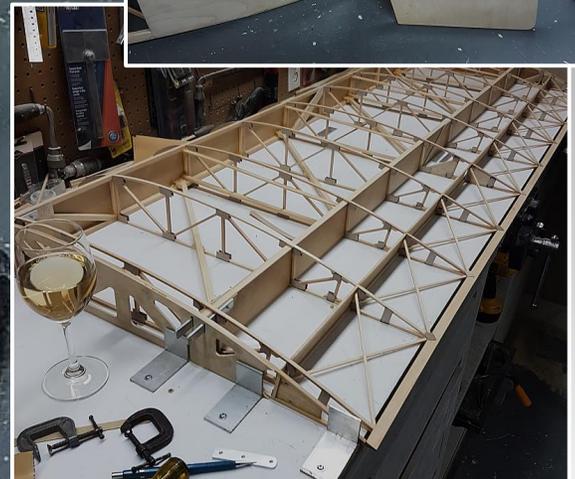


Photos by Kevin Drayson

## **Stephen Bensen's 50% HiMax ultralight**

**Stephen Bensen reports on his Himax build: "The Fuselage is complete and ready to cover. The right wing is done to the point of cutting the ailerons free and the left wing is close behind. It will be powered by a BME 116 twin cylinder gas engine. Once the structure is complete it will be varnished and covered with Polyfiber fabric and paint. My timeline is to have the structure completed by May and the fabric and paint done over the summer. With any luck or actually a lot of luck I hope to have her ready for a maiden before the end of this flying season."**

**It's looking pretty amazing Stephen!**



**Stephen has a great build thread on the Flying Giants forum:  
<https://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=207544>**

**Photos by Stephen Bensen**

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# Kevin Bissett's Kaos, a winner from the 70's



Kevin Bissett of the Fredericton Model Aircraft Club (FMAC). MAAC member 18609 sends this report and photos: This winter I finally built a plane that has been on my bucket list since the 1970s. It's a Super Kaos. I started with a short kit cut by lazer-works.com. I'm using a Super Tigre 61 and Hitec and Corona servos. It is covered with teal, silver and white Monokote. It came in at just over 6 pounds.



Photos by Kevin Bissett

## Rae Colye's Carl Goldberg Chipmunk

Rae Coyle writes: This is a CARL Goldberg Super Chipmunk that John Hatt had partially built and offered it to me so I finished the build and put things together and voila. I chose a different color scheme from the usual. WS 64". Powered by an OS 61 2S. Something to do for a winter project.



## Bill Foster's Turbo Raven



I've had this model from SEAGULL products (made in Vietnam) for at least three years now, nestled under my work bench, so it was time to get-er-done..!

Not a great deal of info on this model but the info I did find, raised some interesting facts; like the CG being stated in the wrong position, and the models electric power data being wholly inadequate for this plane (a 4S lipo pack and a 10/7 prop was just not going to cut it..!)

Upon examining the model two features stood out as requiring immediate attention...the large battery hatch on top of the fuselage was BOLTED on with two hex head bolts. Obviously this was done for those that would use a glow or gas engine to power the model, this would need to be changed for electric power use.

The second feature was less drastic, but in keeping with the scale appearance of the model, the short legged landing gear would need replacing.

The landing gear issue was quickly fixed as I had this long legged carbon fiber gear, also kicking around for a couple years, that I pressed into service for an awesome look..!

The hatch issue took a bit of thought, before the easy answer jumped out to me. It was just a matter of removing the two blind nuts from the inside of the hatch tabs, and adding a small plywood spacer plus gluing on two super magnets. Now when I insert the bolts into the holes in the fuselage...they promptly snap into place..!

Flying weight will be around 8 pounds, so a 60 size motor, 100 amp esc, and 6S power will be used.

## Rae Colye's Phoenix models Stinson



Rae Coyle writes: You recall Jeremy Dann taking over "Big Red" and doing a rebuild on it. Anyway, I now have Lil Red. A Phoenix model 1/7 scale 67.7 ws. Stinson powered by a 91 4s. It is an exact duplicate of the Top Flight and extremely well built for an ARF. Looking forward to flying it and hope it takes off flies and lands as good as it's big brother.



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### Al Coolen's 33% Waco YMF progress photos

Al Coolen updates us on his Waco: I've been working on it but I ran out of pinking tape and it takes a few weeks to get more. It arrived the middle of last week and I plunged into the arduous task. Well now the pinks are all on and it was fun and interesting but this plane has some serious footage of the stuff and now I'm glad it's over.



Look at the size of this thing!



Photos by Al Coolen

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### REPORT FROM THE BAY ST. GEORGE FLYERS part one



Now that spring has finally begun to reveal itself, the Bay St. George Flyers are beginning to stir as well after a very inactive winter. The constant snow and storms made outdoor winter flying less than attractive while lack of suitable space prevented any indoor activity. Just practice on the simulator and wait for spring and summer!

We do have our regular Fund Flys scheduled for the May 24th weekend, July 1 and Labour Day, details of which are in the MAAC magazine and on the MAAC website.

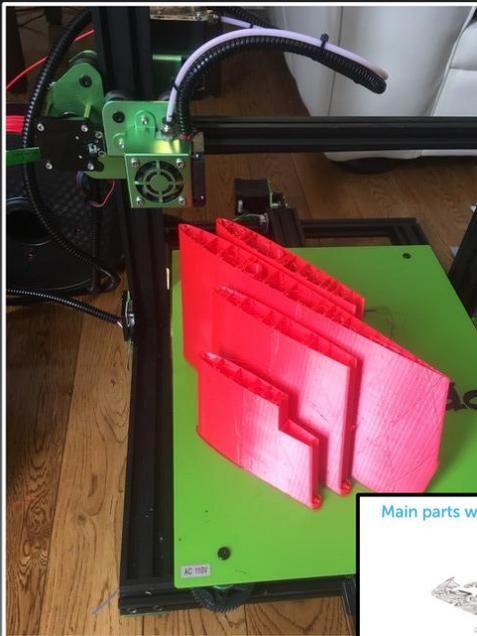
On the building front there has been activity. Builder extraordinaire, Jack White has been busy finishing the Stuka he began last winter and which we noted in the Zone Newsletter of February 2017. We are looking forward to a maiden flight possibly on May 24th.



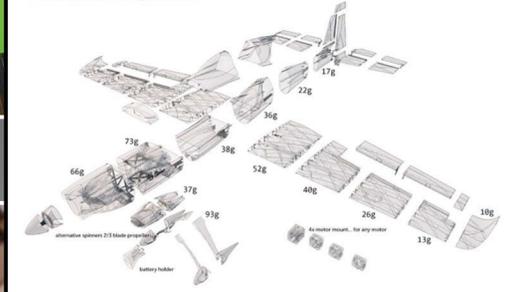
Report and photos  
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## REPORT FROM THE BAY ST. GEORGE FLYERS part two



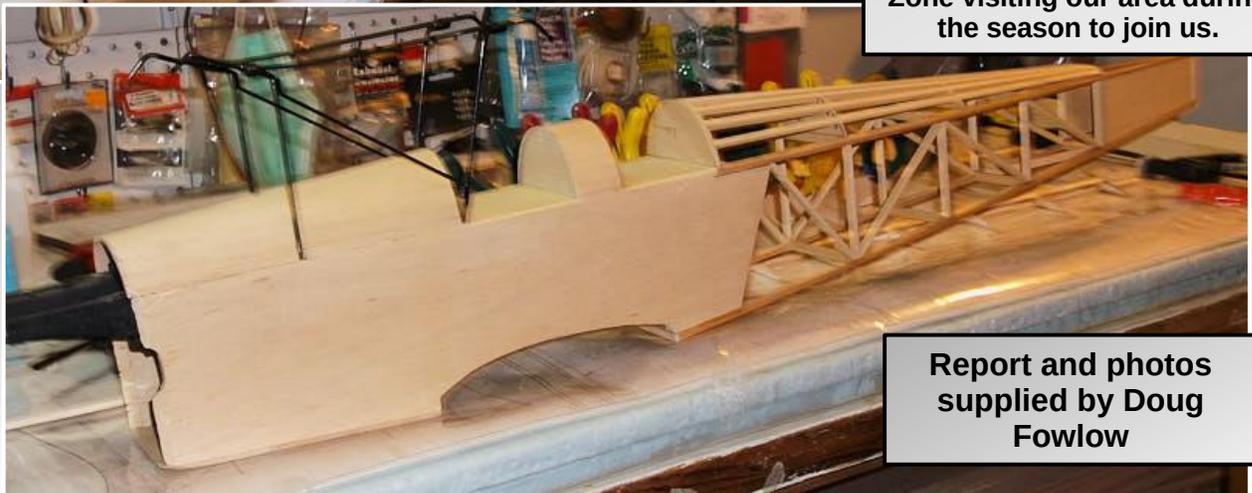
Main parts weight list:



Darren Sacrey has embarked on a new venture whereby he is printing a new plane. Yes, I did say "printing", which is a hard concept for this old balsa and glue builder to grasp, but it actually looks good! He is using a newly acquired 3D printer to build a 46 inch wingspan Zivko Edge Hannes Arch Replica, which will be electric powered and ready to fly later this summer. There is a lot of interest in this one.

I have completed my Lysander, which had a few taxi trials last summer but I have yet to muster the courage to leave the ground! A "rush" in store for this coming season! I have also been building a stand off scale DH82 Tiger Moth model that I hope to have ready to fly for this season. The construction is complete except for covering and assembly and the installation of gear and fittings. It is from the Gee Bee kit with a WS of 45 inches.

We hope for a summer of good flying weather and extend a warm invitation to any one from the Atlantic Zone visiting our area during the season to join us.



Report and photos supplied by Doug Fowlow

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### Jeremy Dan's seaking mechanics test



Video here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbNkuFjfdjk&feature=youtu.be>

Jeremy Dann sends photos of test flying the 5 blade 700 Seaking Mechanics( 1000 rpm) on April 3rd and Bernies new Trex 500. Both tests went well. The 700 tail blades a bit too long and digging in the soft ground, will not be an issue once in the Seaking fuse.



Photos by Jeremy Dann

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## Shearwater Hobby Show April 7/8th



Mike with his new Seaking, Vic and Chris checking it out. Vic with his WW1 airforce. Members of the Shearwater and HEFA clubs Manning the booth.



Photos by Jeremy Dann

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## Yarmouth "South West Flyers R/C Club" mall show



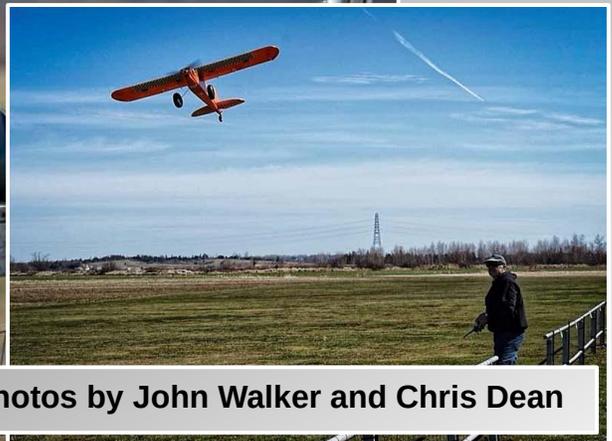
Video here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZaWkNEhIU>

Photos by Terry Bullerwell

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## Some bits and bytes from the Zone

Spring appears to finally have arrived. Members of the Avon club got to try out their field for this first time in 2018 on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Member Sandy McInnis reports "Yesterday the ground was pretty boggy. If you stood in one place for ten seconds you started to sink...."



Photos by John Walker and Chris Dean

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These Yarmouth South West Flyers members were active at their field on April 21<sup>st</sup>.



And Jeremy Dann was feeling a bit whimsical when he made this photo.

Stan Watton, A long time MAAC member is just getting back into the hobby and is looking for a gas conversion kit for a Super Tigre 3000. Great Hobbies don't carry them any more. Contact: [stanwatton@eastlink.ca](mailto:stanwatton@eastlink.ca).

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Rick MacDonald of ASRCM tells me about his well tortured airframe:  
Hi Al, that's the Multiplex Stuntmaster and I started flying it on November 30, 2014 as my goto winter airplane. The flight you took a picture of was #729! I have replaced all the servos several times and lots of hot glue in various places on the airframe but it just keeps flying. I have a new one in a box if I ever need it. I also have used the same 4 batteries for it since the first day and they are 500mah, 25C compact Zippys from HobbyKing which were probably less than \$5 each at the time. You can't complain about that.



Photos by Al Eastman

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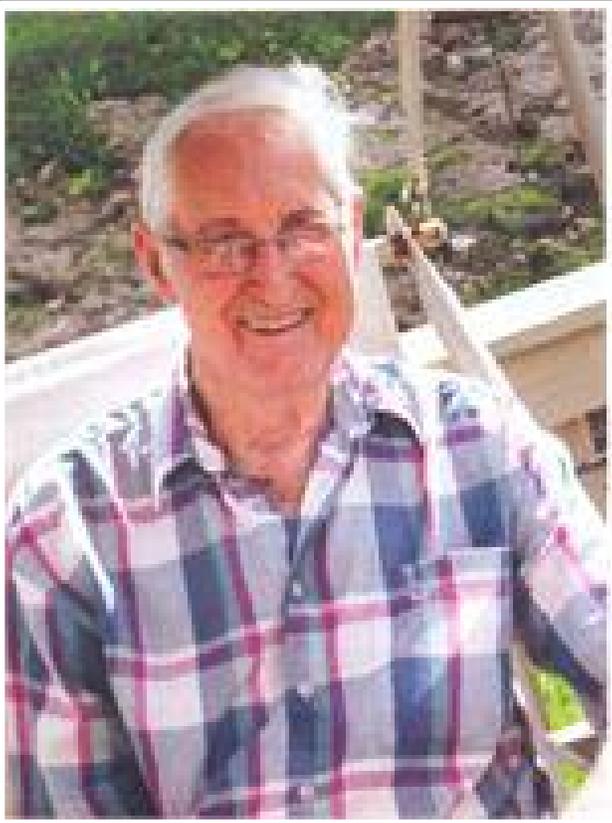


Jeremy Dann posted these photos of his Scorpion on facebook: The Scorpion finally has some gear under her. Has been waiting a long time for it. Should be flying this spring. A few things left to connect and position plus a battery tray to build.



Photos by Jeremy Dann

**Blue skies James "Jim" P.W. Silliker**



The death of James "Jim" P.W. Silliker husband of Betty (Harris) Silliker of Red Bank, NB, occurred at the Miramichi Regional Hospital on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the age of 84. Born in Sillikers, NB, Jim was the son of the late William and Florence (Conroy) Silliker. He started working at a young age with his dad as a fishing guide. After losing his father at 25 years old, he became a father figure to his younger siblings. He drove truck for a few years until he was hired at the mill as a labourer, then moving up to a red seal pipefitter. He worked there for 40 years. Many coworkers became close friends to both Jim and Betty. He would simply light up at the mention of mill stories and would tell us many of these, laughing like he had told us for the first time. He could build or fix anything that was broken and has been called upon by many to do so.

Jim was an avid boater, first building his own speed boat and teaching MANY people how to water-ski. He was also a fishing guide and a great fisherman; catching them by various methods.

He thoroughly enjoyed radio controlled airplanes, building them from scratch and putting them through many aerobatics. He loved to teach people about the hobby and has a collection of dozens of planes. Jim was also proud of his little camp in Sevogle, which he built with his family. Many skidoo trips and visits to the camp were some of his cherished memories. Many people who knew Jim would probably agree that he loved telling stories and remembered times from years ago. One of his main topics of story-telling was that of playing crazy eights (widdley-dink) with partner Greg Donovan).

Jim's main purpose was loving his family. There was nothing in this world he loved more - his wife Betty of 57 years was his true love. He also loved being a father, and he was one of the best! Jim was so very proud of his 3 boys and his little girl. He needed to know at all times where they were and to be sure they arrived home safe. Jim and Betty were blessed with 7 grandchildren, whom he adored. He would often brag about their accomplishments and loved getting their hugs and kisses. He was also very proud of his 6 great grandchildren. Their visits and spending time with them was always a highlight that he treasured.

Besides his wife Betty, Jim is survived by one daughter: Ellen Shaddick (Blake) of South Esk, NB, three sons: Michael (Jackie) of Miramichi, NB, Derrick (Lisa) and Billy (Wendy) all of Parker Road, NB; one sister: Frances Harris (Bill) of Sevogle, NB; two brothers: Jack (Laney) of Sillikers, NB and Freddie (Kathy) of Newcastle, NB; seven grandchildren: Aimee, Trenton, Ryan, Sarah, Kelsey, Sydney and Jaden; six great grandchildren: Axten, Avri, Dillan, Tyla, Treyton and Tinley also several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents William and Florence, Jim is predeceased by one sister: Doreen Maltais

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## HOBBY SHOPS IN OUR ZONE.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

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with only  
administration in the  
Stratford location.

## Some bits and bytes from the Zone



The Wings of Wellington presentation April 25th to the Kentville Baptist Adventurers club. This is the second time the club has presented to these future aviators on their annual Airplane night.

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### SANCTIONED AND OR PLANNED EVENTS MAY/JUNE

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2018 Victoria Day Memorial Fun Fly. This annual Victoria Day Fun Fly remembers and recognizes contributions of deceased club members. MAAC/AMA membership required for pilots. Entry Fee of \$5.00 includes lunch and unlimited flying. Visitors welcome.  
(weather alternate May 19 or 20)

Club: BAY ST GEORGE FLYERS

Event Type: Fun Fly

**Date: May 18, 2018**

Time: 08:30 AM

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Event Director: CHRISTOPHER DOHANEY (MAAC # 77156)

Contact Person: CHRISTOPHER DOHANEY (MAAC # 77156)

Contact Number: 709-643-5072

Contact Email: [cgdohaney@gmail.com](mailto:cgdohaney@gmail.com)

The Fredericton Model Aircraft club will be holding its annual Mactaquac Float Fly at the Campers Beach at the provincial park on both Saturday June 2nd and Sunday June 3th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Camping available at the provincial park. MAAC or AMA membership is required. Enter the park gates, and follow the signs, through the campground area to the beach. Contact Rick at (506) 238-4101, [rick.kirkbride@bellaliant.net](mailto:rick.kirkbride@bellaliant.net)

Club: FREDERICTON MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Event Type: Fun Fly

**Date: June 2, 2018 to June 3, 2018**

Time: 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM

No entry Fee

Event Director: RICK KIRKBRIDE (MAAC # 50296-L)

Contact Person: RICK KIRKBRIDE (MAAC # 50296-L)

Contact Number: 506-450-3996

Contact Email: [rick.kirkbride@bellaliant.net](mailto:rick.kirkbride@bellaliant.net)

ASRCM is once again happy to host our Annual Fun Fly. The date is Saturday June 23th with the 24th as the designated rain date. Flying will begin at 9am and a free BBQ lunch will be provided.

There is no entry fee and we hope to see you all out again this year!

ATLANTIC SOCIETY OF R/C MODELERS

Event Type: Fun Fly

**June 23, 2018**

Time: 09:00 AM to 09:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$0.00

Event Director: RICK MACDONALD (MAAC # 77966)

Contact Person: RICK MACDONALD (MAAC # 77966)

Contact Number: 902-835-0556

Cell 902-830-6556

Contact Email: [rocketmanrc@gmail.com](mailto:rocketmanrc@gmail.com)

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

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## SANCTIONED AND OR PLANNED EVENTS MAY/JUNE

### SOUTH SHORE RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB

Annual Float Fly at Hyson Lake. 3rd annual float fly. BBQ available, bring your own food and beverage.

GPS - 44,655906 - 64,386342.

Club: SOUTH SHORE RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB

Event Type: Fun Fly

**Date: June 30, 2018**

Time: 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$0.00

Event Director: ANDREAS RITTER (MAAC # 18388-L)

Contact Person: ANDREAS RITTER (MAAC # 18388-L)

Contact Number: 902-275-2286

Contact Email: [aritter@eastlink.ca](mailto:aritter@eastlink.ca)

Event Website: <http://SSRCFC>

The Yarmouth South West Flyers are an active bunch, some members shown here at their field again on April 29<sup>th</sup>.



A special guest at the field on Sunday

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FROM YOUR ZONE DIRECTOR

Hi all, time to get your gear checked out for the upcoming season, take the flight battery out and check the connection to make sure it doesn't have that dreaded black-wire disease started, it has something to do with your battery going into reverse polarity they say, but someone else might have a proper explanation to this phenomena, so if you see any type of corroding at battery connection check the rest of the connections. A lot of you already know this, but if you did not, it's a sure way to lose your power connection. Do a Google search for "black wire disease" for some more info.

Other than that, do your fuel and battery checks and go have some fun this Summer as just about every weekend has something going on. If you are heading to the Margaree fun Fly I have been assured that all is a go for this year, so we'll see you there. I'm currently in Ontario attending the Annual General Meeting on your behalf and looking forward to working together with the rest of the ZD taking care of our organization, so have a nice season start and stay safe.

Cato.

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A 77-year-old man is having a drink in a local bar. Suddenly a gorgeous girl enters and sits down a few seats away. The girl is so attractive that he just can't take his eyes off her. After a short while, the girl notices him staring, and approaches him.

Before the man has time to apologize, the girl looks him deep in the eyes and says to him in a sultry tone: "I'll do anything you'd like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams, it doesn't matter how extreme or unusual it is, I'm game. I want \$100, but there's one condition".

Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the man asks her what her condition is "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just....three....words.

The man takes a moment to consider the offer from the beautiful woman. He whips out his wallet and puts \$100 dollars in her hand ---He then looks her square in the eyes, and says slowly and clearly:  
"Paint.....my.....house ."  
(Our needs change as we get older)