

NVRCFC Update



March 2020

News

2020 Stickers

Stickers for paid-up members who submitted their forms were sent out in February. If you haven't received yours, please email me.

New Members

We have two "new" 2020 members. Both were previous members who are returning to the club.

Gord Elliott has been flying large scale float planes and is looking forward to landing on grass for a change (with wheels we hope!)

Patrick Seline is a helicopter dude and a welcome addition to our minority of heli flyers.

Welcome back to the club gentlemen!

Runway

Roy and Peyman have met with DNV Parks. Options are being considered and we will report soon.

WhatzzUp ↗



*K*en Tarry sent in these pictures and background on a stunning Fokker D1 he has put together over this past winter.



The Fokker has a 60" wingspan and will be powered by a 600kV 5S motor carrying a 5000mah pack.

Ken figures he has about 120+ hours into the project over the course of 6 months.

He says he went with a non-traditional color scheme just to mix things up. It still needs some final touches, but he hopes to have it in the air at the field in the spring.





There were a few challenges in the build. The kit itself was quite well manufactured (by a company called "Dancing Wings Hobby") but the plans are riddled with mislabeled parts.

The instructions are essentially pictures of the completed parts. So one challenge was thinking through the order in which to build sections, since if you built it in the order indicated you would find subsequent sections difficult or impossible to get right (a bit like trying to install plumbing after you've installed all the drywall).

The biggest challenge was the covering. The top and sides of the fuselage had to be covered in a single piece, with lots of nooks and crannies to try to cover correctly.

There were also 8 separate wing sections to individually cover including the landing gear "wing" and top wing centre section.

Thanks for sharing your build with us Ken and good luck with the maiden. Can't wait to see this legend in the air!





Finding "Wow!"

This past summer I attended the Align Flight Academy held in Snohomish Washington. Our group of eager students was fortunate to receive coaching from some of the best pilots in the heli world – including Alan Szabo Jr. and Nick Maxwell.

Throughout our two-day school, Alan Szabo's key message to our group was "Fly with precision. Fly the heli, don't let the heli fly you."

After school, the pros put on a three heli simultaneous 3D flight demo. Watching these talented pilots fly was truly mind-bending. They flew their machines through complex maneuvers like they were on rails.

Their flights were thrilling, partly due to the difficulty of the maneuvers, but mostly because of the pilots' precision control of their models.

In other words, it is precision that gives your flying the "Wow!". This may not be news to the pattern flyers among us, but for the rest of us it's worth considering.

I learned that even basic maneuvers, executed flawlessly, can have great visual appeal.

Alan's advice to both fixed wing and heli flyers is simple: Try taking your flying back to the basics. Develop precision in your simplest maneuvers and then start working upwards from there.

You may just amaze yourself and your spectators with the results!

Events



WCRCAF Spring Float Fly

WCRCAF invites us to their annual Spring Float Fly at Alouette lake. This is a multi-club event with pilots from WCRCAF, Mission Wings, Spectrum and NVRFCFC.

The Golden Ears location is spectacular and there is always a full flight line of impressive gas and electric models.

Rescue boat will be on hand. No entry fee but MAAC required. Recommended to arrive early as wind often picks up in the early afternoon.

There is ample parking and drive-thru access to the beach.

Spectators are welcome. If you haven't experienced the Zen of float flying come on out and see for yourself what it's all about. Bring a camera and a long lens and get some great photos too.

Date: Sunday May 3, 2020. Arrive by 8am for Pilot's Meeting.

Location: Alouette Lake South Beach Picnic Area in Golden Ears Park, Maple Ridge.

Directions: Follow Golden Ears Parkway into Golden Ears Provincial Park. Look for signs to the Day Use Beach Area, on your right. Do not go to the boat launch or camping areas.

If you haven't got any floats you might find a pair here...

2020 West Coast Radio Control Aircraft Flyers

MODEL SWAP MEET

Thursday, March 26th at the Maple Ridge Alliance Church Activity Centre
20399 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge

6 pm – 9 pm (5:00 pm setup) FREE ADMISSION

For more info and table registration (\$10.00 per Table)

Send an e-mail to secretary@wcrcaf.com

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Comments

FAA Proposed Ruling Impacting Aero Modeling

For those of you who posted a comment on the FAA website, thank you for taking the time to do so.

The jaws of progress are squeezing our hobby. The rapid evolution of the drone services industry is bringing significant change to public attitude and soon to the use of airspace in North America. It's a safe bet that what happens in the US regulatory environment will happen here next.

The global drone services industry is projected to be worth \$63.6 billion by 2025. By the numbers, our hobby is just a tiny afterthought in this global trend. We can still carve out exemptions for aero modeling to proposed airspace rulings, but we need to take every opportunity for our voices to be heard!

Thanks

Thanks to Adrian Dragusanu for our banner photo (SW view from our field featuring son Stephane's Timber). Thanks to Ken Tarry for photos and write-up on the Fokker D1.

Contributions please!

Please send me your comments, great photos, build reports, maiden flight pics, flying jokes, ideas, suggestions, or anything of club community interest. Let's make this newsletter hum!

Corona

What comes next is anyone's guess, but there are few activities with less virus risk than standing outside in an empty field flying your RC plane. Be well my friends.

See you at the field!