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Lawrencetown Slope Fest, what a success, great hospitality, food, perfect wind conditions and the best slope in the Atlantic, more on page 2 and 3.

HI

This is your News Letter

and the purpose is to serve the zone and keep all the clubs in touch with each other, so please help in submitting something from your club for us all to share. Don't forget this is your way to inform the Zone what is going on in your neck of the woods, please let me know at : chansen@nbnet.nb.ca



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Second annual South West Flyers open house and fun Fly, more on page 6.

LAWRENCETOWN SLOPE FEST 2014.

STORY AND PICTURES BY AL EASTMAN.

Forty years in the hobby

and I cannot believe I waited so long to try this. I have always looked for that perfect no wind flying day and here I am this day standing on an almost sheer cliff ninety eight feet above the Atlantic ocean, the wind whistling around my head pushing my tied down hat back behind my ears and exposing my sunburn prone pate to the strong rays of the sun.

I've read about it, looked at pictures and videos, and listened to good friend Rick MacDonald talk about it, but today I'm experiencing it for the first time.

This is the **Lawrencetown Slope Fest 2014** and my son Jon and I are here

racing almost in formation two brand new gliders back and forth across the face of the Lawrencetown slope. No laid back floating around, this is aggressive adrenalin inducing flying. In addition to trying to stay together we have a look out for the other six or seven ships orbiting with us. Near missed are frequent, actual hits less so. It's all good!



This is exciting stuff for a guy who has always looked up while flying to now see

his glider dive thirty to forty feet below his feet, race over the water at what seems like a couple of feet, but is actually a comfortable lot more and then rise up steeply in an aggressive chandelle at the end of the pass and repeat again in the other direction. To gain altitude and a comfort zone over the Atlantic Ocean below I simply turn

away from the face directly into the 35kph wind. My little Adagio glider rises immediately as if in an invisible elevator and in seconds I've got it into steep forty five degree dive to build speed and pull up and over into one of the largest and most graceful loops I've ever done. All with NO power, amazing!

This is slope soaring at its best and we're doing it because local flyer **Vic Rugsys** and his lady **Mary Jefferson** took it upon themselves to host this second annual event again this year. Vic, a helicopter pilot in the Canadian Armed Forces, is well known in the local modeling community for his model flying and designing skills. Mary is always nearby, camera in hand, except for those times when she is looking out for flyers at events such as this one, manning the barbecue, hosting the over nighters camping on their nearby west Lawrencetown property and



passing out her dessert delicacies. The hobby is very lucky to have people like this duo.

As well as flying several of his self designed slope War-Birds, Vic spent much of the weekend assisting neophyte slope flyers, and at one point on Sunday were seen giving buddy box flights to two young twin brothers from Quebec who were vacationing in Nova Scotia. Out for a drive on the

Eastern Shore with their grandfather they had stumbled onto the glider event. In a conversation with grand dad I learned he was blown away by the hospitality shown and thrilled his grandsons had that experience.

In all forty flyers turned out bringing 62 models ranging from Dave Rowe's small three ounce 34 inch span ASK21 to the 100 inch quarter scale me-109 weighing nine pounds brought by the New Brunswick contingent of Jim Lloyd, Andrew Colwell and Cato Hansen. The big ME-109 was a delight in the air. Dave's little Eflite glider was an aerobatic wonder in the lighter wind earlier on Saturday. Almost every plane imaginable was represented from the large light gliders to regular everyday power aircraft. Just about anything can fly on the slope. I saw a parkzone corsair, minus its prop orbiting at one point.

Popular long time modeler John O'Sullivan was recognized by



the group Saturday for his involvement in bringing slope soaring to Lawrencetown. John, who also won the draw for an E-flite UMX ASK 21 glider with high-start **Donated by Maritime Hobbies**, first flew the Lawrencetown slope in 1980.

On Sunday John commented on the HEFA forum: " I was a bit shocked to get the award as the pioneer of Lawrencetown soaring. I was not the first, as when I started flying there, there were at least two others well established flyers, Dave Brown was flying a Graupner Cirrus and Wendell Si-

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STORY AND PICTURES BY AL EASTMAN.

card was also flying. I have not had contact with them in many years, but they were the instigators. When I arrived in Nova Scotia in 1980, I had been used to flying in 1000 to 1500 ft sites in Ireland and scoured topo maps to find similar sites in Nova Scotia. No such luck. However, after a visit to Lawrencetown beach with my kids, I spotted the hill at Lawrencetown. Only 98 feet tall, I decided to give it a try. Well, with its unobstructed airflow from the southeast around to west, it proved to be one of the best sites I had ever flown.



John prepares to launch his power glider. No power will be used here though. John's models are

exotic and works of art.

Andrew Colwell and Jim Lloyd enjoy the large 109 and it's super flying characteristics. The two shared flying responsibilities, but I think Jim is on the controls here. Jim with his well known British wit declared "put your dollars in the hat now" when the big bird got its first taste of the slope.



Andrew Colwell carries the big 109 out to the slope edge.

Event organizer Vic Rusgys launches one of his self designed slope flyers. All of his planes are scale models of fighter aircraft and perform aggressively on the slope, all aerobatic maneuvers being possible.



Rick MacDonald launches this small, light and uncomplicated slope flyer. It was very agile and aggressive in the 35 kph winds on Sunday. Tough too, as I saw it bounced more than once of the slope.



Jon has just released his new Cularus in this photo. Veteran slope flyer Colin Brooks looks on.

Another slope veteran Steve Ryan flies some pretty exotic ships, often self designed. Here he holds his Coyote I believe, as he heads to the edge for another flight.



It might be a bit hard to see them all, but there are seven gliders floating above the Atlantic

ocean in this shot.

A slightly smaller and a slightly different crowd was on hand for Sunday flying. Left to right, Jon Eastman, our newsletter editor Cato Hansen, John Liddard, Rick MacDonald, and in the background Steve Ryan.



with their grandfather are treated to some

time on the sticks by event organizer Vic Rusgys and Steve Ryan. You can see their enthusiasm and excitement in these photos. Well done gents! The boys have been spending their summer visiting their grandfather here in Nova Scotia. Grand dad was pretty impressed with the hospitality and very pleased his grandsons were able to experience the hobby.



Cato checks the wind speed on Saturday and finds it at 41.7 kph. Great conditions for gliding, especially for some of the heavier slopers.

This is just one section of the hill where the gliders were laid out. You can see Vic's series of War-Birds in the foreground.



The edge of the slope looked like this all day on Saturday.

Vic and Shearwater RC Flyers president Dave Rowe discuss conditions on Saturday. Dave is holding his small UMX ASK21 which proved to be a very aerobatic little machine in the lighter morning winds. One of these little Eflite ships donated by Halifax Hobby Shop, Maritime Hobbies and Crafts, was given away in a draw and won by John O'Sullivan.



Alain DeGrasse also from the Saint John club in N.B. on the left having a great time flying one of his combat planes as those two gentlemen whose names I didn't get were having a great time watching him on Saturday afternoon, and no, nobody got a ticket.

ASRCM ANNUAL HELI FUN FLY 2014.

STORY AND PICTURES BY AL EASTMAN.

Sunny skies and light winds greeted the eighteen flyers who arrived for the annual ASRCM Heli Fun Fly on August 9th. Michael Boulanger travelled some distance to fly his large warbird machines while Jeremy Dann made some super smooth flights with a large 800 sized heli, Align I believe. Goblins owned by Colin Brooks and Craig Maybe made some very high energy flights. The remainder of the crowd flew dozens of flights on their pod and boom choppers throughout the day. Several visitors dropped in for the event, one of whom got an introductory flight on my FunCub. He has since bought a complete package and is starting to enjoy the hobby. Once again participants enjoyed a free barbecue supplied by ASRCM member and owner of **Mighty Small Cars, Geoff Davis**. On that note Geoff has just taken over a large space right next door and I recommend you drop in to check out his expanded Dartmouth location.



Mike Boulanger discusses his large attack heli with ASRCM members Joe Miller and Craig Maybe. Alain Richer flies in the background. Mike's familiar heli is a work of art and he flies



it regularly at meets in the area. Mike is shown here firing up the chopper.



Mike brought several choppers including this Hughes model. No hangar queens for this gentleman, he flies them all.



We built this substantial fence at ASRCM so the crows could sit on it and watch. Left to right, Matt Jack, Joe Miller, Craig Maybe,



Rick MacDonald and Paul Marsh.

Checking things out early in the day are Craig Maybe, Colin Brooks, Brandon Denton and Jeremy Dann.



Matt Jack

retrieves his heli following another of his smooth and artistic flights. When Matt flies people in the pits watch as his heli seems to just flow from one move to another.

The guys are ready for lunch. left to right Paul, Joe, Darren Monk, Craig and Brandon, another up and coming heli pilot who can do it all.



Darren Monk discusses flying with Paul Marsh and Greg Gibson. Greg is a staffer at **Mighty Small Cars**.



Darren straps in a battery in his 500 heli before a flight.

THE FINAL ATLANTIC LITE SCALE AEROBATIC 2014.

TEXT BY SANDY MCINNIS AND PHOTOS BY TYLER ERNST.

The final Atlantic Lite Scale Aerobatic 2014.

To immaculately prepared runways and pits (courtesy of a lot of hard work by Bruce Hall and Don MacPhee), coupled with clear skies and almost no wind early on, the fliers arrived early Saturday morning for the final Atlantic Lite Scale Aerobatic contest of the 2014 year.

Overall, there were 12 pilots flying in the contest. They were; Al Coolen, Ben Lann, Brandon Smith, Chris Garrett, Dayle Smith, Grant Beaver, Jared Ernst, Mike Notley, Paul Sinnis, Scott MacKenzie and Todd Fowler. These pilots flew a grand total of 192 judged sequences.

There were 3 pilots in Basic, and Jared Ernst won this class, in only his second contest - way to go Jared!!!. The winning order was: (1) Jared Ernst, (2) Scott MacKenzie and (3) Dayle Smith. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 3,587 to a high of 4,000 (a range of 413 points). This was only the second contest for Jared and Scott, and it looks like they had fun - I think we'll see them back again.

With 3 pilots in Sportsman, Chris Garrett took home the honours this time round. The winning order was: (1) Chris Garrett, (2) Brandon Smith and (3) Todd Fowler. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 3,247.9 to a high of 3,992.2 (a range of 744.3 points). The tightest competition of the contest was for 1st place in this class, with only 9.9 points difference between Chris Garrett and Brandon Smith. To clarify, 9.9 points is about a hiccup in any one manoeuvre!! Well done guys.

With 5 pilots in Intermediate, Ben Lann took the laurels - so much for who ever showed him how end points on his Tx worked! The winning order was: (1) Ben Lann, (2) Paul Sinnis, (3) Mike Notley, (4) Al Coolen and (5) Grant Beaver. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds). The scores ranged from a low of 3,555.8 to a high of 3,993.1 (a range of 437.3 points).

Throughout the day Al Coolen kept the fliers on their toes, so there was usually one flier starting his engine as another was landing. After the noon break,

burgers, dogs and sausages prepared by AVIA members, the wind started to come up, so the final round was a bit of a challenge for the fliers. But there were no "issues or events", and no heat strokes. Over all, a super day. For more pictures see:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152244782496372&set=oa.707855879270294&type=1&theater>



SECOND ANNUAL SOUTH WEST FLYERS OPEN HOUSE AND FUN FLY.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY JIM GAVEL.

Saturday, July 26th, what a perfect day, sunny and warm, light breeze for the day and best of all, we are hosting our 2nd annual Open House & Fun Fly. The grounds/field was ready, the pit area was ready, the BBQ was ready, the sound/PA system was



ready, the picnic tables and sun umbrellas were ready, and the members were ready. When the gates opened at 10:00am, a steady stream of spectators started to arrive and we were kept busy doing our best to keep airplanes in the sky for most of the day. At noon we took a break from flying, set up our planes out on the runway and invited the spectators to come out and view the models up close. Members were kept busy answering questions about our planes and what was required to get started in this great sport. If the interest level was any indication I fully expect to see some potential new members at the field real soon. Also, at noon, the BBQ was doing a brisk business and generated enough sales during the day to pay for our "Johnny on the spot" and add some funds to the club account. I should mention that we did not charge admission, so the only revenue was from the BBQ and soda/water sales.

A special treat was also in store for one of our founding members. Roland Bourque, who would be 90 yrs old in less than 2 weeks, was honoured for his dedication to the hobby, his many modeling accom-

plishments, and his support to the Club and all the members. There really isn't any club member who has not benefited from his flying training, his skill as a master builder, and re-builder, and his general willingness to help anyone with their modeling problems. To honour this commitment, the Club unanimously agreed to name our field, the "Roland Bourque R/C Field" and had a special sign made up to be displayed at the field entrance. We even had a cake baked by one of the Club member's better half that had icing in the shape of our flying field, complete with planes! To show he still had what it takes, Roland proceeded to fly his Piper Cub three different times that day. Hope we can all be so lucky!



Jim Gavel presenting the sign to Roland.

We were fortunate to get 3 MAAC members from away at our event. Sterling Ferguson from St. John NB, drove all the way around to make our event. Sterling was a past SWF's member and it is always good to see him back here. Mark Everett of Wings of Wellington and Andreas Ritter from South Shore R/C Club were also able to attend and we were very glad to have them with us. Hopefully they enjoyed our hospitality and will be back next year with more of their members as well! Unfortunately, when we picked the weekend for our event we did not have the full year calendar of events from MAAC and we ended up competing with another Club event on the same date. We will

try to avoid that next year. All in all a successful 2nd event and it has encouraged us to plan for another event next year.



BBQ in full swing.



Noon time display.



And some of the spectators enjoying a great day.

HOBBY SHOPS IN OUR ZONE.

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SANCTIONED AND OR PLANNED EVENTS IN THE ZONE.

September 13, 2014 - 1 day.

RIVERSIDE MODELLING ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CLUB CORN BOIL.



The Annual end of the season Corn Boil and BBQ will be up and running. Fresh local corn will be ready to eat at 3 P.M. Bring a plane and come flying at our great field and enjoy our hosting. Rain date will be Sunday September 14, 2014.

September 13, 2014 - 1 day.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC FLYERS.

HEFA Annual Fun Fly.



The annual HEFA Fun Fly with noon BBQ will be held for the fourth time on Sept 13th, 2014 at the clubs Porters Lake Field. We hope to surpass the 2013 attendance of 32 this year so put us on your calendar of events. We will have a few games to bring some laughs. These games will involve both fixed wing aircraft, helis, and multicopters. As well, lots of good ole Fun Flying More details as the event draws closer. \$7.00 registration fee. Open to all with a valid MAAC card.

September 13, 2014 - 1 day.

SAINT JOHN MODEL FLYING CLUB.

Club Fun Fly.

Come join us for a day of fun flying at our primary field just outside of Saint John, NB. Dogs and burgers and soft drinks will be available and no charge for the event. MAAC membership mandatory to fly. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place on Sunday 14 September, 2014.



SANCTION AND OR PLANNED EVENTS IN THE ZONE.

**September 20, 2014 - 2 days
-- AVON RC FLYER'S--**

Please note, this a rescheduled event from July 5 and 6.

East Coast Helicopter Fun-Fly.



The Avon R/C Flyers club will be hosting the 3rd annual East Coast Helicopter fun-fly at their site in Windsor, NS. This year we will have more parking spaces available which should make it easier for those with RV's. The dates for this year's rescheduled event are September 20 and 21. Those who have RV's are welcome and encouraged to show up on the afternoon of the 19th. Last year there was not much participation in the contest portion of the event, so rather than hog up the center flight station for the better part of Saturday morning, I would like to run two very basic "just for fun" contests throughout the day, at the near (left hand) flight station. The prizes for the winner of each contest will be minor, this will give everyone who signs up and fly's the opportunity to win the larger donations. We will have a drag race and an auto contest. Those who wish to take part can simply sign up on-site. We will have another night flying & fireworks demonstration on Saturday as well. We had an extremely successful event last year and I'm excited to have even bigger and better one this year! I look forward to seeing everyone out there. To per-register please send me an e-mail

with your name and MAAC number. Registration fees will be collected on site. Those who pre-register will have an entrance fee of \$15, while those who do not, it will be \$20.

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OCTOBER:

October 4, 2014 - 1 day.

WINGS OF WELLINGTON R/C AIRCRAFT CLUB.

Oktoberfest fun fly.

Hello Folks, once again The Wings of Wellington RC Club is Proud to announce that we will be holding our annual Oktoberfest Fall Fun Fly.



So please Come out for a Day of Fun, great food, flying and fellowship. This is considered to be one of the last Fun Fly's of the season, so come on out and enjoy a great time. Event Date is October 4th at 9.30am and the rain date is October 5th. The cost is \$5.00 to register that includes a very tasty BBQ



lunch with refreshments and all the flying you can handle, MAAC membership card will be requested at registration. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me, and please check for updates on our website; <http://www.wingsofwellington.org> we Hope to see you there. Mark your Calendars! More Details to follow!

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Well there you go guys and girls, end of the outdoor flying season, and a great one it was with record turnout at most events, and now it's time to start to think about those repairs that have to be done for next year and the dreams you have about that one in particular that you did see at one event, and you would like to build or purchase, don't forget to sponsor your local hobby shop with your purchase, as they have been sponsoring events all summer, and now it's our turn to show our appreciation for their contributions. If you are looking for a plan, I have lots of them on PDF file, free for asking, so there you go, get ready for the indoor season as it's about to begin. It would be nice if you could send me some pictures and a possible small write-up to share with the rest of us in the zone.

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Cato.



FROM OUR ZONE DIRECTOR.



Good Day everybody.
First I would like take this opportunity to thank all of you that supported and put on the events this season, it has been one of the best ever, considered our small Zone membership with the waste area of 4 Provinces to cover.

I'm sorry if you didn't see me this summer, but it's impossible to cover them all, that's when I use our Deputy and Assisting Zone Directors stepping in to cover what I can't.

Looking in our News Letter every month, there seems to be lots of covering from two Provinces, but lacking coverage from P.E.I. Newfoundland and Labrador. If you like to share some pictures and photos with the rest of us, send them to me or Cato.

Don't forget the up-coming annual zone meeting in Truro on October 25.

Until then, fly safe and have a great day.

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BACK PAGE STORY.

Here is a little note from Carl Layden:

Aug 1-4 was the Festival of Flight fun-fly in Gander, NL sponsored by the Screaming Eagles R/C club. Unfortunately I lost my 1/4 scale RV-4 when the receiver battery came unplugged.

However I did get a few flights on my Great Planes Super Stearman it's a fun airplane with a ZDZ 40cc pulling it around the sky...here's a little go pro video of one of the flights.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ya8c2JpFUM8>

And here is a few pictures from Wayne Cavanaugh of the Cape Breton RC flying site.



And as we are in Cape Breton, I had a note from George Carabin about the dates for the Fall Margaree Fun fly, so here it is:

September 19-20-21, but as always you can come before and stay after as you like.

Some really dare-devilish stuff here.

<http://vimeo.com/100670266>

Avro Day,

The Three Sisters.

http://planestv.com/video/266?mc_cid=a9fe2be743&mc_eid=7cbe3170e2

And all their videos:

<http://planestv.com/video>

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The last 2 airworthy Lancaster's brought together for the first time in their history. This video features communications between CGVRA "VERA" crew and Air Traffic Control. (8th August 2014).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1oCLtXpN4&feature=youtu.be>

Learn a lesson from your dog - No matter what life brings you, kick some grass over that shit and move on.



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So there you go, have a great day.