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Take off is optional
but landing is mandatory.

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ON ANOTHER NOTE.

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
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Jim and Andrew getting ready for
our Christmas party paper plane
contest, more on page 2.



The brave MAST Gang on their field New
Years Day 2015, more on page 4.



Hoops built by Mike Bates and Bob
Vandekieft created lots of chaos at MAST
Activity Night, more on page 3.

Some of the participants taking a break
from the action at Valley Sports and Multi-
purpose Facility, more on page 5.



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SAINT JOHN MODEL FLYING CLUBS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

TEXT BY CATO, PICTURES BY JIM NORFOLK AND CATO.

December 7th, 2014 was the date for Saint John Model Flying Club's annual Christmas glider toss and party, this event has been going on for a number of years, and the only rule is that the glider can't be any bigger than to fit into a 12"x12" box, that's it, the rest is up to your imagination. We also have a paper airplane build on site contest that's also very popular, members and guest are all encouraged to participate, as we have lots of extra planes available to whoever needs them.



We also have pot-luck-snack-luck table set up for all to enjoy.

As you can see, there was a large group present for the friendly competition.



Here is the group hard at it with Bob the judge making sure we all are kept honest, first down is giving what Jim calls a "Charlie", only Jim knows what that's all about, but to everybody else it means a

second try, so Bob had his hands full trying to keep it all straight.

At the end, it was Dave and me tossing off, with Dave's time being 18.5 seconds, and mine just 1 second behind for a grand finale; rumours had it that Dave did 24+ seconds the week be-



fore. To give you an idea about the weight, mine weighted in at 1.5gram, and Dave's must have been around the same if not less as his was smaller. It's all in the way that you throw it.



And then it was time to shake hands with the last year champion, and the price is; bragging right for a year. I think Ian had tears in his eyes for letting that title go, if my memory serves me right, he was the champ for the last two years, so great job Dave, you did a super effort in becoming the champ for a year, a well deserved title for a fine modeler.

And let us not forget the peanut gallery, as they are always there to boo or cheer.



Next up was the paper airplane contest, and the finale was done between Jim and Andrew with all their concentration in giving their best to out-due each other.

And the final was a hand shake with two winners, as it was to close to call, all in the fun for a successful evening we all enjoyed. Thanks go out to Andrew for getting us the space at the Saint John High School where he teaches. We also fly there every Sunday evening all winter long with no charge, so if you ever in the area, give me a call and I'll give the time we are meeting as it changes some times due to school activities.



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MINIATURE AIRCRAFT SOCIETY OF TRURO ACTIVITIES NIGHT.

Text and photos by Al Eastman and Bill Grundy and Shawn Maloney's Video.

Colourful Christmas themed hoops built by Mike Bates and Bob Vandekieft created lots of chaos as members tried to navigate the maze during the **Miniature Aircraft Society of Truro's Activities Night** on December 17th. The festive atmosphere was captured by ARCM member Shawn Maloney flying a mo-

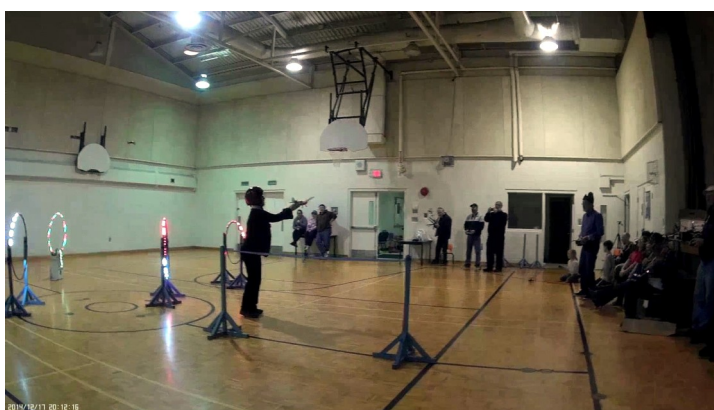


bious equipped blade 200qx quad copter. Some of the photos are screen captures from video he shot.



through the course, ducking, and of course the usual repairs.

Bob Vandekieft had the largest heli at the event and consequently had the hardest time getting around the course. He did have a few successes as shown in this photo.



MAST member "flying ace" (aka Patricia Sowinski) prepares to re-launch Bill Grundy's UMX Space-walker after extricating it from one of the hoops. Although the lighting here in the gym is on the dark side, the little mobious camera continues to amaze me and when the light is right, excellent screen capture stills can be had.

MAST's last Indoor for 2014 was well attended by children from five to eighty, flying their wingie thingies



The view from Shawn's mobious equipped quad as he makes his way through the hoops. Mike Bates, ever an innovator, added to the festive atmosphere by using a switch on his dx8 to control the lights on his hoops.

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FIRST FLIGHT'S OF THE NEW YEAR.

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW COLWELL, BILL GRUNDY AND JEREMY DANN.

The following E-Mail was intercepted on its way out West to our Jim visiting his son and written by Our Presidente monsieur Colwell.

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

Thank you for your submission to be noted as the first to fly. The 2015 Saint John Model Flying Club First Flight Panel Commission convened to adjudicate your claim, and has decided that your claim is false.

The following points were the deciding factors to refute your claim;

1. You were not present within the time zone, and therefore your flight took place four hours prior to the New Year being rung in.
2. By Midnight, in your timezone, your state of inebriation would have prevented 'controlled' aerial flight.
3. A quadcopter is hardly worth noting as a recognized aerial vehicle. At best, it is a coffee grinder.
4. Your hands look like you are holding the smallest antenna known to man. It must be cold there and we will give you that one.

5. The shadow of the coffee grinder is more reminiscent of Dumbo, and is not consistent with other shadows. We believe picture has more than likely been photoshopped so you must have additional conspirators working with you. We reversed the image below so as to refute your picture.



See the Dumbo!

6. You were not present to provide the aforementioned panel a touch of medicine, which helps with the panel's decision making process. The panel kindly recommends that in the coming years you continue to make wildly hypothetical claims as the panel has little to do at this time of the year, except recover from indulgences.

With fame and glory,

Mr. A. Colwell,

SJMFC President and Panel Chairman of the 2015 Saint John Model Flying Club First Flight Panel Commission.

And here is Bill Grundy with some pictures from their New Year Day brave attempt at flying in those temperatures, I would say they needed more than a trip to Timmies after. Here is Bill;

We inaugurated 2015 with our annual Frosty Fun Fly on the morning of January 1, not a snow flake in sight, and the temperature was a warm -13 C and a light breeze compared to 2014's -22 C. Seven members participated and qualified as Frozen Finger Flyers by 10:00 AM, then gathered at a Timmies to warm up and brag.



And here is a little presentation from Jeremy Dann;

Happy New Year from the Wings of Wellington RC Club

<http://youtu.be/EYm52rJ4oKc>

New Years Eve at the indoor field in Kentville and new year's day at the Wings of Wellington field. Thanks to all the flyers that came out to play. And, thanks again Kevin for the help with the video!

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WINGS OF WELLINGTON AT THE VALLEY SPORTS AND MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY.

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY AL EASTMAN.

Indoor flying continues to flourish throughout Nova Scotia and this photo made during a recent visit to **The Wings of Wellington** event held at the Valley Sports and Multipurpose Facility shows participants taking a break from the action.

Left to right Jeremy Dann, Don MacPhee, Mark Clark, Mike Evans and Barry Lloyd.



No need for landing gear, Jon catches the laser at the end of the flight.



A small section of the flight line. Fifteen flyers were out on this day.



Jeremy Dann was sporting a very interesting looking FPV quad. Atlantic Zone Assistant Director Sandy McInnis admires its flight while Jon

Assistant Zone Director Sandy McInnis readies his UMX extra for a flight. These planes were quite popular last season and seem to have succumbed to attrition since then, probably due to their fragile nature. Indoor flying can be a bump and grind sport at times.



Eastman at left checks the view from the FPV camera on a small monitor. The quad also carries a mobious camera to record video and since it is pointed at me, I hope it's turned off. The quad was quite a hit. Additional people in this photo include Don McPhee at left, and Mark Clarke.



I've always admired this little plane build by Dr. Ray Sheldon. He had it operational again during my visit in December. It uses the motor and radio brick from one of the UMX Eflite indoor ships.



Jon Eastman hovers his Crack laser in the spacious facility. Several of these planes are being flown at our ARCM club indoor. Jon's and another flown by Joe Miller are in their second season and despite being pounded pretty soundly at times are still flying perfectly, a

testament to the durability of EPO foam and these planes in particular.

Jon Eastman and Mark Everett ready the UMC Yak, another Eflite offering. This plane which uses a two cell lipo has plenty of zip and shines when flown in a large facility such as the Valley sport facility.



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administration in the Stratford
location.

SANCTIONED AND OR PLANNED EVENTS IN THE ZONE.

February 7, 2015. 1 Day. GREATER MONCTON AEROMODELERS. Moncton GMAC Mega Indoor Fun Fly and Swap Shop.

Admission: \$25 for participants 19 and over (includes buying or selling at the swap shop). 18 and under and spectators are FREE! Time: 9am – 4pm, Saturday, February 7th, 2015. *Tear down will take place at 4pm, but pilots are welcome to fly until 6pm. Swap Shop: 9am-4pm (bring your own tables) Weather: This event will be a go unless the Coliseum itself is closed due to weather. A valid 2015 MAAC membership is required to fly at this event. Any cancellation will be communicated on <http://gmac.rcmoncton.org>.

Tables: We rent 20 tables for this event and this is suitable for the pits area only. Swap shop sellers must bring their own tables, and others are encouraged to bring their own tables if possible. Food: We expect to have on site concession service as in past years, but this will not be confirmed in advance. Power: There are outlets along the wall, but you need to bring your own extension cables. Sponsors: Welcomed to bring a table or two and sell/market on site and hang a banner. Contact us to arrange sponsorship.



FROM YOUR ZONE DIRECTOR.



Hi to you all,

Well the season is all over for this time, and the old man winter is trying to claim his time of the year, and I say he has successfully done so up around here anyway, so it's time to build and or fly indoor where it's nice and warm on the fingers. I hope Santa was good to you again this year, as I'm sure he would be, so check those batteries and take care and fly safe, especially with some of those Mixmaster's out there today, they do have a slightly heavier impact than your usually little e-flyer, so take care, and have a safe new season in 2015. Please note that your club must be in good standing to sanction an event for the coming season.

In saying that, February 7th is the first indoor event this season, so get ready to go to Moncton, see you all there.



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BACK PAGE STORY.

What did you get from Santa:

Here is what Sandy McInnis got that I stole from FB.



Well, my son just knew how much I loved choppers, so he found me this beauty!!! It's a Lego 360, unusual model not seen frequently in this part of the world.. Fixed pitch, flybarless, remote tail drive, Colin will be so proud of me!!!! With a different paint job, might even qualify for the warbird meet eh. **So Sandy's son replied:** WOW! That didn't take long to build. I still remember the Spitfire....that took what? 10 years :)? I'll have to get a more advanced kit next time, **and guess what**, the Spit still isn't finished.

Well, the wonders of FaceBook.

And here is my present from Santa, came all the way from NL, Signal Hobbies www.signalhobbies.com on Christmas Eve.

What a great flyer, "The Champ" needed



just a nickel of weight in the nose, and you can do one wheel circles all day on the floor or just fly and enjoy it. If you are looking for a nice flyer, I would highly recommend it. So I hope somebody else supported your local or Maritime Hobby Shop this season, if not, they could go the way our shop went here in Saint John, and yes you can probably pay a little less from those across the ocean, but you don't see them supporting your fun fly's do you, Just a little something to think about this next season as we roll into 2015.

Here is a link to a online sailplane Mag. that has a story from Lawrencetown slope fest.
<http://www.rcsoaringdigest.com/>

Here is a picture of one of the rare breed of rubber power modelers,



his name is Jim Norfolk, and he comes every Sunday evening to fly his creations among our electric models, so if you have one of those guys in your club, do pay attention when they trim their models with so and so many turns and sofort with a little piece of clay or what ever, but fly they do, and they know a thing or two about trimming. If you require a plan to try it yourself, give me a shout, and we will accommodate you if we can. So with that, all I have to say is Happy New Year, and we will see you around in 2015.
Cato.