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Takeoff is optional
But landing is mandatory

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Quarter scale me-109 restoration



ASRCM winter indoor

On a winter flight from Anchorage to Dutch Harbor, a Grumman Goose has a double engine failure. This is an excellent video of its recovery from a frozen lake.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqryALqiQW0>



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
FROM THE KENTVILLE INDOOR GANG**

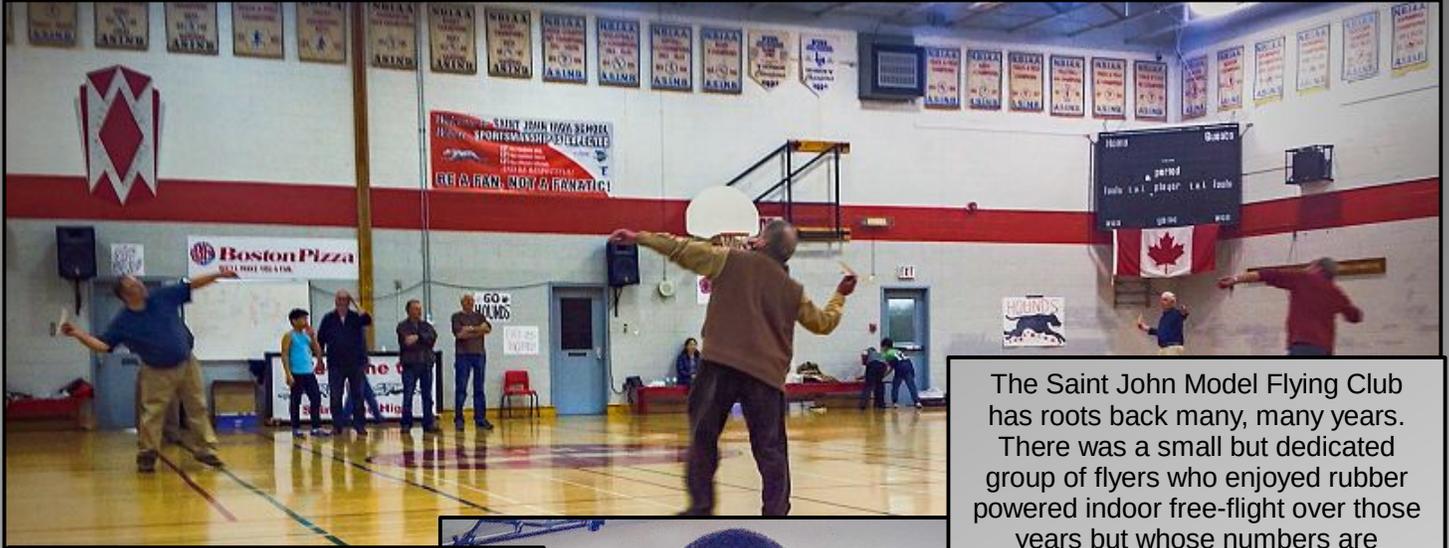


And a lot more!



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The Saint John Model Flying Club Christmas Party



A few years ago, the number of active free-flyers had dropped to two. Angling a bit of subversive humor, we were proud to host 24 people at our gathering. The first half hour was devoted to muscle stretching, and plane trimming and hundreds of practice tosses in preparation of the event. So many factors were involved: thermals from gym heaters, maximum height to throw, angle to throw, 0.1g nose weight adjustments, elevator and rudder trimming to maximize the duration. So in preparation, we all built paper gliders. The first to hit the ground was deemed 'OUT', and the next round took to the air. Eliminations led to the final heat, with Dylan Hubble claiming the top prize of a decorative airplane dish, and a pair of clamps! Leave it to a teenager to fly a successful paper airplane.



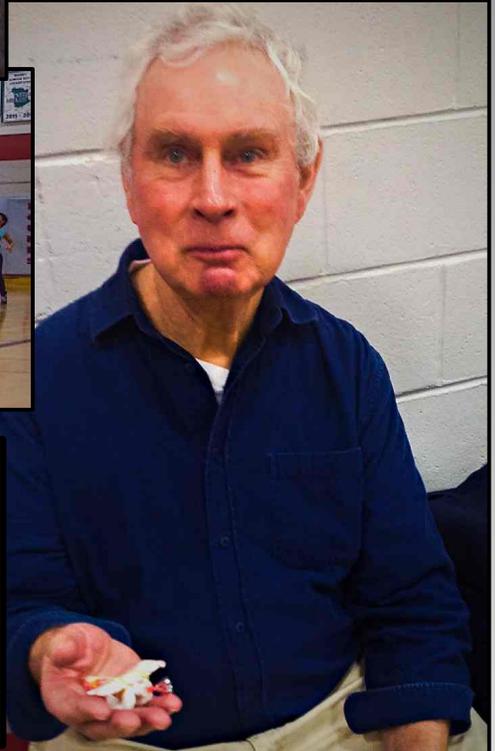
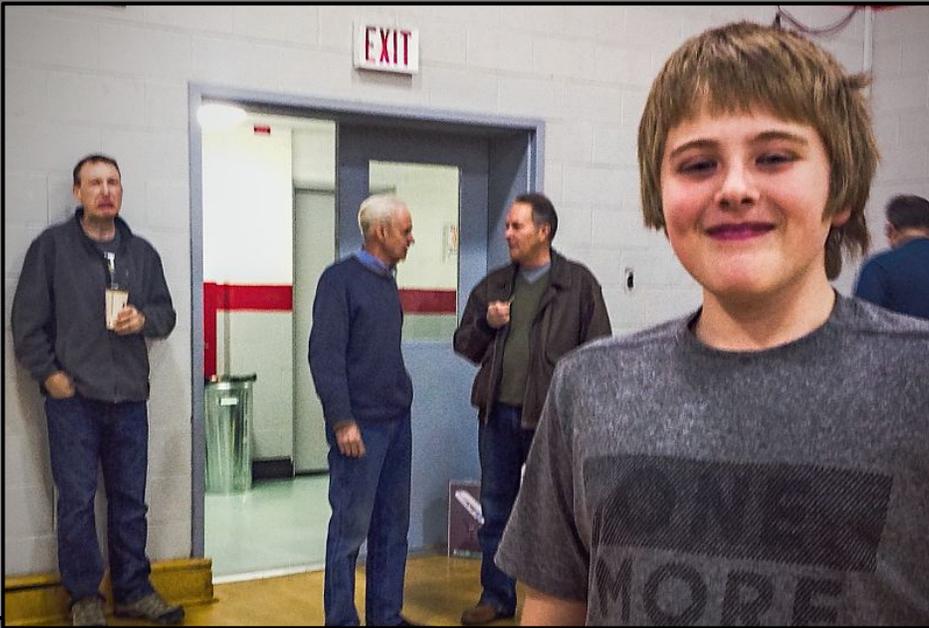
The Saint John Model Flying Club has roots back many, many years. There was a small but dedicated group of flyers who enjoyed rubber powered indoor free-flight over those years but whose numbers are dwindling. With the miniaturization of RC equipment, most indoor pilots are now flying micro-planes primarily made from foam. Yet one tradition the club has continued is a tribute to those model builders, and one in particular. Ian McQueen has the deft hand to build superb duration chuck gliders. Meticulously built with very fine sanding, perfectly balanced and trimmed, and the seriousness of a scientist eliminating variables, his planes are awesome. To honor this fine chap, in our typically irreverent way, we have devoted our Christmas Party to what has become known as the Super Duper Saint John Model Flying Club 68th Annual Inaugural Ian McQueen Hand Chuck Glider Competition, Paper Airplane Toss and Christmas Party (aka: SDSJMFCIIMHCGPATCP).



Event report by Club President Andrew Colwell
Photos by Pamela Lloyd

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Then, five minutes of warm-ups with the balsa gliders. The call to air - 3, 2, 1, LAUNCH! Again the eliminations started. Round after round, one by one, participants started forming the group of judges to determine the next one out. Of course, the rules seemingly changed as we progressed. Gimme's for bad throws were offered. The favorites who were practicing and building for weeks if not months, Cato Hansen and Jim Lloyd, fell to the ground. Finally, yours truly and Charlie Hope assumed their prospective launch stances. Into the air the planes sailed. Charlie's plane quickly oriented to a stable flight and mine, well.. sunk like the Titanic.



It was another successful Party with many delightful and tasty treats, not to mention the candy airplanes made lovingly by Pam. All of this is in thanks to Ian McQueen for keeping the hand launch glider activity a fun and challenging activity!

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ASRCM indoor Monday nights at Riverside Elementary



Gerry Conrad, Joe Miller and Geoff Davis



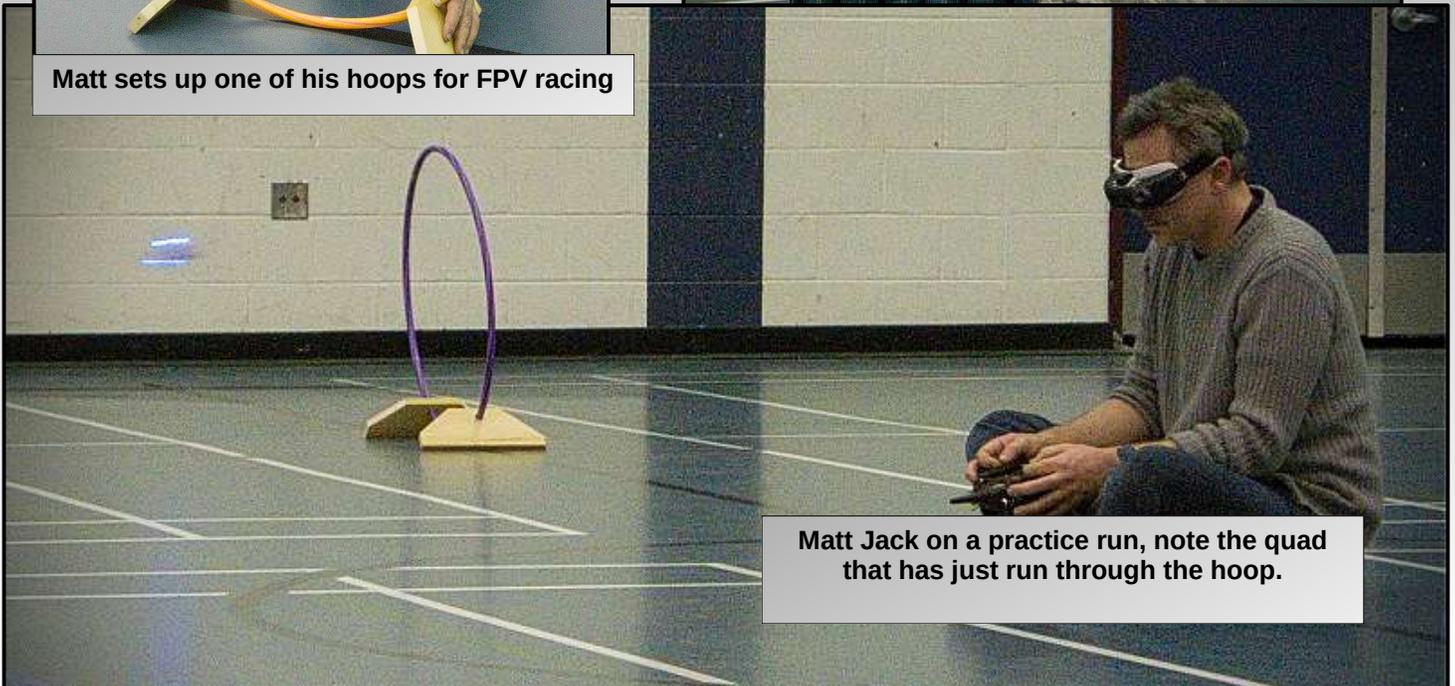
Shawn Maloney who organizes our indoor and Geoff Davis on the FPV goggles.



Matt sets up one of his hoops for FPV racing



Joe Miller hovering his micro Yak

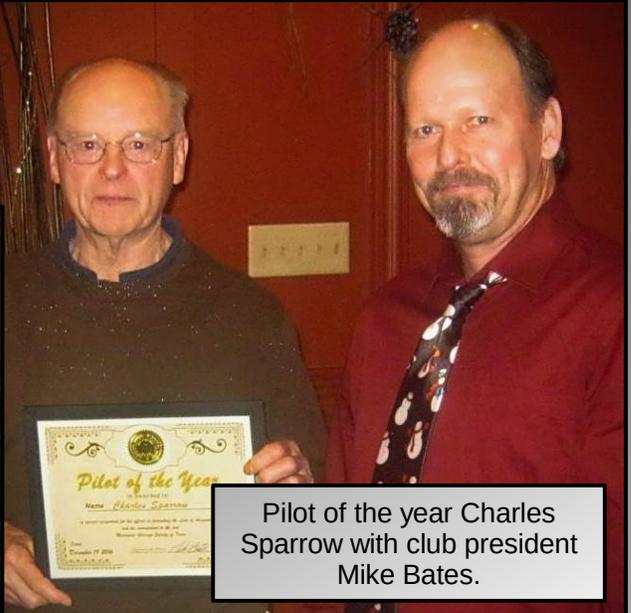


Matt Jack on a practice run, note the quad that has just run through the hoop.

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Ed Harpell who shot these photos reports:
It was a good turnout for the club Banquet, at
Frank & Ginos.
A very good time was had by all, lots of fun and
good food.



Pilot of the year Charles Sparrow with club president Mike Bates.



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Jeremy Dann's 150th Canadian Anniversary Extra



Jeremy writes in an email: Attached are photos before and after the test flight of my 150th Canadian Anniversary project. This Great Planes Extra 300s weighs 6lbs 9oz empty and the 6s 5000ma battery adds 1lb. She is Powered by a Leopard motor and a 100amp speed controller. A Lemon RC stabilization and receiver system are on board. The servos are basic Hitec carbonite variety. The radio is a Dx9 from Spektrum. I built it over a 6 month period, working on it occasionally between other commitments.

I had hoped to get the test flight in on New Year's Day but the rain would not stop so she had her first two flight Jan 2 2017. It flies really well and required zero trimming, which is always a nice surprise when it happens.

Happy Birthday Canada!



Photos by Mark
Everett and Jeremy
Dann

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New Years day outing with MAST of Truro



It was blowing a gale, raining and just above 0 degrees C.
8:30 Am January 1, 2017

When a few brave souls (pilots) showed up to get the first flights of the year.

Charles Sparrow had the honor of the first flight followed by Ed Harpell and then Mike Bates, they were short flights but they were flights.

Jim Sutherland and Andy Gruz through no fault of his own (Andy told Jim it was 8:30) showed up late at Tim Hortons for support for the cold and wet flyers.

A great way to start the year.



Photos and event coverage by Ed Harpell

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A couple of others on New Years day



Jim and Pamela Lloyd report from Alberta: Jim breaking in the new year and celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary. Jim started with a rubber powered plane to fly for Newfoundland time. Then came The Starship Enterprise for New Brunswick. Last but not least the Milineum Falcon. And a shot of Jim with our Grandchildren flying for New Brunswick. A few flurries made the evening celebrations perfect. One small hiccup, Jim flew into the Christmas tree!! Happy New Year to all fliers we wish you safe and happy flying. Jim says "beat that Maggots "

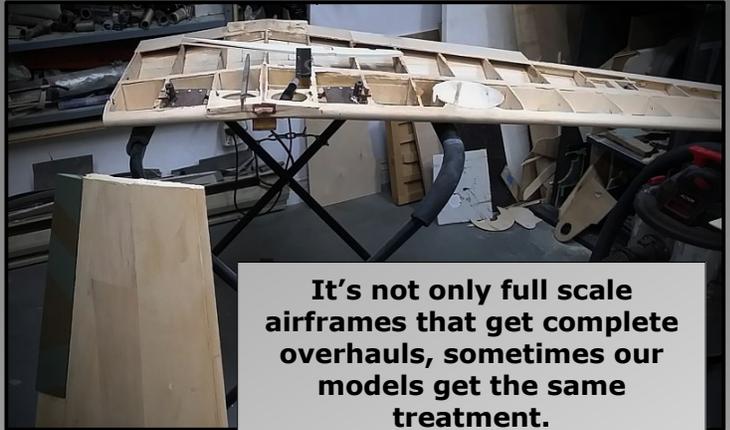


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SOME BITS AND BYTES FROM THE ZONE



Al with the 109 at Margaree some years ago.



It's not only full scale airframes that get complete overhauls, sometimes our models get the same treatment.

Well known modeler Al Coolen is doing this with his old me-109. Al reports: "It's a quarter scale one. That's just slightly under 100 inches. It's an old plane that been in my shed for about 12 years. It's a Meister kit and it was called a fun scale model. Well I'm going to change a lot of things to improve the look."



Covering stripped and work ready to start. Al got the plane from the late Jim Turner's estate and says: "I still think of Jim now and then, he was a delight to know. Actually Randy Wamboldt built it and Jim got it from him. Or something like that. It's been in my shed for a long long time and it's time to put it back in the air."

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Steve Mosher's winter build
SBD-5 Douglas Dauntless
100" wingspan
80" length



Steve reports from the Avon RC Flyers forum: Just back from Calais, ME, where I picked up this... note the transmitter for scale size, Plus lots of other pieces. Got to say that CY Models makes a decent kit. I ordered mine from Texas RC. Great guy to deal with.

Steve has some good advice: To keep from paying exorbitant UPS fees when things cross the border, you ship the package to Johnson's TrueValue Hardware in Calais (Just use their address as the shipping address with your name). Quick run down on a Saturday, cross and pick up the package (\$15.00 US), have a nice lunch at Yancy's, pay the HST on the way back and you're on the way home. If we hadn't stopped for lunch, the whole process wouldn't have taken 20 minutes from the time I got to US Customs to where I was leaving Canadian Customs. Just use their address with your name. And follow with UPS Tracking. Once I saw it was delivered, I just went down the next weekend. I think they are open both Saturday and Sunday. They do this a lot. They have a large counter at the back of the store just for packages. The "young petite lady" at the counter will give you your shipment and a slip of paper. Just pay the fee on the way out at the regular checkout.



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Charles Goddard steering his stearman around the patch



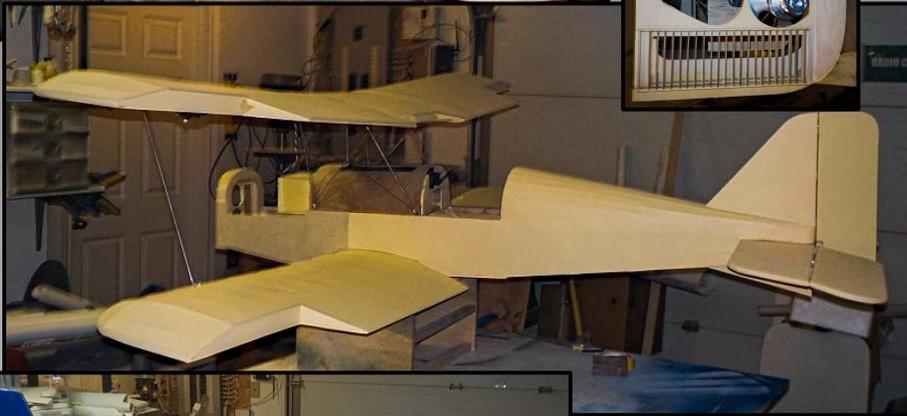
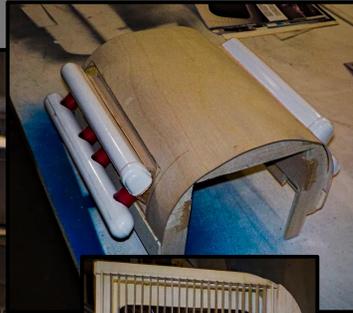
Photos by Jeremy Dann



Valley indoor December 6th

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Dave Row reports on his winter building:

Lots of progress on the last day of the year. **Mike Herman's SE5A** is well underway, fuse sides are all done, so mounted the lower wing, and then fabricated the center cabane struts. Now working on the wing struts!

Electric motor installation is sorted out, as is the sound system for the guns and engine. Lots of room up front for everything, to be sure. Coming along rather quickly.

Dave is also building a t-34 Mentor for Marc Cayouette

Lots of progress this boxing day, on Marc Cayouette's T-34. Access hatches are done, and installed, air system is complete, throttle and choke all sorted out, just have to tidy up things, then I can install the wing, and drill for the wing mounting bolts! After that it's a few touch-ups, install the canopy, and then hand back to Marc.



Photos by Dave Rowe

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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>

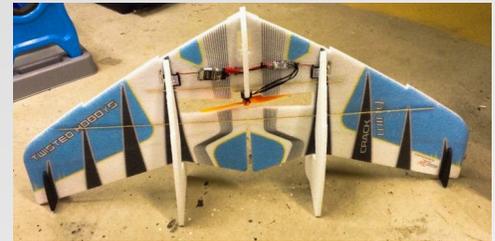
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NORTHUMBERLAND RC MODELERS WINTER INDOOR

Location : NSCC Pictou Campus
Date : Every Monday starting Oct 17
Time 5:30PM 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

Hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas and I wish everyone with family and friends a very successful year of 2017 in all your projects. Last year was another good year for our hobby and hope that this year will be as productive. So far this year most of the clubs have already registered, and the balance should be done soon especially if you have an event to be scheduled soon.

Don't forget the AGM will be at the Halifax Delta Hotel in April/17.

Again all the best for the 2017 and I hope to see you at an event.
Regis Landry



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B-29 Superfortress 'Fifi' Making A strong Crosswind Landing



<http://worldwarwings.com/b-29-superfortress-fifi-making-a-high-crosswind-landing/>



Our Assistant Zone Director Cato Hansen had a hairy flight during a windy day in December. His comments: "Well, here is my last landing in 2016, no repair needed as the Foam-tack would do no good there anyway."

Vincent Laforet Takes the Most Amazing Night Time Aerials I Have Ever Seen



<http://twistedstifter.com/2016/11/air-book-by-vincent-laforet/#.WGrMkQsE4uc>.email