



# MAAC'S ZONE B NEWSLETTER

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Takeoff is optional  
But landing is mandatory

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Awesome jet,  
awsome flying and awesome video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRtBSssDDHA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3vS--qe9X0VNwICcDIISvH5Hkc3PNS02CfoYgrHGM4rHNy5Apy-ns08>



January indoor flying



The Truro skimmers.



Paul Sinnis's T-33 build



And a lot more!



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### Upcoming events in February

**SAT, FEB 15 AT 9:30 AM  
Helis (and other flying machines) On Ice  
The Dann's on Killdog Cove**



Christie and I look forward to hosting all our Aviation friends back again for 2020 - let us know if you are thinking of heading our way – an RSVP is helpful - we want to have lots of cider and food for all. Pork and Chili fixings are on the menu as always - bring you appetite.

weather permitting full scale aircraft will be flying in as well.

This is our Tenth year (we have been able to pull it off 6 times - weather and Ice conditions have not cooperated)

An alternate Weather date will be announced through email and Wings of Wellington Facebook site if required.



**RICHIBUCTO RC CLUB\*\*\*Meet & Greet, Static Display on Saturday, Feb 15th. Richibucto Co-Op Mall. Come join us and bring an aircraft\*\*\*  
Today, I was given 8ft tables for club use...ours to keep !**

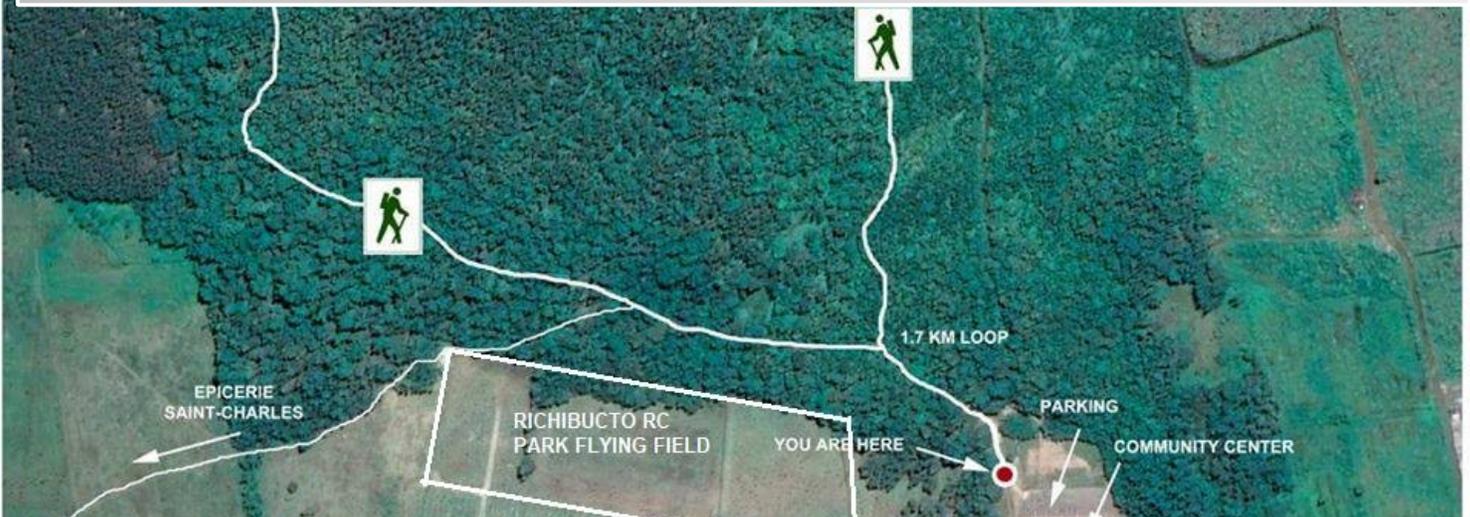


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### Notes from Gilles Daigle of the RICHIBUCTO RC CLUB



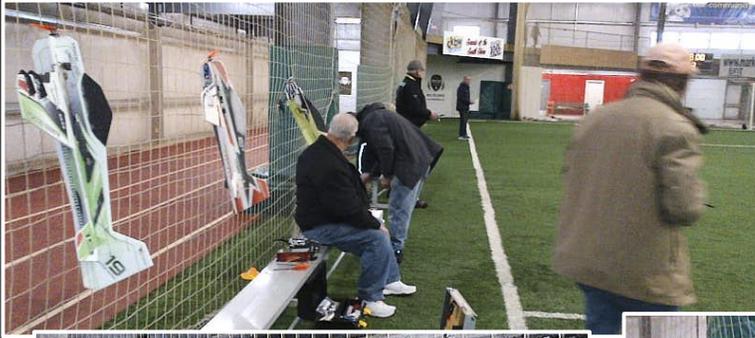
Back in December, I gave myself a challenge to build a Sig Cub from blueprints and using ONLY scrap wood....last week was a struggle as the left over wood supply really sucks...but I did it. Today I started covering the wings and control surfaces...now I am out of white covering...ugh.....so have to probably use colored Monocote I have left over in a box. The challenge continues



More good news for our club. This morning, it was confirmed that our local grocery store in Saint-Charles will sponsor our site and the trail system connecting to it. They will also pay to build a small bridge so our field will connect to our Community Nature trail, for those wanting to take a break from flying and go for a walk. I already designed and installed the trail signs directly behind our field. We now have linking between the field, nature trail, store and paved parking lot for pilots wishing to overnight here in campers/coaches.

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## South Shore RC Flyers indoor



Photos by Michael Boulanger

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## Yarmouth South West Flyers indoors



Photos by Terry Bullerwell

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## Winter Warbird Project Lockheed T33 update by Paul Sinnis

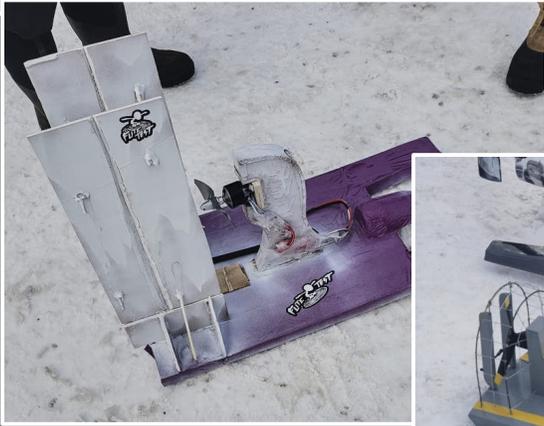


Photos by Paul Sinnis

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### Truro Nova Scotia RC Club / MAST

Well this was a lot of fun. Hope more of you turn out next time. Great fun and a chat at Tim's afterwards. Not sure who won the ugly duckling prize. I think it was a 3 way tie between Mike Bates Andrew Doyle and my self. Best looking hands down was Kenny's. Mine lasted the longest out of them all and my kids got to use it too.



**Snow Skimmer races!**



Item report and photos supplied by Christian Pratt

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## Shearwater indoor January 26



**Kevin Baker with electrified Sig Cub**



**John Walker**



**John Fennell prepares Mini Vapor**



**Kevin marvels at Chris' Blazy Bee**



**Chris Hodgkinson foamie Blazy Bee**

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Kevin McKay's SE5a



John O'Sullivan with  
Fluorescent Bluenose



Kevin Baker's fleet



Blazy Bee



Brian Gray's Search  
and Rescue  
recovers birds from  
rafters



Richard's fleet

Photos by John O'Sullivan

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### St. John's R/C Flyers (sjrcf)

**ROBERT DICKS sends this report from the St. John's R/C Flyers club.**

January has been a fairly uneventful month for RC flying here in St. John's, NL. As most are aware, we have been inundated with snow for the month. In fact, we have had the most 24 hour accumulation of snow since records have been kept. Anywhere from 74 to 93 centimetres of snow, this on top of 40 centimetres that arrived a week before. You're welcome to visit the NL Snowmegaden 2020 Warriors Facebook page to witness the five day State of Emergency photos.

>> Enough with the depressing news. Our January club meeting went ahead with a good attendance. The club presidency was taken over by Steve Boulos at the gavel! He brought forward news that he had been contacted by a business owner who was willing to donate a 20 foot steel sea can to the club. Fabulous news indeed, as we have been trying to locate one for several years, with no success. This will be a great addition to the club's flying field infrastructure. It will allow us to store field maintenance equipment and Fun Fly bbq and accessories on site without having to tote them back a forth from club members homes.

>> Also, the club was told it had received a donation (unsolicited) from a gentleman who no longer had the interest in completing a P51 Mustang Kit. He donated the kit, with retracts, plus several new building tools for the club to use as a fundraising effort. How good is that?! We will be holding internal club raffles to add to the club's coffers.

>> On a final note, the club meeting once again was privileged to have an aviation related presentation provided by our own, Stephen Benson. He used a slideshow to tell of a WWII Lancaster bomber pilot from Newfoundland. A 20 year old Fred Mifflin, who piloted 30 missions with his crew of seven. The requirement needed in order to fulfill the tour of duty. The presentation was filled with exciting facts few of us knew. I won't spoil the story's exciting ending in the event these readers wish to see the YouTube video recanting their missions. Click this link for the full story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lmYgOsy1rA>

There appears to be a keen interest in getting some winter flying in soon. We have a great location at a pond near one of our club members homes. Hopefully our next newsletter submission will include some photos and commentary about a fun day of frozen finger flying.

It's also hoped to start several articles about winter builds ongoing by club members.

Until then, take care out there folks!



A few members of the St. John's R/C Flyers at the WBL field with the Jack Graham memorial bench presented by the Graham and Newman families. June 2019

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## Jim Gavel's Hollywood Zero

Is it a Texan, is it a Harvard, no it's a Hollywood Zero. Welcome to my latest build, Top Flites AT-6 Texan conversion to the Hollywood Zero. This model is supposed to emulate the Texans that were modified for movies like Tora Tora Tora. With a few changes and modifications they had a passable Zero and, well we'll see how the model turns out.

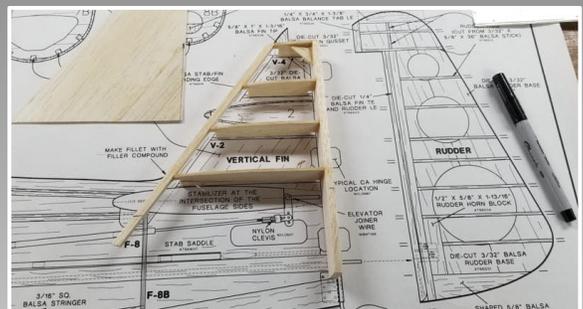
TopFlite kits are generally quite complete, with a generous hardware bag, about the only things you need to add are engine, radio gear, wheels, retracts (opt), and choice of covering. I had a pair of Robart air retracts from an ill fated Spitfire, so I ordered new air tank, lines, control valve and fittings, plus proper gear legs to fit. Almost ready to start.

One thing I didn't realize is that parts for these older kits are hard, if not impossible to get. I tried to find the in-cowl muffler and header, no luck, the dummy radial engine, again no luck so it looks like I will be improvising when I get to that position.

I like to start with the tail feathers, it gets you back into building quickly and you have something to show for your efforts. I pretty much use CA glues now, even for laying up the balsa sheeting on wings and fuselage. The thick, gap filling CA does not set up immediately and you have some time to set up before it takes. You can't take a coffee break or anything like that and you better have trial fit it to exactly what you want, cause once it sets, it's not coming off!

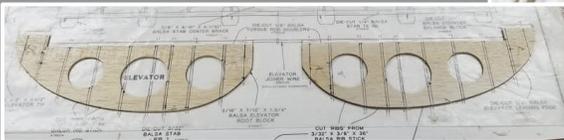
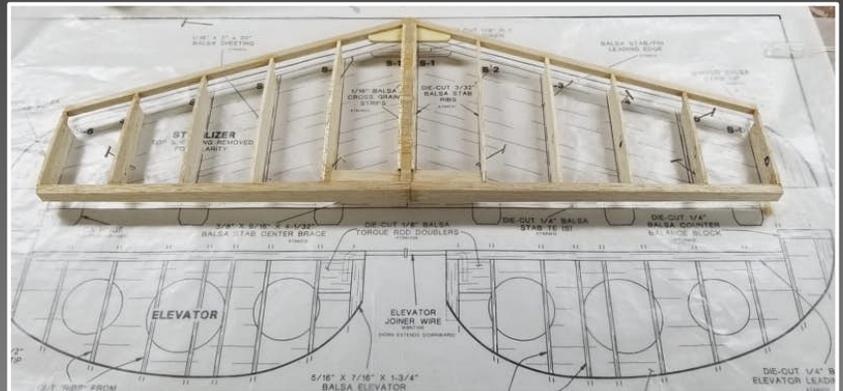
At this point I have the empennage finished, the 2 outer wing panels ready for sheeting and the center section ready to join with the 2 outer wing panels. Retracts have been temporarily installed. See pics. Next step is to join the wing panels together.

Stay tuned for future updates.



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Photos by Jim Gavel

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## HOBBY SHOPS IN OUR ZONE.

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## Some bits and bytes from the Zone



**Rick LeBlanc has started a replacement for his destroyed  
Senorita.**

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FROM YOUR ZONE DIRECTOR

Hi everybody,

Hope all is well and you are having a great winter, I think we are doing ok around here except for our friends up there in Newfoundland, it's ok with snow, but a little at a time would be better, so if somebody has a direct channel open, let it be known.

On another issue, what can we do about recruiting new members? We here in Saint John brought that issue up at our monthly meeting and are trying to come up with a solution. So if you or someone you know have any idea, please share it with us all, my thoughts on this issue amongst other would be to perhaps contact some of the larger employers or smaller for that matter, and ask if they would like someone to hold a talk about our hobby when they hold their pre retirement sessions, if you like I would or could be available to help out, but give me a heads up first, as I'm currently tied up for the next 6 weeks as far as traveling.

As a follow up, a small survey was conducted and all indicators point to the 50 plus group, that does not mean to give up on our youths, you can still get involved with your local school and offer you services as most science teachers would love to have you help them in their aeronautic programs, or the scout programs just to mention some.

That's all I have for this month, but I would also appreciate if you would send me some stuff for the MAAC Magazine as it is hard to come up with stuff to write about as we cover so much in our News Letter, so if you have a project or a story, send it along with picture and names, just remember that the pictures have to be 1MG or bigger for the Magazine. My e-mail is working just fine and so is my cell phone, so why not give it a try, have a great day and fly safe.



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