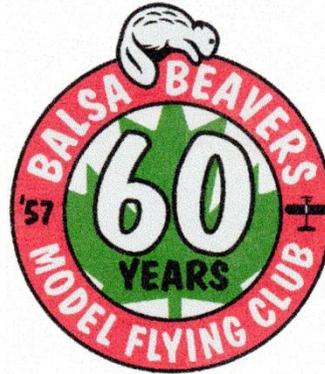




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All member’s submissions can be emailed to Chris Brownhill (cbrownhill@sympatico.ca).

Monthly submission deadline should be no later than the 10th of the month. Late submissions will be saved for the following month. The editor reserves the right to edit, or refuse to print any submission that is not seen to be in the best interests of the Club, or offensive to any individual or group. The editor’s decision will be considered final.

Dear Member:

The idea of resurrecting the old club newsletter, “The Airfoil” was conceived a few years ago, by myself but never was brought to fruition for various reasons.

It was the original method of communication in the Club before electronic data transmission was even thought of, and mailing stuff by Canada Post was the usual method of distributing information. Who would have thought it?

The original “Airfoil” was literally sent all over the world, and exchanged with many clubs, who in turn sent us their newsletters in return.

The work that went into the newsletter was considerable when you consider that it was typed on old Gestetner type wax masters, and then printed with a less than reliable A.B. Dick copy machine, which was so old that the manufacturer wanted it for his museum!

Plans were painstakingly copied by hand on to the wax masters as well, and much retracing was required to get a plan down to the size where it could be published. It was a time of remarkable creativity and ingenuity. Our members were astoundingly productive, and many of their airplanes were recognized as "contest winners". Heck, they were contest winners!

Nowadays, an hour or so of typing can get the job done, and add it an email, press the button, it is done and dusted!

In those days, we not only printed a seven or eight page journal, but then collated and mailed around a couple of hundred copies every printing. We even had a license from Canada Post for bulk mailing to save costs!

So, we will try this out, and see how it goes. If people in the Club are interested in contributing, that would be just great. I don't have to be the only writer. I think that a maximum of five pages would be good, or even less if the content is not there.

I have a couple of articles in the bank that I was saving, but as I am no longer Control Line chairman, I can share them with the club instead.

Please let me have your comments, both good and bad!

Regards,

Chris Brownhill,

President and Acting Editor