

# High flying dreams take flight

*Model planes at Lyncrest Airport fuel imagination*

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*Mavrick Schweiger (left), Lori Schweiger and Daniel Armstrong (in cap) look on as Gilbert Bourrier gives instruction on how to build a model plane.*

*Photo by Rick Bence*

Twenty legendary bi-planes were built in model format at the Lyncrest Flight Centre on Nov. 5.

The Recreational Aircraft Association (RAA) and Springfield Flying Club (SFC) hosted this year's Build a Plane Day model aircraft building workshop.

Participants included Air Canada Captain Donna Prowse and her son Bowen, Nadine Speirs, president of Metal Depot, with her son Jim and nephew Justin, and Captain Steve Whyte with his son Jordan. Whyte recently returned from a recreational flight to the Arctic in his C172.

These aspiring young builders from the RM of Springfield, assisted by their parents, grandparents and neighbours, spent the day constructing their chosen Legends of the Air model kits with Gil Bourrier's instruction.

Those who attended were introduced to the Theory of Flight, given by Tom Stoyka, Air Cadets Squadron leader, devoured a free lunch of gourmet hot dogs and tasty sides, and visited all types of vintage, home-built and ultra light airplanes.

Tour highlights included Pilot Burt Barkman's vintage Ercoupe, historical aviation artifacts and antique service station memorabilia.

Pilot John Blackner displayed his pristine 1946 J3 Piper Cub alongside a 1/5 scale remote controlled Cub.

Dani Pokornik, president of Springfield Flying Club, drew names to award RAA and SFC prizes including rides in Jill Oakes' bi-plane, a complete RC model Piper Cub, a 27-inch Spirit of St. Louis balsa kit and T-shirts.

Ear-to-ear smiles, completed projects and ideas for building their next airplane set off the latest group of young craftsmen, confident in reaching for the sky in whatever paths they choose to explore.

"Because of that day and our flight with you, Sam and I have decided to build our own CH-650. We're very excited," Nadine Speirs said after their day at the workshop.

Many thanks go out to everyone who made this event a success. Check out [www.lyncrest.org](http://www.lyncrest.org) for more events or book a tour by contacting [jill\\_oakes@umanitoba.ca](mailto:jill_oakes@umanitoba.ca)