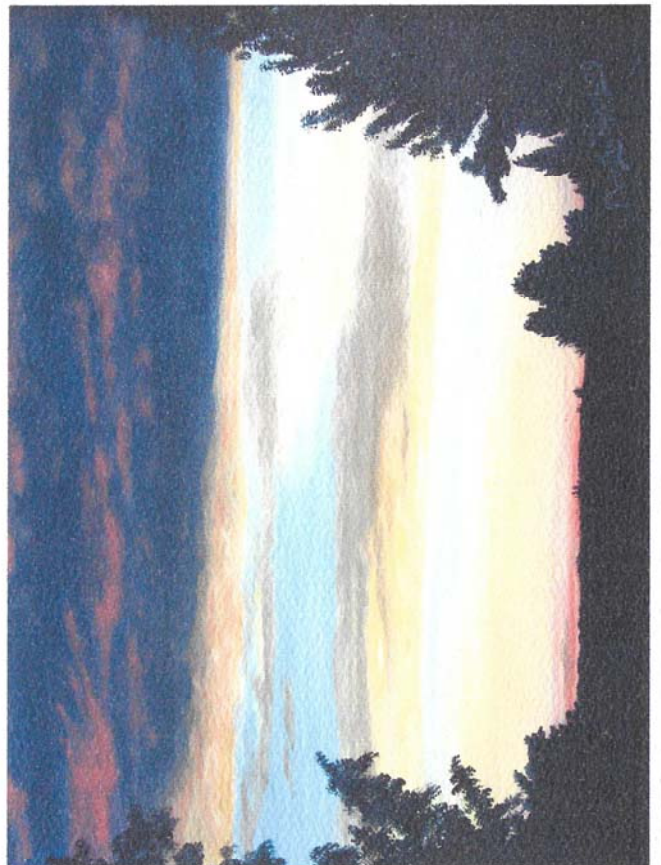


October 22, 2017

Dear Mr. Crocker,
Thank you for sending G.V.A.M.'s Balsa Dust to my Dad, Harry Braunlich. This summer he took a bad fall at home and passed away two weeks later due to complications. Altho he said he didn't want a funeral,

at the field last month, the Sky Rovers held a heart felt gathering and had many kind words and good stories. Dave Reid obliged the request with a perfect center line landing, in spite of a crosswind! I'm not sure at what age my Dad started his interest in model aviation, but I know it was important to him for most of his 88 1/2 years.

I live in Coradice, not far from the field at Coyles & the float plane site. A couple of times, while canoeing, I took photos of flybys which I shared with my Dad. In Balsa Dust, I read that Max's float



The comment reminded me of a visit to the museum in Geneva years ago. Our WWII vet tour guide showed us the PB4 Catalina flying boat noting that many people thought it ugly. He said it was a beautiful sight for him as he sat in a life raft in the Pacific after being shot down. He said the PB4 had to taxi back to base because the sea was "like glass" - too slick to be able to take off. My Dad would have appreciated that the problem is same for R/C scale as well.

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Sunrise
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Best wishes for a good building season (wint)!
Hazy Landings,
Darby Mc Donough