

APRIL, 2004

TOPCAP

The Newsletter of the ORCC

This Month's Meeting: Tuesday April 6th
Entertainment for the April meeting will be:

Concours D'Elegance

Bring your finest model(s) for all to see!!

Your President's Message

At the March meeting, I presented the 2004 ORCC budget. Hopefully, we more accurately represented the financial situation of the club...which, by the way, is reasonably stable. Following our standard approach, I asked each member of the club executive and the chairs of the special interest groups to put together their anticipated spending for this year.

I think it is important for all of the membership to be aware of the club's financial status, hence I have decided to publish the budget in my monthly column. The following table, which I distributed at the last meeting, is presented below.

ORCC 2004 Budget

Current Funds (end of Feb./04):

Chequing Account	\$4,000
ING Account	\$6,540
Total	\$10,540

REVENUES:

2004 Revenues (Projected and Actual)

Membership (using 2003 totals)	\$8,200
Auction	\$197
50/50	\$200
Sale of Pilot pins (10 @ \$5)	\$50

Events:

Winter FunFly	\$200
2-Day Thermal Duration	\$150

Float Fly	\$54
SMALL	\$700
Fall FunFly	\$175
Total Projected Revenues \$9,926	

EXPENSES:

Flying Sites - Rent	\$750
Maintenance (West-end field)	\$1,262
Maintenance (Glider field)	\$885
Maintenance (Float Pond)	\$150
McNabb Hall	\$450
Website	\$1,200
Top Cap	\$400
Membership	\$261
Administrative	\$250
Discus Launch Contest Trophies	\$40
Prizes/Awards	\$200
President's Discretionary	\$500

Events (Projected and Actual):

Winter FunFly	\$268
2-Day Thermal Duration	\$105
Float Fly	\$75
SMALL	\$700
MATS Challenge	\$100
Fall FunFly	\$160

Total Expenses \$7,756
Net: \$2,170.00

Projected Cash in Bank (Dec. 31/04)

Chequing Account	\$2,170.00
NG Account	\$6,800.00
Total Projected Cash in Bank	\$8,970.00

As you can see, at the end of February, 2004, we estimated that we had a total of approximately \$10,540. This includes the ING savings account as well as the chequing account that is comprised of "left over" money from last year and money from 2004 registration dues.

We anticipate incoming revenues to be about \$9,926, that is, if we replicate last year's final membership count combined with this year's projected incoming monies. By contrast, we anticipate spending a maximum of \$7,756, leaving us with a net difference of +\$2,170.

Accordingly, on December 31, 2004, we have projected out total revenues to be approximately \$8,970 (can you tell that I've been talking to my accountant a lot lately?)

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Concours D'élégance

...Just one more reminder that we will be hosting our annual Concours D'élégance at our April meeting. This is a great event, giving model builders an opportunity to display their handy work. We've made several changes to this year's format. It will have a people's choice orientation again (like last year), where those in attendance do the voting. However, we have collapsed the number of categories and reduced it to three: sport, scale, and sailplane. In addition, an award will be given out for the event Grand Champion. As a cost saving measure we have done away with the ribbons...but there will be gift certificates from Discount Hobbies, Dynamic Hobbies, and Multi-Hobby. We figured that folks would prefer to receive the gift certificates over ribbons or plaques. The event is open to kit-built and scratch-built models...not ARFs and ARCs. The person entering a model must be the builder. The club executive reserves the right to make the final determination regarding a model's eligibility to compete. Hope to see you there.

Questions...concerns...

If you have a question or concern about anything relating to the ORCC I invite you to contact me directly at weekesj@rogers.com or call me at home at 727-0066 or on my cellphone at 889-2025. I want to ensure that your experience as a member of the ORCC is as enjoyable as possible.

John

First event of year (Winter Fun Flying)

This year winter fun flying was not anything like last year. The weather was not what we wished for. I had to change the date to Sunday and hope the weather condition would be better. On Sunday we did not have any snow, but it was windy and cold. The wind was blowing at 40 km/h; therefore the wind-chill factor was high. Despite the weather condition our members and guests made the effort and attended. We had 14 pilot signed in. We had a new model OS 46AX engine to raffle and many gifts purchased from Multi Hobby. Thanks to the great support of Multi Hobby, we had \$100.00 worth of gift certificates. Multi Hobby is one of the great ORCC sponcer, I would like to take this oppourtuny on behalf of ORCC to thank them for their on-going supports. By 8:30 in the morning our coffee was on and we started to register pilots. Thanks to John and Jack for their help with registration. Everybody was talking about how windy it was and should they fly or wait for the wind to calm down. I did the first flight, which was not that bad. Our fun flying started with welcoming everybody and explaining the rules and regulations for winter flying. Fun flying was slowed down for lunch. Thanks to Morris, our chef, hotdogs, hamburgers and hot chili where ready in no time.until 2:00 pm after which we called the pilots in for the draws. The raffle went to Gerry Pronovost Other winners of gifts where Ken, ...,... and myself. Some of us won more than one item, I felt it was not fair to other flyers. It is my suggestion that in the future we limit the draw to a

single ticket per pilot. This should give each pilot a chance to win something. Once again thanks to every body who managed to come out and support our event.

Safe flying

Shahram Ghorashi

Thermal Thoughts

The long winter is almost over and it is time to start thinking about the next flying season. The forecast is for lots of warm sunny days and evenings to enjoy the quite serenity of sailplane making lazy circle up to cloud base. As well as lots of relaxing fun flying we also have a very aggressive contest schedule for the coming season. A decision was made to have the fun fly contests run by the newer flyers to allow them to gain experience in running contests and to hopefully diversify our contest tasks. Let's all make a point of attending as many of these events as possible. I will be putting reminders of these events on ORCC-G e-mail group.

Date	Event
May 30	Fun Fly
June 5 & 6	ORCC Annual 2 Day Thermal Duration Contest
June 19	ORCC MATS C2VM Hand Launch Challenge Round 3
June 27	Fun Fly
July 25	Fun Fly
August 21	11 th Annual ORCC MATS Challenge
August 29 Fun Fly	FUN fly
September 11 & 12	Ottawa Area Aerotow Arnprior RC Field
September 19	ORCC MATS C2VM hand Launch Challenge Round 5
September 26	Fun Fly
October 31	Fun Fly

In addition to all these events, remember that every Wednesday evening from “after work” until dusk is training night at the sod farm. Instructors will be available any time the weather is suitable for flying and student pilots will be given priority on the winches. This is also an ideal time for more experienced pilots to practice landings or to trim out new aircraft.

Don't forget that the ORCC Concours D'élégance is being held during the April meeting. There is a special category for sailplanes so let's all bring out our shiny new creations. Even if you don't have something to enter, it's a fun time to see what others have built over the winter. You will have a chance to vote for your favorite.

Brian Buchanan

West End Field ... by Karel Tettelaar

We will be getting the Field back in shape for flying season as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the weather is reasonable; hopefully within the next few weeks. A notice will be placed on the ORCC web site advertising the work party once the date is chosen. In the mean time, please use extra caution when using the Field until we can get the safety fences in place.

I have set up a new "newsletter" specifically for the West End Field on the ORCC web site which will allow us to send special notices (field closings, event changes, work parties, etc.) to you via e-mail. If you are interested in getting these notices, please sign-up for the newsletter in the "Forum" section of the web site. If you are a member of the Forum, just sign-in and choose "newsletter" and click on the appropriate box. If you have not joined the Forum, Just fill out the registration and your approval should arrive in a day or two. You then can choose the newsletters you wish to receive.

During the first week of March the "dangerous gas" detection system in the garage portion of the building went into alarm state but the warning horn and light did not function. The City staff quickly checked and reset the system and reopened the building for use. However, in their investigation they determined that *"the audible alarm is not particularly loud from inside the building and the external alarm light was burnt out. The bulb has been replaced. Unfortunately both of these devices are located on the outside West wall of the building and therefore may not be noticed by club members entering or in the building."* To ensure our safety when using the building, the City will be putting up a sign on the entrance door notifying members to check the alarm on the west side of the building before entering. Please respect this direction. With the flying season upon us, it would be a good time for everyone to re-familiarize themselves with our responsibilities with respect to the alarm system. They can be found on the West End Field page of the web site and on the notice board at the Field.

Just a reminder that the fence, gate and building are City property and are not to be tampered with without the consent of the City. Sometime around the first week of March some enterprising person(s) re-arranged the hinges on the gate so that it is possible to merely lift the gate off the hinges to gain access. This has been repaired.

ORCC 2004 Events		Indoor Flying At the "RA" (12:30-2:30) March 6th March 13th March 20th March 27th
Event Name	Date(s)	
Concours d'Elegance	April 6 (Tuesday)	
Two-Day Annual Thermal Glider Event	June 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday)	
Doug Pinhey Float Fly	June 26 (Saturday)	
SMALL Event and Pig Roast	July 24 (Saturday)	
ORCC - MATS Challenge	August 21 (Saturday)	
Greater Ottawa Aero Tow	September 11 and 12 (Saturday and Sunday)	
Casual Float Fly	September 23 (Saturday)	
Fall Fun Fly	October 15 (Saturday)	
Dates to Rember		ORCC Membership
Club Meeting Dates	TopCap Submission Dates	73
Tues. Apr. 6th	Fri. Mar. 19th (for Apr. TopCap)	As of Feb. 4th 2004
Tues, May 4th	Fri. Apr. 16th (for May TopCap)	
Tues. June 1st	Fri. May 14th (for June TopCap)	

2004 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

New for 2004: In addition to our regular one year membership, the ORCC is pleased to offer three year ORCC memberships at a saving of \$5 per year. The ORCC requires that you have a valid MAAC membership for the same three year period in order to qualify for this membership. Your three year MAAC membership can be purchased through the club or directly through MAAC. See your membership chairman for details.

2004 Membership Dues

1 Year Memberships		ORCC Dues	MAAC Dues	Total
Junior	(under age 18 as of January 1 st)	\$30.50	\$5.00	\$35.50
Junior	(with Model Aviation Canada Magazine)	\$30.50	\$16.50	\$47.00
Open	(Over 18 as of January 1 st)	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$115.00
Senior	(Over 60 as of January 1 st)	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$105.00
Family	Open Membership (MAAC membership required for flyers)	\$80.00		
Family	Spousal Unit and Juniors (MAAC membership required for flyers)	\$00.00		
Non-Flying	Member	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00

3 Year Memberships		ORCC Dues	MAAC Dues	Total
<i>(Must have MAAC for the same 3 year period)</i>				
Open	(3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$165.00	\$140.00	\$ 305.00
Senior	(3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$ 275.00

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May Meeting: Tuesday May 4th, 2004

ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month
Date & Time: from September to June at 8:00 PM.
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