

November, 2004

TOPCAP

The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Entertainment for this meeting will be:

Everything you need to know about Gliders

President's Message by John Weekes

Fall Fun Fly – Don Paquette Memorial

After a one week delay due to weather, our annual fun fly went off without a hitch. We had sunny skies and moderate (not light) winds.

We were graced by the presence of Mrs. Paquette who attended to share in our tribute to her late husband, Mr. Don Paquette. Ricky Paquette, his brother Steve, and a host of other family members came and stayed for the day. On behalf of the ORCC Executive and the entire membership, I'd like to extend a special THANK YOU to Mrs. Paquette and her family for joining us for the day. Your presence really made the day a very special one for all of us. Don helped to shape both the ORCC and model aviation in Canada...his influence and friendship will not be soon forgotten in the ORCC.



There were a total of 26 registered pilots. Once again Dave Rees went home a happy camper (despite being plagued with battery and engine problems on his FuntanaS 90) by winning the raffle prize...a FuntanaS 40 ARF!

I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the day a success: Shahram Ghorashi, Karel Tettelaar, Mark Leighton, Mark Josefowich, Ken Park, Jack Cuss, Mike Torunski, and Karl Diedrich. I hope that I haven't missed anyone.

Multi-Hobby sponsored the raffle prize, and Multi-Hobby, Discount Hobbies, and Dynamic Hobbies provided gift certificates. Thank you to these shops for their continued support of ORCC events.



Annual Zone Meeting

The 2004 Annual Zone Meeting was a huge success...hats of our Zone Director and MAAC Vice President, Richard Barlow for organizing another great event. For the second year in a row we had the President of MAAC in attendance at the meeting. Carl Layden and several neighbouring zone directors were able to attend for the day. As usual, the day consisted of a combination of workshops and a business meeting. Attendance from the Zone was strong (yet again!) with almost close to one hundred modelers present,

including a large contingent of ORCC members. Rather than review all of the issues covered during the day, I will ensure that you receive the minutes from the meeting. Thanks to Karel Tettelaar and Mark Josefowich for helping me out with the registration. Thanks to them, the registration process went off without a hitch!

MAAC Leader Member Nominees

I am delighted and proud to announce that (unbeknownst to me!) ORCC members Gudmund Thompson and Ken Park have been nominated to receive MAAC Leader Member status in recognition of the leadership role and the outstanding contributions they have played in model aviation in Canada. Congratulations guys - this recognition is well deserved! MAAC Leader Members can be identified by the letter "L" at the end of their MAAC number.

Constitutional Changes

Just a final reminder that if you are thinking about proposing a change to the ORCC constitution, you need to voice your proposal at the November meeting. In turn, all proposed changes will be voted on at the December meeting.

Questions...concerns...

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

John

West End Field by Karel Tettelaar

As many of you have no doubt noticed, the wind sock at the Field did not withstand the storms in September and is severely shredded. A new one is being constructed and should be available by the end of October. The existing one is somewhat functional so we may hold off installing the new one until the spring.

With the reports of serious injuries this year from propellers and persons being hit by aircraft, it was felt that we should have a top notch first aid kit at the Field. Most of the "big box store" first aid kits are not as complete as we need and some of the contents are not of good quality. We found one that seems to meet our needs at a local specialty first aid device manufacturer and it is now at the Field. It is a portable red nylon pack which folds out to make the contents readily identifiable; something that is highly desirable when one has an emergency. Have a look at it when you are out at the Field to get familiar with the contents and layout.

At the moment the pack is on the table pending getting a wall mounted container/bracket for it. We will continue to keep band-aids in the old first aid kit box (white) so that they are easily accessible since they are the major demand item (I wonder why?).

The Field will be put in its Winter configuration shortly and I will be soliciting help on the ORCC web site to take down the fences and put away the remaining tables in early November. Just remember to be very safety conscious once the safety fences are removed and fly further back from the current pilot positions; particularly when more than one person is flying.

Give me a call or e-mail me if you have any Field related suggestions or concerns.

Memberships by Aurele Alain

The ORCC will begin issuing 2005 memberships as of the November club meeting. The dues for 2005 are shown below. Note that the MAAC fees have gone up a little since last year.

For those members that receive a paper copy of TopCap (either you don't have an e-mail or your e-mail on file is invalid), you will find a paper copy of your 2005 membership application with your TopCap.

For those members that have a valid e-mail on file, you should have received your 2005 membership application by e-mail in time for the November meeting. The application is in Word format. If you have any problems opening up the file, please contact me so we can make alternate arrangements.

Remember, you must have your membership before you start flying in 2005. Avoid disappointment, renew your membership early!

ORCC and MAAC Membership fees for 2005

| 1 Year Memberships | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | ORCC | MAAC | TOTAL |
| Junior | (under age 18 as of January 1 st) | \$30.50 | \$7.00 | \$37.50 |
| Junior | (with Model Aviation Canada Magazine) | \$30.50 | \$18.75 | \$49.25 |
| Open | (Over 18 as of January 1 st) | \$60.00 | \$56.00 | \$116.00 |
| Senior | (Over 60 as of January 1 st) | \$50.00 | \$56.00 | \$106.00 |
| Family | Open Membership (MAAC membership required for flyers) | \$80.00 | \$56.00 | \$136.00 |
| Family | Spousal Unit and Juniors (MAAC membership required for flyers) | No Charge | As required | |
| Non-Flying Member | | \$50.00 | N/A | \$50.00 |
| 3 Year Memberships (Must have MAAC for the same 3 year period) | | | | |
| Open | (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC) | \$165.00 | \$143.00 | \$ 308.00 |
| Senior | (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC) | \$135.00 | \$143.00 | \$ 278.00 |

Current Membership count for 2004

| Member Type | Count |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Junior | 17 |
| Life | 9 |
| Non-Flyer | 2 |
| Open | 89 |
| Senior | 34 |
| Total | 151 |

Don Paquette Memorial Fun Fly by Mark Josefowich

This year, the Fall Fun Fly was renamed to honour a long time ORCC member, Don Paquette. The event was held on Saturday, October 23, one week later than originally planned. There was a bit of a cold wind, but overall, a much better day than the week before. There was a very good turnout of pilots and planes, and I think everyone had some fun, which, of course, was the whole point. A barbeque lunch was served by Jack, Karl, and Mike, and the hot food sure hit the spot (even if the wieners were a little tough to bite into).

There were three Gift Certificates awarded as flight prizes, awarded as follows:

\$10 from Multi Hobbies – Pierre Voyer

\$15 from Dynamic Hobbies – Rob Zinck

\$25 from Discount Hobbies – Karel Tettelaar

Many thanks go out to all of the hobby shops for their donations.

There was a separate draw for a Funtana 40 ARF plane, and it was won by Dave Rees. This appears to be Dave's year, as he also won the radio at the SMALL event. He is now looking for somewhere to win an engine, to complete the project. Here are some photos from the event. Check the website for a more complete display.



Annual Zone Meeting Photos

The Annual Zone Meeting was held on Sunday, October 24, at the Aviation Museum. Great looking models were on display from several interest groups. In the morning, there were presentations about foam cutting, turbine helicopters, and electric motors. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, as I was helping Karel T, John W, and John B with the registration table. If you were at any of the presentations and would like to provide me with some more details, I'll include them next month.



COROPLAST by Ken Park

(Coroplastic is that other popular Building Material)

If you can fold a paper airplane, then you can build and fold a Coroplast-RC/model. Yes, it's almost that simple. The coroplast material is simply fluted plastic sheets that are used by stores for durable, weatherproof signs. Just like a paper airplane, after a few carefully made folds, your airplane is ready for flight. Almost all the known RC designs use coroplast of 2 different thicknesses:

2-millimeter - Used mainly for construction of wings.

4-millimeter - Used for control like the ailerons, rudder, elevator and the fuselage.

This material has proven to be so durable it's mainly used to build prang-proof trainers. The Combat boys use it because they often bump into each other while flying after each other's streamers. Most designs will take you about a week to build. Short construction times are just one of the big benefits of coroplast.

Coroplastics can be purchased locally at many building supply stores ie "RONA" but the thinner 2-mil stuff can be harder to locate.

In Ottawa – GE Polymershapes can order any thickness and colour for you – Call first and make your order - They may have to have it shipped in from the Toronto area. My order took a week to arrive.

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As for airplane designs, the sky is the limit on what you can build with this wonderful stuff. The best place to start is on the Internet at a site called: Spadtothebone. <http://www.spadtothebone.com>

My newest airplane is called “DRACO”, also found at the above site. Construction is very basic and the web site can answer all your questions on building the models. I test flew the new model on Monday Oct 25 and it flies like a dream. It will easily become an everyday model with me, as it’s so much fun to fly.

I personally picked “DRACO” because I wanted a hot ship to fly in the upcoming 2005 open combat season. If you want to join the combat boys in the Ottawa area we have a Yahoo_groups type web site that uses a group-email so we can do call outs for combat nights. The group normally meets about 6 or 7 times over the flying season. We get together for some low stress combat scrambles. No scores are being kept – just a bunch of guys having good safe fun. If you wish to join the combat group, call me personally and I will ensure you get hooked up.

Although the ORCC field is not exactly made for combat type missions, it is fine for some one-on-one combat training – again talk to me if you’re interested. This training is a good way to help a rookie get use to the idea of flying near and/or in close proximity of other models in the sky. Next time out, ask a buddy if you can fly in formation behind him for a while - you will see what I’m talking about.

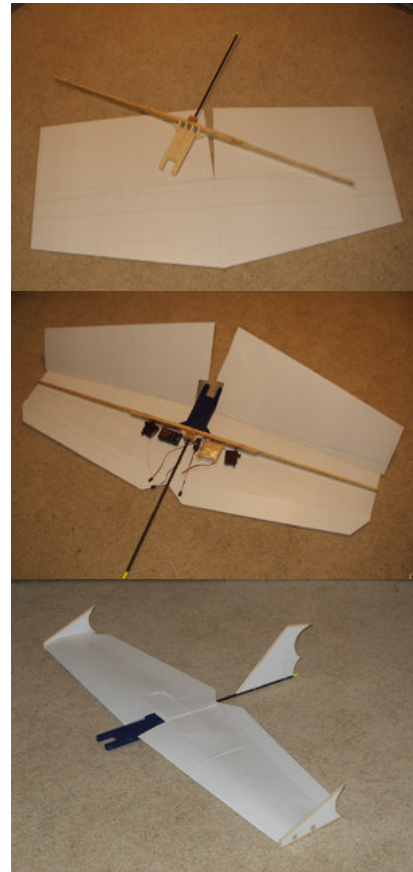
Before you get started with the Ottawa Valley Combat group, ensure that you choose a .30 or below size engine/model design. The Ottawa group picked the Open B combat size mainly for safety. Many of these Open B designs can be found at the Spadtothebone site. The “Dogfighter” and “Sickle” are currently very popular choices. A good strong engine is a must and the O.S. FX 25 is my favorite engine; another is the Norvel .28.

Many member of the ORCC are already flying these models simply for everyday Sport flyers. That .25 size engine also qualifies as a SMALL model “Wink Wink!”

All the Combat Rules and regulations can be found at the M.A.A.C. web site <http://www.maac.ca>. Just look for the Combat section.

PS: If the 2005 MAAC Nationals occur as planned, I’ll be taking a weeks vacation and having the time of my life flying combat with great guys from all over Canada.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

| Date | Event |
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| November 2 | Club Meeting – Proposals for Amendments to Constitution are due |
| November 29 | Submission deadline for December TopCap |
| December 1 | ORCC Board Meeting |
| December 7 | Club Meeting – Election Night! |
| December 24 | Only one shopping day left |
| December 25 | Christmas Day – Find out if Santa got your letter in time |
| December 27 | Submission deadline for January TopCap |
| December 29 | ORCC Board Meeting |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve – 2004 Membership is about to expire |
| January 1 | Happy New Year! – Be the first to fly – Did you renew your membership? |
| January 4 | Club Meeting |

ORCC Executive Committee

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
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| Executive Secretary | John Blenkinsop | 526-5136 |
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ORCC Website : <http://www.ottawarclub.ca>

November Meeting: Tuesday November 2th, 2004

ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month

Date & Time: from September to June at 8:00 PM.

Location: McNabb Community Centre

180 Percy (at Gladstone), Ottawa

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Closing Date for the December TopCap: Monday, November 29th, 2004