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TOPCAP

The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Entertainment for the September meeting will be:

Summer Event Reports and Photo Show and Tell

Bring a CD or DVD with photos or movies of your summer flying fun. We will have a computer and projector set up to show them. Haven't gone digital yet? Bring in your prints, and put them on display.



Editor's Note – by Mark Josefowich

As some of you may have heard, our previous editor, Tom Ross, has decided to take a break from the action for a while, so I will be taking over his duties as TopCap editor, for an as yet undecided length of time. Tom might decide he misses the job too much, and take it back. I'm not sure how long you've had the job Tom, but I'm sure I speak on behalf of everyone in the club when I say "thanks for a job well done, and get well soon".

I apologize for the late delivery of TopCap this month, but I'll try to get back on track for October. I found it quite easy to get articles from several contributors for this edition (with one notable exception, who shall remain nameless, but he's a real 3d Menace), and I thank everyone who submitted an article. I guess everyone had a lot to talk about after the summer flying season.

Of course, I will be looking for articles for next month's edition, so please don't hesitate to submit a report on an event you attended over the summer, or something upcoming. Pictures are also welcome, and I'll try to fit them in. Please remember, I'm the guy who's still on dialup, so try to keep them small, and only a few at a time. Do you have something to sell? Are you looking for a specific item to buy? Let me know. Have you bought a new gizmo that works really well, or isn't worth the box it came in? Write down your experience and share it with the club. Tell us about that new model you will be building over the winter.

Please send your submissions to markjosefowich@ca.inter.net. I can accept most common file formats, on PC or Mac, and can probably find translators for the uncommon ones.

Float Flying - by Aurele Alain

The 10th annual Doug Pinhey Float Fly was held on Saturday, June 26, 2004. This year, I held the event a little later than other years in hopes of attracting better weather. Indeed, we had excellent weather for the event with blue skies and light winds for the morning! Not bad for me, given that I have a reputation in the club for running events in the rain!

I was pleased to welcome flyers from out of town including Paul Smith from New York state, Dick Murray from Montreal and Karl Kingston from Cornwall. This year's winner of the Doug Pinhey float fly was Karl Kingston.

I owe a special thanks to Richard Barlow, Ottawa Valley zone director for sponsoring the event as well as Discount Hobbies and Dynamic Hobbies. John Carnie provided his famous chili for the event!



I have enclosed a few pictures of the event including pictures of Louis Rocque's electric Cessna 180 on floats. Louis is a master builder and this gem flew beautifully!

The ORCC will host what I call the "Brown Bag Float Fly" on Saturday, September 25, 2004. Remember... bring your own lunch!

S.M.A.L.L. & ORCC! – by Ken Park



The Dynamic Hobbies July 24 SMALL event

Well its been about 7 years since I first read in "Model airplane News & Flying Models magazines" about this fresh new idea that was just starting to take-off (SMALL) "Small Model Airplane Lovers League". The whole concept of the event was very simple. SMALL was strictly non-competitive and models had to use an engine of .28 and below. All electric models were also accepted with motors of the equivalent size. Ten years ago electric models were not as practical due to the restrictive weight of the batteries and short flight times. Man, how the times have changed, eh?

The SMALL event thing has quietly grown over the years and the whole thing had been pretty much my own one-man show with my wife Deborah helping out doing the registration. Last year 2003 my country asked me to do my part on "The war on terrorism" with a six-month deployment to the Gulf. I told my club the bad news I would be out of country for the annual SMALL event. The Ottawa Remote Control Club (ORCC) stepped up and said, "Don't worry Mate – The show must go on!" This also was when our local hobby storeowner Fred Zufelt jumped in as the major sponsor and the "**Dynamic Hobbies SMALL event**" was born.

This year I was home to stay for the July 24th 2004 "Dynamic Hobbies SMALL event". I was determined this year was going to be bigger & better. I also wanted to try and expand the event with a new Vendors/Flea-Market area. I e-mailed lots of local vendors and had some success in attracting them to come out or at least to make a donation to the event. Lunchtime can be such a bore! So I wanted to knock it up a notch – BAM! by providing something in the way of entertainment. The "Ottawa Rocket Club" came too my aid and they put on a fantastic display launching about a dozen rockets.

Talk about a big crowds, we had 41 registered pilots and over 100 spectators. The parking lot was full to overflowing. We had great weather and open flying from 9am-4pm. The event went very smoothly and we had lots of great raffle prizes and other awards. Our sponsors really came through with Big-ticket items that were greatly appreciated. Since the event everyone has told me how much he or she enjoyed themselves. The ORCC members working the event were simply amazed at this year's huge turnout. We had to get some sort of proof of the fun everyone was having, so we all stopped and took a group picture. The day ended with a wonderful steak-dinner that went down very nicely. The ORCC members worked there butts this year too make the event so wonderful. We've gotten top marks from everyone and our Zone Director. We should see a good write up in the next MAAC magazine. Yes, I've already started working on the 2005 event.

Event Sponsors:

Dynamic Hobbies – Fred – Thank you for the T-shirts, etc!!!!
RT_Models <http://www.rtmodels.com>
Dura-Grit – locally, see Lee Valley Tools for Dura-Grit products
Ron Daniels
& Richard of Discount Hobbies

Big Raffle Ticket winner – 6 channel Futaba radio
Dave Rees - ORCC

Special SMALL event prizes went to:

Pilot's choice Award	John Weekes - ORCC
Technical Merit Award	Ron Daniels - Kitchener Ont.
SMALL spirit Award	Mark Alder - Rideau Flyer
Furthest Traveled Award	Todd Murray (formerly of Ottawa) - Sault Ste. Marie Ont.

Thermal Thoughts - by Brian Buchanan

It is hard to believe it is September already and the bulk of the flying season is behind us. 2004 turned out to be a good year for sailplane flying even though the weather did not always treat us as well as it could have.

The first contest of the season was a fun fly held on May 30th. Nine pilots showed up to enter and Vince Hendricks was the contest director for the day. He set the task at 3 flights of 5, 7 and 9 minutes each with a precision landing on a 7 meter tape. Scoring was 1 point for each second of flight time and 50 points for the landing. If you went over the target time, 1 point was subtracted. The weak lift and low winds favored the lighter gliders and when it was all over, Aurele Alain was in 3rd place with 1072 points, Dave Martin had taken 2nd with 1128 points and Brian Buchanan finished first with 1183 points. Thank you Vince for a well run event.

The weekend of June 5th and 6th was the ORCC annual 2-day Thermal Duration Contest. Brian Buchanan was Contest Director for the event with John Blenkinsop assisting. Day one started out with lots of clouds and light winds. The lift was hard to find but strong enough for many of the pilots to make their times. The task was an 8 minute flight with a graduated 7 meter landing tape. Fourteen pilots participated with Mark Gervais, Stan Sarskas and Alan Gregory coming in from Montreal. By noon Geoff Ross was in first place flying a vintage 100 inch Pantera. Alan Gregory was in second and Gudmund Thompson was in third. After 6 rounds, the day ended with Brian Buchanan in first place Geoff Ross in second and Gudmund Thompson in third. We were joined for the day by the zone director, Richard Barlow, who came to help out and observe his first TD contest. During the noon lunch break he put in a flight on his small electric model.

Day two dawned with solid overcast and even less lift evident, so the task time was dropped to 7 minutes. The more skilled pilots still managed to make most of their flight times and the day ended with Dick Mills in first place, Gudmund Thompson in second and Brian Buchanan in third. The overall winner for the two days was Gudmund Thompson. This year we were treated to a visit from Joe Bedford flying his Bird of Time. Joe was once a very active sailplane flyer and a fierce competitor. It was good to have you with us again Joe. Many thanks to all who participated and special thanks Terry Walker who came out to help with the scoring.

Late breaking news! ORCC won the ORCC/MATS Challenge for the 10th time in 11 years. More on that next month.



2004 ORCC TD contest winners.

Left to right. Front row Vince Hendricks - 1st sportsman, Gudmund Thompson 1st expert. Back row, Don Robertson, 2nd - sportsman, Brian Buchanan - 3rd expert, Dick Mills, 2nd expert.

Membership Update - By Aurele Alain

By this time of year, the job of membership chairman is usually pretty quiet. Hopefully most of you are busy flying. In the upcoming month, I will start preparing for the 2005 membership season. Here are some ways you can help make the registration process as smooth as possible:

1. For new members to the ORCC, here is a gentle reminder to please let me know your MAAC number so that I can put it on file. When I print your membership card for 2005, I pre-print your name, ORCC and MAAC numbers on your membership card and your membership form. This speeds up the membership renewal process.
2. I have a number of people whose e-mail address is no-longer functioning for various reasons. In those instances, I mark your e-mail as being invalid and you are changed to a paper delivery of TopCap. If you used to get an e-mail notification that TopCap is on the ORCC web site, and now you get a paper copy in the mail... now you know why.
3. Finally, if any of your membership information has changed such as mailing address or phone number please let me know to keep my files up to date.

You can contact me at aurele.alain@sympatico.ca or by phone at 738-8797.

The latest membership counts are as follows:

Junior	14	Senior	34	Non-Flyer	2
Open	83	Life	9	Total	142

Annual Zone Meeting – by Richard Barlow, MAAC Vice-President & Ottawa Valley Zone Director

The Ottawa Valley Zone Meeting of M.A.A.C. will take place at 1.00 pm on Sunday 24th October, at the Canada Aviation Museum, 11 Aviation Parkway in Ottawa. Even though the meeting is in the afternoon, we have a full day program.

Registration is at 10.00 am. If your MAAC card has a “G” on it, and you are an adult member of this zone, you can speak and vote at the meeting; anyone may attend. Those members who cannot attend, should give their proxy vote to someone who will be there. We want as large a representation as possible. During registration, coffee and donuts are available at no charge. You will receive a voting card which totals the number of proxies that you carry, plus one for your own vote.

Three workshops, of a half hour each, are planned for the morning. The topics are: CNC Foam Cutting, Turbine Helicopters, and Making Your Own Brushless Motors From Old CD ROMS. There will be model displays and a large display of photos from events throughout the zone this year. During the morning, you will have the opportunity to order a reasonably priced chicken luncheon, if you do so before 11 am.

The lunch break, from noon to 1.00 pm provides a time for socializing, or you may tour around the museum at no charge. We then start the business meeting.

MAAC is a democratic organization, and the members are the ones who control, or should control, our destiny. Your zone director is there to represent you, not himself. He is a member of the Board of Directors, who make the major decisions at the AGM in March. From the Board is chosen a five man Executive, whose job it is to run the day to day affairs of MAAC and implement the decisions of the AGM. Our political structure is based on input from the grass roots up; not from the top down.

Bearing in mind the foregoing, the following will happen at the meeting. We will establish a Quorum, which consists of a minimum of 5% of the open membership in person or by proxy. In our zone we often exceed two hundred, so that is not a problem. Next, the Minutes of the 2003 Meeting will be accepted (I hope!) and we will deal with matters arising from the minutes. After this, the Zone Director reports on the happenings of the previous year and reports from clubs will be presented as a synopsis. Questions and discussion follow.

You will then have the opportunity to elect a new Zone Director, or return to office the existing one - your call!!

MAAC has a great many committees that oversee specialized areas of our operation. Up to two persons per zone may sit on any one committee. Suppose you are interested in giant scale models; you might choose to join that committee. If you have expertise in the insurance industry, you would be very welcome on the insurance committee. Only at an AZM can you volunteer to join committees; midterm appointments are not allowed. To be a chairman, you must be nominated.

MAAC has a couple of ways of honouring exceptional members. Leader Membership status, or the Hall of Fame are two avenues for which nominations are made at the AZM. Nomination forms are on the MAAC website. Criteria are clearly spelled out. The forms are presented at the AZM and voted on. Ratification may or may not take place the following March at the AGM.

The business part comes next. Members may make Resolutions or Recommendations.

Resolutions change the bylaws of MAAC and have to be very carefully worded and thought out. A typical Resolution might be on the lines of “Be it resolved that the dates for AZMs be between the 1st and 15th of August inclusive in any given year” (won’t happen!!!!). A Recommendation might be “It is recommended to the pylon committee that engine size be reduced to a maximum of .049 cu. in. in the Quicky 500 class” (also won’t happen).

Resolutions and Recommendations have been the tools through which MAAC has evolved over the years. The process is slow, and thorough. The Resolutions and Recommendations from all zones form the agenda for the AGM. This is where your Zone Director will vote on your behalf – unless you plan to be in Kelowna, B.C. next March to vote for yourself. The vast majority of Resolutions and Recommendations do not survive the cold light of five months of scrutiny, but those that do, are what determine our future.

Basically, that is it. We hope to pack up by about 4.00 pm. Other than goodbyes, it is all over Wait Did I forget to say door prizes??? Sure, lots of them.

See you at the AZM.

WEST END FIELD – by Karel Tettelaar

Another Summer flying season is almost gone and the Field seems to have held up well under the demand. Many thanks to all who took the time to cut grass, cleaned up around the area and to those who have helped to reduce the amount of garbage being left at the Field.

We have had some generous donations of model magazines at the Field for the reading enjoyment of all the members who frequent the site. It seems that the newer magazines have been “borrowed” and have not been returned. It is fine to take magazines home for a short time to read articles of interest, but please return them so that other club members may benefit from them as well.

We will probably leave the safety fences up until mid-October when we will revert to our Winter time configuration. The weather will be the determining factor. We will let you know when the change is about to take place.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
September 7	Club Meeting
September 11 and 12	Ottawa Area Aerotow at Arnprior RC Field
September 19	ORCC MATS C2VM Hand Launch Challenge Round 5
September 25	Casual Float Fly – Float Pond
September 26	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
September 27	Submission deadline for October TopCap
September 29	ORCC Board Meeting
October 5	Club Meeting
October 16	Don Paquette Memorial Fall Fun Fly – West End Field
October 24	Annual Zone Meeting – Aviation Museum
October 25	Submission deadline for November TopCap
October 27	ORCC Board Meeting
October 31	Glider Fun Fly
November 2	Club Meeting
November 29	Submission deadline for December TopCap
December 1	ORCC Board Meeting
December 7	Club Meeting

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September Meeting: Tuesday September 7th, 2004

ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month

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

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