



December 2005 TOPCAP



The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE:
IRON-ON COVERING TECHNIQUES

President's Message by John Weekes

It appears that winter is upon us. Last week-end I spent quite a bit of time at the field changing wheels for skis on two of my models. As many of you know, the West-end field is available during the winter. I would encourage all members to join us for winter flying fun!

West-end field

We were contacted by the City of Ottawa this week regarding the West-end field. Unfortunately, it looks like our site has been chosen for a new "plasma" incinerator facility that the City has plans to construct. We were aware that there were plans to build this facility, however, we were under the impression that other sites were being looked at in the vicinity of Trail Road. This isn't a "done deal" yet – there is an environmental assessment that needs to be done as well as a chain of approvals that are needed, however, my sense is that there is very likely that we will lose our powered field sometime during 2006. I can't be much more specific about the timelines.

I don't believe that we need to panic at this point. The City representatives are sensitive to our situation and will be suggesting several other possible sites for us nearby (apparently, the City of Ottawa owns quite a bit of land in the area). We will be working closely with them to evaluate the suitability of sites that they offer. Regardless, Executive Committee of the Club believes that it would be strategic for us to form a Committee to search for a new field for our powered aircraft.

If you would like to be part of this important search committee and are willing to participate actively please contact me at my e-mail or phone numbers below.

Safety – Rules and Regulations

The Executive Committee has recently reviewed and updated the Club's Rules and Regulations to hopefully ensure the safe flying at all of our sites. It has been almost 3 years since our last review. The revised Rules and Regulations will be posted shortly on the website. Please note that slight changes have been made to procedures at the West-end field and the glider field. It is incumbent upon all members to understand and abide by these basic requirements.

At risk of sounding like a broken record, I feel compelled to mention...yet again...that the onus is on each and every club member to follow these few simple rules...and to point out unsafe practices directly to the member(s) involved. In this sense, our club is self-regulating – please do not leave it to a member of the Executive or some other individual who you assume is in a position of authority. Members continue to violate rules that have been established for your safety and flying enjoyment. It is critical that unsafe flying practices be pointed out to the individual immediately.

Importantly, also, it is expected that all members, regardless of experience or position within the club will accept feedback regarding safe flying practices from fellow members in an open and positive manner. Clearly, I do not wish to become heavy-handed about rule enforcement, nor do I want to implement field marshals at our flying sites like many large clubs do in the US in order to ensure compliance to the rules and safety.

We have deliberately attempted to keep the number of rules and regulations to an absolute minimum, with the assumption that members will use common sense. Please use your good judgment and refrain from things that will distract you from flying (e.g., answering cell phones, having groups of spectators in the pilot station, etc.).

Fall Fun Fly and CAP 580 Raffle

While I was away on business, I understand that the re-scheduled Fall Fun Fly was a success with 21 registered pilots. A big THANK YOU to all those who stepped up to help out organizing the event.

Congratulations to Mike Toner – the winner of the CAP 580 raffle. As I mentioned to Mike recently, the prize couldn't have gone to a nicer or more deserving guy. Have fun with this beautiful ship, Mike! When I saw him last week-end, Mike was breaking in the new OS.61FX that will adorn the nose of this awesome aerobat.

A total of 41 tickets were sold (\$10 each), raising approximately \$170 (after kit cost) for the club! Thank you André Blais for coordinating the raffle.

Workshop Coordinator – Tom Hastie

Tom Hastie has offered (“voluntold”??) to coordinate workshops/entertainment at our monthly club meetings. As you know, Tom is an excellent aerobatic pilot and builder who is brimming with enthusiasm and ideas. Please help Tom out by offering your experience and suggestions to make our club meetings a fun learning opportunity.

Questions, concerns...

As always, I invite you to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you might have about the ORCC. This is your club. I am committed to making the ORCC as fun and enjoyable for you as I can. You can contact me directly at jweekes@ccsa.ca at home 727-0066 or on my cell phone 889-2025.

Thermal Thoughts by Brian Buchanan

Oops, Last month I reported on the contest season and forgot to mention the contest on August 7th that was run by Vince Hendricks. Vince had the contestants fly 6, 8 and 10 minute flights with a 50 point in-or-out landing task. The following were the results.

	Round	1	2	3	
	Task	6:00 Min.	8:00 Min.	10:00 Min.	Total Points
1	Ken Norris	6:02 – 50	5:05 – 50	9:51 – 50	1404
2	Don Robertson	5:03 - 0	7:07 - 0	9:23 - 0	1293
3	Dick Mills	6:07 - 0	4:39 - 50	9:57 - 0	1279
4	John Blenkinsop	6:06 - 0	3:26 - 0	9:54 - 0	1154
5	Aurele Alain	4:55 – 0	4:13 - 0	9:55 – 0	1143
6	Vince Hendricks	4:41- 50	8:07 - 0	2:53 - 0	977
7	Mark Josefowich	5:20 - 0	2:50 - 0	5:47 - 0	837
8	Karel Tettelaar	4:16 - 0	2:43 – 0	2:29 – 0	568

My apologies to Ken for not reporting the only contest he won all season.

On November 7th a glider meeting was held at my house with the following results.

1. The training night will be moved from Wednesday evening to Tuesday evening. This was done to allow instructors and students from the power field to participate in glider flying. As well it was felt that in case of inclement weather or a club meeting training night could be re-scheduled to later in the week through the ORCC-G internet list.
2. At the request of the MATS club, the MATS/ORCC Challenge contest has been set aside until further notice. The ORCC sailplane chairman will put away the trophy along with a copy of the rules and a copy of the scoring spreadsheet. It is hoped that this contest can be resurrected in some form at some future date when both clubs agree the time is right.
3. The contest schedule for 2006 was discussed and it was agreed that we should increase our interclub activities with the MATS and C2VM clubs from Montreal. One of our fun flies will be upgraded to an interclub contest that the Montreal flyers will attend. Ottawa flyers will attend one contest at each of the MATS and C2VM fields in addition to the Montreal 2 day contest at the MATS field. We hope to increase interest in contest flying within all 3 clubs.
4. Gudmund reported that Karel Tettelaar had recently achieved LSF level 1. Congratulations Karel, you are now on the road to really learning to fly a glider.

The flying days for this year are over and it is time to think about what you want to be flying next season. Many of the glider manufactures are small basement type operations with long lead times. If you want to have that dream sailplane ready for the next flying season you need to get it ordered now. Just tell Santa you need it! Have a great Christmas season.

West End Field by Karel Tettelaar

Not that it is going to be needed any time soon, but the lawn tractor is back in service and has been put to bed for the Winter. As a point of interest, our volunteers logged a total of 24 hours of grass cutting this year!

There is a folding camping chair that has been in the office at the Field for several months. Anyone know who it belongs to?

The Field is now in Winter mode so all but one of the setup tables are in the garage and any taken out during a flying session should be returned to the garage at the end of flying. The sand barrel, shovel and snow scoops have been placed by the door so that they will be convenient for snow clearing around the building and for sanding icy areas, especially on the garage floor.

We have one pair of snowshoes to be used for retrieving aircraft from the runway area and the further out areas when the snow is deep. Please always use the snowshoes on the runway as foot holes in the snow can really make someone's day if a ski hits it on take off or landing.

Please remember that start up or running of engines is not allowed in the building. Use the normal start area since we are no longer taking the fences down for the Winter. The garage can be used for setting up your aircraft and making adjustments. Also, if there is a fuel spill in the garage, either on a table or the floor, please clean it up.

There is an extension cord with the snowblower if you need to use the electric starter instead of the manual pull starter. Please keep in mind that there are metal bars holding down the pit area so that they are not hit with the snowblower when clearing snow. It would be better to clear these areas with the scoops. And as said last month, safety is paramount in operating a snowblower as they can seriously injure if not handled properly. If you are not familiar with these machines please get a check-out from someone who is familiar with them before using. And above all, NEVER PUT YOUR HAND IN THE CHUTE TO CLEAR PLUGGED SNOW, USE A STICK.

Our friends from the TWF (landfill) will once again be helping us by clearing snow from the entrance and clearing part of the parking lot. Bear in mind that we are the last priority as the needs of the landfill operation come first, so there may be times when the entrance is not cleared when you arrive, particularly if there is a heavy snow late on Friday or on the weekend. Also, please do not force the gate against snow banks. If it cannot be fully opened in the normal direction, open it towards the road.

The heat is on in the lounge and is kept at "low" when no one is there. If you turn it up while flying, please make sure that you turn it back down to "low" when leaving.

Have a Joyous Holiday Season and may Peace and Joy be with you in the New Year.

Fall Fun Fly by Karel Tettelaar



The week wait for the postponed fun fly was certainly worth it. The weather was fantastic for the 5th of November, light wind and 10C temperatures with sun through a thin high cloud cover. The main attraction, the raffle of the CAP 580, attracted 41 ticket buyers and was won by Mike Toner. Congratulations Mike!! Many are wondering how this airplane is going to integrate into Mike's coroplast fleet.

We had 21 registered pilots for the event although there were several others who arrived later and flew when the event was winding down in the afternoon, as well as a few others who came out just to see what was going on. At one point we had over 30 vehicles in the parking lot. There must have been over 40 airplanes and helicopters as well as one "witch" in the pit area. For those who have not seen Tony's flying witch, it is awesome. All in all, a very enjoyable day.



As with any event, it does not run itself and there were a number of members who pitched in to make it a success. Andre Blais, "Mr Raffle", who looked after the ticket selling and who was gracious enough not to win himself!; Jack Snapper who looked after the registration and meal tickets; Ken Park who went home and got a large pot of coffee which was welcomed by the participants; Dave Rees organized the food (hot dogs and burgers) and, having to leave for work shortly after the Bar-B Que got going, delegated the responsibility to Dick Mills and Brian Buchanan who graciously volunteered to be chefs for the afternoon; and last but certainly not least, all the members who came out to make the day a huge success.



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Membership Totals for 2006

Member Type	Count
Junior	1
Life	9
Non-Flyer	0
Open	19
Senior	16
Total	45

ORCC Executive Committee

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2005	
Tuesday, Dec 6	Club Meeting
Sunday, Dec 25	Have a Merry Christmas!
2006	
Sunday, January 1	Try to get the first flight of the year!
Tuesday, February 7	Club Meeting – Auction!
Saturday, February 25	Winter Fun Fly – West End Field
Tuesday, April 24	Club Meeting – Concours D'Elegance
Sat & Sun, June 17 & 18	Two Day Contest – ORCC Sod Farm – Vince H and John B
Saturday, June 24	Doug Pinhey Float Fun Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Sat & Sun, July 8 & 9	MAAC Zone G Fun Fly – Brockville
Saturday, July 15	Dynamic Hobbies SMALL Event – ORCC West End Field
Sat & Sun, Sept 9 & 10	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field
Saturday, September 30	Brown Bag Float Fun Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Saturday, October 14	Fall Fun Fly – ORCC West End Field

ORCC Website : <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca>

January Meeting: Tuesday Jan 3, 2006

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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