

February, 2005

TOPCAP

The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Entertainment for this meeting will be:

THE ANNUAL AUCTION

President's Message by John Weekes

I hope that you are getting the opportunity to do some winter flying despite the relative poor conditions and temps so far this year. Unlike previous years, I've only managed to get out to the field once since the snow arrived and that was during the week off between Christmas and New Years.



Hopefully, the weather will warm up a bit and won't make the windchill from the prop blast quite so uncomfortable.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership of the ORCC for renewing me as President for the next two years. I am humbled by this and I am honoured to be trusted by the membership to continue to fulfill this role and represent their interests both within and outside the ORCC. As I have repeated stated, although the position has its ups and downs, it is basically an easy job. I attribute this directly to both the positive and supportive attitude of the membership and to an amazing Executive Committee who continue to volunteer their time to make the Club run as smoothly as it does. Each member is incredibly dedicated and responsible. Thanks guys!

Vice President

I am delighted to announce to everyone that Mr. Dave Rees has kindly volunteered to assume the role of Vice President. As you may know, this position on the Club's Executive has been vacant for quite a while. Personally, I am thrilled to have Dave join the team; he is an excellent individual who is creative and energetic. He is also a master builder whose work is something to behold – art, really. For some time now, I have been secretly hoping that Dave would step forward and assume a role within the Club. I look forward to having Dave on the Committee and to working closely with him over the next couple of years.

February Meeting – Auction

Remember...it's time to sift through your workshop and take an objective inventory of all of that stuff you've accumulated. Are you really going to build that kit you've had around for years? Will you use that engine? How about that extra transmitter you never use? Be realistic. There are area modelers out there who would put all of your stuff to good use. Just think you could turn your unwanted kits and gear into cash...and then you could take your hardworking and supportive spouse out to dinner! ...Isn't that a good idea?

Brian Wattie has kindly agreed to serve as auctioneer again this year. If you haven't seen Brian "perform" before...he is very knowledgeable and entertaining. The annual ORCC auction is a fun event (one of my favourite events). Don't miss it!

Winter Fun Fly – Feb. 26th

On Saturday, February 26th, the ORCC will host its first flying event of the season – our annual Winter Fun Fly. Shahram Ghorashi, Event Director and Chair of our "Frozen Fingers Group" promises a great event full of fun, friendship, prizes, and 5-alarm chili to take the chill off. If I'm not mistaken the raffle prize this year is an OS.60FX. There's still plenty of time to whip up some skis for your planes. Hope you can make it!

Reminder

It is worthwhile to continue to remind everyone that is an ORCC requirement that they fully renew their MAAC and ORCC membership **BEFORE** flying at any of the ORCC flying sites. The safety of members and the luxury of having such excellent facilities are precious to us. We do not want to jeopardize either. Please contact Aurele Alain to renew your memberships in advance of heading to the field.

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 at jweekes@ccsa.ca, at home 727-0066, or on my cellphone 889.2025.

Hope to see you at the auction!

John

Last Meeting

The proposed change to the club constitution was passed at the January meeting. The term of office for the President is two years, and the President may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Next Meeting - Annual Auction

The annual ORCC Auction will take place at our regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 1st. It is advisable to arrive between 7-7:30pm with your stuff so that it can be itemized and to allow sufficient time for viewing. Once again this year, Brian Wattie will be the auctioneer. The ORCC takes 10% of all sales for providing this service. Please note that there is a non-refundable \$5 fee for those items with a reserve bid. In other words, the fee is charged regardless of whether or not the item sells.

Bidding will begin at 8pm sharp. This is a fun and entertaining evening.

The Voice of Reason by Ken Park

Your Participation is the heartbeat of our Club!

The ORCC is alive and well and I can't stress enough to remind our members on how good we've got it! Your executive members work hard to bring as much fun as possible for both you and me. 2005 is already shaping up to be yet another fantastic year full of activities and fun-fly's. Many clubs in our zone wish they had the resources and manpower that makes our club appear to operate so seamlessly.

That said, the sad truth is that it's pretty much the same 15% who regularly step up and do all the leg work. Our club's first test for this year will quickly be upon us, with the ORCC Auction on Feb 1. Let's make a special effort to take a minute or two, and check your shop area and find those items that could make its way to the auction. Let's not depend on thinking it's the other guy who is going to bring all the stuff. This event really depends on our member's participation to be a big success. Make or break - it's all in your hands, mate!

More to come in February! Let's reward your hardworking executive with a parking lot that's busting full on Sat Feb 26. The winter fun-fly is the official start to the flying season. There is nothing like the fun of flying off that white stuff! If you can't beat winter, join it! Jump-in and get flying or simply come out and watch the fun. The executive is breaking the bank with bigger prizes at events and it's the growing participation of our members that has recently led us in this direction. Give your club a clear message this year with your continued growing participation.



Sailplane Adventures by Mark Josefowich

Last year, at one of our monthly meetings, John Blenkinsop, Brian Buchanan, and Dick Mills gave a presentation on everything you need to know about sailplanes. It sounded kind of interesting, and I gave it some thought. If you've seen me out at the West End Field, you'll know that I've had plenty of practice with dead stick landings. A sailplane would eliminate the issue of trying to tune those darn glow engines all together. And, you don't have to clean that goop off the plane at the end of the day.

I started looking around on the web, and came up with a couple of possibilities. I wanted a plane that would be good to learn with, and still be useful as I get more familiar with the process. I had pretty well decided on a 2 meter kit, but my friend Chris reminded me of some of the advice given at the meeting, and suggested I should look at a 3 meter size. I decided on a Bird of Time, by Dynaflyte. Santa must not have received my letter on time, so I had to go and buy one myself. The Bird of Time is available as a kit or an ARF, and I opted for the ARF version. I tend to take a long time to build things, and I wanted to start flying this year. A 3m sailplane kit has a lot of ribs!

The box arrived last week, and I was quite impressed at how well everything was packed. I brought it home and checked out all the pieces, and everything looked great, other than a few wrinkles in the Monokote, which can be attributed to the dry climate of my house. I'm sure the sun and humidity next summer will get rid of most of them, and if not, I'll get them with the heat gun. The ARF version has a fibreglass fuselage, which is finished very well. I did a test fit on the wing sections, and three meters takes up a lot of space in the living room. In fact, the center section of the wing is about the size of most of my current planes.



I have started the assembly, and, other than a near disastrous case of hanger rash, things are going well. I downloaded a copy of the assembly manual from the web before my kit arrived, so I read it over a couple of times in advance. The first section involves wing assembly, and that is where I am now. The dihedral braces must be laminated, and, of course, adjusted to fit – nothing that a little sanding won't solve.

I plan to update you each month with my progress, through final assembly, until it gets in the air. As I have no experience in the sailplane field at all, I may be asking for suggestions along the way. See you at the sod farm (come to think of it, I'll have to find out where that is).

Membership Totals as of January 24, 2005

Junior	3
Life	9
Open	45
Senior	20
Total	77

Membership Reminder

Next month will be the final mailing of Topcap for anyone who has not joined the club for 2005. Aurele plans to send an email reminder to all those who have not renewed their membership.

ORCC Executive Committee

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2005	
Tuesday, February 1	Club Meeting – Auction Night – Bring lots of money
Saturday, February 26	Winter Fun Fly – West End Field
Tuesday, March 1	Club Meeting – Budget
Tuesday, April 5	Club Meeting – Concourse D'Elegance
Tuesday, May 3	Club Meeting
Saturday, June 4	Rideau Flyers Electric Fun Fly
Sunday, June 5	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Tuesday, June 7	Club Meeting – Last one of the season
Sat/Sun, June 11-12	Zone Fun Fly – Stetson Field
Sat/Sun, June 18-19	Two Day Thermal Duration – Sod Farm
Saturday, June 25	Doug Pinhey Float Fly
Sunday, July 10	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, July 23	SMALL Event – West End Field
Sat/Sun, July 30-31	Glider Fun Fly – Montreal
Sunday, Aug 7	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, Aug 20	MATS-ORCC Challenge – Montreal
Sat/Sun, Sept 10-11	Arnprior AeroTow
Saturday, Sept 24	Brown Bag Float Fun Fly
Sunday, Sept 25	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, Oct 15	Fall Fun Fly – West End Field

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

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ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month

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

Location: McNabb Community Centre

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