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TOPCAP

The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE:

TOM AND DAVE'S NEAT ADVENTURE (MAYBE)

President's Message by John Weekes

I apologize that I haven't contributed to the last couple of installments of TopCap. However, it has been a very busy fall for me work-wise. My 3-year work term away from the federal government has just ended and I'm back as a full-time public servant. Things are just settling down now, although the culture shock has been significant.

Anyways, the weather has started to change and fall is upon us. It's time to start planning those winter building projects and to think about indoor flying. Of course, you could also start putting the skis on your plane for some fun winter flying. I've been asked a few times if Drummond Field will be open this winter for flying. The answer is a resounding "YES"! It might get a little challenging to access (the road will not be plowed). However, you are welcome to go flying anytime you want this winter! Right, Shahram!?! ☺

Successful Fall Events

It has been a reasonably busy fall at the ORCC this year – there were a number of well attended events. The Brown Bag Float Fly was a huge success – fabulous weather, lots of models and pilots in attendance. The group was so big that the decision was made to zip into Kemptville for take out pizza. The Fall Fun Fly was also a success – decent turnout of pilots considering that it was cold and windy (shades of things to come!). Thanks to everyone who contributed to making these events a fun time for all involved.

Raffle Winner

We're delighted to announce that ORCC member Peter Neidy was the lucky winner of the Great Planes Giant Super Sportster ARF. All Peter needs now is a 32-34cc gasser to get this beautiful model in the air! ...Stay tuned. Thanks to Serge and the gang for providing us with this amazing kit at cost. A big thank you André for, once again, coordinating. This raffle has raised over \$190 for the club!

New Events For 2007

Next season we're introducing several new events. Corey Groves, our Special Interest Group Chair for helicopters has liaised with the gang from Stetson Flyers to coordinate an early and late season rotary wing event. The ORCC will host the early season event at the end of May; our friends at the Stetsons will hold the late season sister event. Stay tuned for details. Steve Gutz, SIG Chair for outdoor electric flight is organizing the ORCC's first major electric

event to be held on August 25, 2007. I'd also like to announce that Dynamic Hobbies has offered to be a major sponsor to this event by committing up to \$400 in food and/or prizes. Thank you to Fred and his partners.

Drummond Field Storage Container

Just in time for winter. Thanks to Rick Ward's (Drummond Field Manager) unrelenting perseverance, we were able to secure a deal on a 40' shipping container. The club Executive had budgeted up to \$3000 to purchase a container to store club assets at the field. Rick was able to haggle this big beauty for about \$2800 delivered...a much better bottom line price than the quotes we had been receiving for the popular 20' size. Thanks Rick and to Brian Wattie for helping to set up the foundation!!

ORCC Constitution on the Web

The most recent version of the ORCC constitution is now on the website as promised. Thanks to our webmaster, Corey Groves, for his assistance. You can find the link on the club's website – www.ottawarcclub.ca.

November Club Meeting – Constitutional Changes

As many of you know, a special annual feature of the November meeting is the opportunity for members to suggest changes to the club constitution. In turn, these possible changes will be voted on at the December meeting. Please take a few moments before our next meeting to review the club's constitution on the website.

December Club Meeting – Election of New President

This is the final year of my second two-year term as President of the ORCC. As a result, it is time to elect a replacement. This is done at our December meeting. Please consider stepping forward for this position or look around the membership for an individual who you think would be suitable to take on this responsibility. I can think of quite a few members who would make a great president. I can tell you that it is an easy job thanks to the fabulous group of dedicated and hard-working individuals on the executive committee who help keep the club moving forward.

Suggestions, questions, concerns...

Please contact me directly at any time with any suggestions or concerns you might have. We'll do our best to address the issue. My contact information is listed on the website.

John

ORCC Brown Bag Float Fly by Aurele Alain

Wow, Saturday, September 23, 2006 was a perfect day for the annual ORCC Brown Bag Float fly. It featured clear skies, warm temperatures and a slight breeze.

Many others must also have felt the weather was ideal as we had a record turn out for the event. Specifically 11 pilots showed up along with many more spectators. I quit counting at about a dozen



spectators but that we had over 25 people (pilots and spectators) at the event through the course of the day including Claude Melbourne, our MAAC Zone Director, and Lou MacDonald, the ORCC's original president. We even made a run into Kemptville for some Pizzas for lunch!



Pictures provided by Scott Clarke.

Preparations are already underway for the 2007 ORCC Doug Pinhey Float Fly scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2007. This will be an all day event commemorating the 60th anniversary of the De Havilland Beaver. All float

planes are welcome, of course, but start building your DHC-2 now!

Annual Doug Pinhey Float Fly & BBQ

Saturday, June 23, 2007, 9:30am
Hosted by
The Ottawa Remote Control Club



De Havilland Beaver 60th anniversary celebration

Next Meeting

If you would like to propose any changes to the club constitution, now is your chance. Check the ORCC web site for a copy of the current constitution, and bring any changes forward at the November meeting. Any proposed changes will be voted on at the December meeting.

December Meeting

The December meeting is also the time to elect a new club President. John Weekes has served in this position for the last four years, and will be handing over the reins to his successor. Please take some time to consider taking on this, or any other position on the Executive Committee, and talk to John if you have any questions about what is involved.

Report on the 2006 Soaring Nationals by Brian Buchanan

Hand Launch August 25, 2006

The 2006 Soaring Nationals are now history. The event started on a Friday with a full day of hand launch competition. A mostly sunny day with low winds allowed the nine pilots to fly the eight different tasks with very little carnage. Thanks to the CDs, Geoff Ross and Louis Dionne, for a well run contest that was complete with computerized scoring and window timing. When all was done, Doug Pike had won the Gold with Ivan Mackenzie and Jacques Blain taking the Silver and Bronze.

Rank	Name	Club	Total Pts.
1	Doug Pike	COGG	6,860
2	Ivan Mackenzie	COGG	6,710
3	Jacques Blain	C2VM	6,533
4	Tom Rabieaga	COGG	6,300
5	Jacques Bissonnette	C2VM	5,646
6	Louis Dionne	RIDEAU	5,574
7	Aurele Alain	ORCC	4,417
8	Geoff Ross	ORCC	4,231
9	Paul Penna	ORCC	3,412

Two Metre Class August 26, 2006

On Saturday, Day 2, we were again blessed with fine weather. Gliders with a wingspan limited to 2 meters and unlimited number of controls were flown. Lots of carbon fibre was present as witnessed by many very hard winch launches and no structural failures. Other pilots chose to fly older built-up balsa and spruce models but found themselves at a disadvantage to the stronger, modern ships. The task was to fly a 7 minute flight in a 10 minute window with an unlimited number of launches. Scoring was "man-on-man" with each round being normalized to 1000 points. A big thank you for a well run event goes out to our CD, John Blenkinsop and his able assistant, Dave Penchuck, who handled the computerized scoring and automated timing system. When the dust had settled, Doug Pike was again in first place with 6000 points after winning all his rounds. Tom Rabieaga and Jacques Blain took the Silver and Bronze.

Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Doug Pike	COGG	6000
2	Tom Rabieaga	COGG	5717
3	Jacques Blain	C2VM	4912
4	Brian Buchanan	ORCC	4874
5	Joe Banial	COGG	4812
6	Vince Hendricks	ORCC	4559
7	Ivan Maarchenko	COGG	4546
8	Aurele Alain	ORCC	4277
9	Gudmund Thompson	ORCC	4203
10	Geoff Ross	ORCC	4109
11	John Rees	MATS	3943
12	Dick Mills	ORCC	2976

Open Class August 28, 2006

Sunday was scheduled for the open class competition, allowing any size glider with unlimited number of controls. This was to be the premier event of the Nationals. The task was a 7 minute flight in a 10 minute window with “man-on-man” scoring to normalize each round to 1000 points. Unfortunately, the day started out with heavy overcast, low clouds and frequent rain showers, limiting participation. We set up our shelters in a light rain and 14 pilots who decided to brave the weather put planes together. As soon as the rain let up, the contest started. With only a couple of breaks in the activities for passing rain showers and a quick lunch, we had flown four rounds. The CD called a pilot’s meeting to assess the will of the participants to continue and it was decided to call the contest after five rounds. At the end of the day, Doug Pike had again bested all by taking first place with Alex Nadashkevych taking Silver and Gudmund Thompson taking the Bronze. Congratulations to Doug Pike for a well flown three days. . I want to thank the CD, Dave Penchuck, for running a great contest under difficult conditions.

Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Doug Pike	COGG	5000
2	Alex Nadashkevych	Ind.	4707
3	Gudmund Thompson	ORCC	4634
4	Jacques Blain	C2VM	4624
5	Tom Rabiega	COGG	4478
6	Brian Buchanan	ORCC	4428
7	Joe Banial	COGG	4321
8	Ken Norris	ORCC	3955
9	John Blenkinsop	ORCC	3899
10	Ivan Maarchenko	COGG	3659
11	Geoff Ross	ORCC	3523
12	John Reece	MATS	3445
13	Aurele Alain	ORCC	2671
14	Dick Mills	ORCC	0

It takes cooperation and support from many areas to successfully hold an event like this. I want to thank our former Zone Director and current MAAC President Richard Barlow for urging us to go ahead with this event and current Zone Director, Claude Melbourne, and MAAC for providing the seed money and support to help pull it off. A big thank you goes out to all the out-of-town pilots, many of whom drove long distances to help make this event a success. I also want to thank the C2VM club for their scoring software and Mark Gervais of the MATS club for the use of his automated window timing system. Lastly, I want to thank the membership of the Ottawa Remote Control Club for their support and especially Mark Josefowich, Karel Tettelaar and Terry Walker who spent many hours in the sun and rain retrieving parachutes.

Interclub TD Challenge Series by Brian Buchanan

After much discussion last fall and winter, the members of the C2VM club from Montreal, the MATS Club from Montreal and the ORCC decided to replace the ORCC – MATS challenge contest with a seven contest series that would encourage participation in TD contests from all levels of flyers. It is hoped that this will grow to become an annual event for all the thermal duration flyers in the area. The rules are simple. Each club designated one or more of their regular events to count towards the challenge series for a total of 7 contests. The results from each event were normalized to 1000 points and only an individual's best 4 results counted towards the series. The first season was a resounding success with 33 individual flyers participating. Suspense was kept high until the last contest with 6 flyers in the running for the podium.

The series got off to a rocky start when the first contest, An F3J style contest planned by the C2VM club, had to be cancelled due to poor weather. That left the ORCC 2 day contest to open the series. Our own John Blenkinsop took an early lead by winning day 1 and scoring the first 1000 points of the series. Pascal Thiou from C2VM won day two. The MATS two day contest was next with Dick mills from the ORCC and Mark Gervais each getting 1000 points. The next two contests were the Soaring Nationals and one of MATS fun fly contests. With 6 contests of the 7 contest series completed, the final results were still in doubt. It all came down to a rescheduled F3J contest organized by the C2VM club. Pascal Thiou managed a hard fought win for the 1000 points. After 7 events Pascal Thiou was declared the overall winner with 3930 points, Mark Gervais was second with 3849 points, and Brian Buchanan, who didn't manage any wins during the series, wound up third with 3807 points. To encourage full participation, the flyers were classified as either expert or novice and competed for separate awards. Congratulations to John Reece for placing first among the novice flyers and winning the novice trophy. A big congratulation goes out to Pascal for placing first overall. Watch your back Pascal, we will be gunning for you next season!

It is interesting to note that all the models flown by the top finishers in the expert class were full house 6 servo gliders with rudder elevator ailerons and flaps. They were all either hollow molded construction or a fiberglass fuselage with foam core wings. These seem to be the tools necessary to win contests these days.

This was the first season for what we hope will become a popular annual event. If you didn't participate, come out next year and join in the fun.

NOVEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

You must renew your membership BEFORE you fly in 2007.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF TOPCAP OR SENT TO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

2007 Membership Rates:

1 Year Memberships				
		ORCC	MAAC	TOTAL
	Junior (under age 18 as of January 1 st)	\$37.50	\$10.00	\$47.50
	Junior (with Model Aviation Canada Magazine)	\$37.50	\$21.00	\$58.50
	Open (18 or over as of January 1 st)	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
	Senior (60 or over as of January 1 st)	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$140.00
	Family Open Membership	\$95.00	\$75.00	\$170.00
	Family Spousal Unit and Juniors (MAAC membership required for flyers)	\$0.00		
	Non-Flying Member	\$65.00	N/A	\$65.00
3 Year Memberships				
	Open (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$210.00	\$203.00	\$ 413.00
	Senior (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$180.00	\$203.00	\$ 383.00

2006 Membership Totals – As of November 1

Member Type	Count
Junior	9
Life	9
Non-Flyer	1
Permanent	4
Open	76
Senior	32
Total	131

2007 Membership Totals – As of November 1

Some members renewed their memberships earlier this year, when the club was trying to raise some money for the new field construction projects.

Member Type	Count
Junior	
Life	9
Non-Flyer	
Permanent	4
Open	12
Senior	13
Total	38

ORCC Executive Committee

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2006	
Tuesday, November 7	Club Meeting
Tuesday, December 5	Club Meeting
2007	
Saturday, June 23	Doug Pinhey Float Fly



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To learn more about the orcc-g group, please visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orcc-g>



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

December Meeting: Tuesday December 5, 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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