



FEBRUARY 2007
TOPCAP



The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

President's Message by Andre Blais

It looks like old man winter has finally arrived. I hope everyone will take advantage of our new field covered with all that white powdery stuff! There are days when the temperature is not so bad and it is very enjoyable even if you're not an all season flyer. There is something to be said about seeing a nice scale plane doing touch downs on skis. If you have not tried it, I recommend that you do. It's a lot of fun. Don't forget, the same rules apply when flying at the field in winter. Safety knows no seasons! If you're out there and notice that snow is building up in undesirable locations, please contact our field manager Rick Ward and let him know. And remember, if you intend to fly, you need a 2007 membership

And don't forget, at our next club meeting we are holding our annual club auction. Time to make a few extra few dollars by selling some of that "stuff" that has been hiding in the corners of your workshop. Besides, you may find a good deal on some parts you have been looking for, and just forgot to put it on your "parts needed" list. See you there.

Thank you
O.R.C.C. President

Andre Blais

Drummond Field Update by Rick Ward

As you are aware an active group of volunteers transformed a tree farm into a good flying field in 2006. Although the challenges this year will be different we will need regular volunteers to fertilize, roll and cut the runway. The grass will probably have to be cut once or twice a week early in the season.

On occasion we will require additional volunteers to take on bigger tasks, such as; rock removal, clearing and levelling areas adjacent to the runway or preparing for a special event. Do you have skills, interests, or equipment which you could provide?

Winter has arrived and with it the additional challenge of snow removal. We will try to get by with our small snowblower but in the event of a big dump we might need a plow or larger snow blower. Do you have such an animal or know someone who does? Drummonds would do the job but at \$90 an hour it is pretty expensive.

Let me know if you are willing to be on the grass or any other team. In fact it would be nice if we had a core group of field volunteers that we could augment with others for special working parties. I would welcome any suggestions for 2007 field improvements.

Memberships by Aurele Alain

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		ORCC	MAAC	Total
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

Renewals have been very active for the ORCC. So far we have 71 members for 2007. Thanks very much to all the members who have renewed early. This really helps me as it reduces the mad rush that usually occurs in April and May. If you have trouble remembering to renew, then get a 3 year membership so you don't have worry about it for a few years.

You should be aware that I process memberships that are mailed in within 24 to 48 hours. If you have not received your ORCC membership within 7 to 10 days from the date of mailing, then please contact me. It may have gotten lost in the mail.

Note that if you have any questions about your membership, please e-mail me at membership@ottawarcclub.ca (preferred) or give me a call at 613-738-8797.

2007 Membership Totals – As of February 1

Member Type	Count
Junior	2
Life	9
Permanent	4
Open	33
Senior	23
Total	71

Pre-Training Information For Students by Shahram Ghorashi

As you know, the ORCC offers an excellent flight training program for members who are new to the hobby. The program is delivered by skilled instructors and has continued to evolve over the years to the point where we are able to provide a comprehensive program for student pilots that most will be able to successfully complete in a relatively short period of time. I'd like to point out a few key issues regarding the process for determining which types of aircraft are suitable for use in training.

Part of the program's success hinges on the use of appropriate aircraft for training which are examined and approved for airworthiness by the instructors. Students must only use models that are designed specifically as trainers – high performance or aerobatic models are unsuitable and will not be approved for training purposes.

All training aircraft must be thoroughly inspected, flight tested, and approved by the instructors. Further, the ORCC instructor and/or the Chief Flight Instructor have the final authority in determining which aircraft are to be used in training.

Choosing type of airplane and what we are recommending.

Most common trainer airplanes are flat bottom fixed wing .40 or .60 size with a four channel radio and .40-.60 size engine. These types of aircraft will allow student to learn from mistakes by having enough time to recover. Some examples of these models are the PT-40, Eagle II, Aero Star 40, Sig Kadet Mark II, New Star and Lucky Star. Some manufactures have started a new generation of trainer such as the P51. This air plane is faster than a regular trainer, which requires faster recovery time. It might not be suited for all students. It is the Instructor's opinion if he feels the student is unable to be trained with this type of airplane. Keep it in mind that we all responsible for each other's safety. One of best priced ARF airplanes sold is the Hobbico NexStar, which includes a special copy of the Real Flight simulator. For more information please consult with one of our instructors.

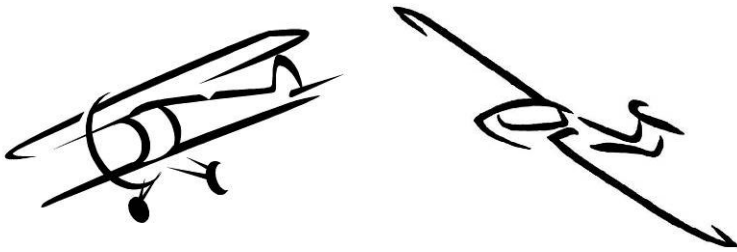
I hope that everyone will have a great season of safe and fun flying.

Shahram Ghorashi
ORCC Chief Flight Instructor

ORCC Frequency Pins by Aurele Alain

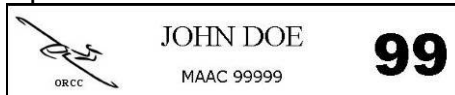
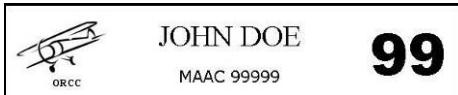


Are you tired of using that old beat up clothes pin with your name scrawled on it as a frequency pin? This is an opportunity to have a high quality, durable frequency pin that you can be proud to display. They measure about 4" by 3/4" and are engraved with your name, MAAC number and channel number. The ORCC will be taking orders for frequency pins with either a biplane or a sailplane logo.



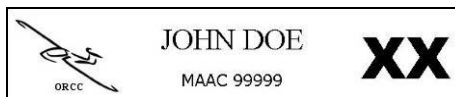
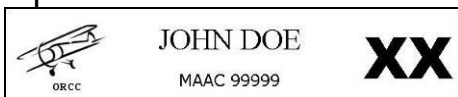
Now I need the membership to step up to the plate and put in some orders. I'm looking for an order of at least 25 pins. Here are some samples of what they are going to look like.

For **fixed channel transmitters** the pins are as follows:

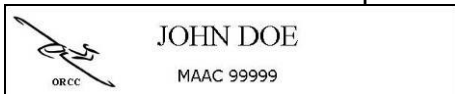
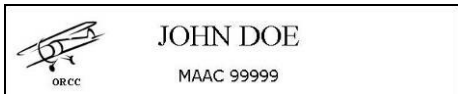


For **synthesized transmitters** there are 2 options: "XX" or a "blank" channel.

Option 1:



Option 2: Primarily intended for the glider flyers when we use a car aerial as a frequency board. You have to write in the channel number with a Sharpie.



The cost of the pin is \$7.00 each including engraving and taxes. That's less than the price of a good quality glow plug! There is an order form included in this issue of TopCap. I'll be taking orders at the February and March club meetings or you can mail it in. **Order must be received by Tuesday, March 6, 2007.** If you have any questions just call me at 613-738-8797 or e-mail me at membership@ottawarcclub.ca

ORCC FREQUENCY PIN ORDER FORM

Orders must be received by March 6, 2007.

Please print clearly!

NAME:	
MAAC Number: (Required)	
Mailing Address:	

Fixed frequency pin:					
Quantity	Channel	Circle desired logo		Unit Price	Total
				\$7.00	
				\$7.00	
				\$7.00	

Synthesized frequency pin: with "XX".					
Quantity	Channel	Circle desired logo		Unit Price	Total
	"XX"			\$7.00	

Synthesized frequency pin: with "Blank" channel number.					
Quantity	Channel	Circle desired logo		Unit Price	Total
	"BLANK"			\$7.00	

Make your cheque payable to the "Ottawa Remote Control Club". See your ORCC Membership chairman or mail-in the completed order form to:

ORCC Frequency Pins
60 Huntersfield Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1T 3L3

NEXT MEETING

Once again, it's time for the Annual ORCC Auction, at the club meeting on February 6. Bring out your extra stuff that you just don't need anymore, and turn it into cash to buy the stuff you do need. For any item that is sold at the auction, 10% of the selling price is given to the ORCC. If you choose to place a reserve bid on an item, there is a non-refundable \$5 fee charged per item, whether the item is sold or not.

Please come to the meeting early, especially if you intend to sell anything, as extra time is needed to get everything organized. All items for sale will be tagged with a number for identification purposes by one of the volunteers before the sale.

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- Heli-max MX-400 kits including spare parts and upgrades!
- Latest E-flite motors, kits and parts
- Huge Selection of Li-Poly packs ranging in capacity from 125mah – 3200mah

If we don't have what you are looking for, we do a weekly customer order every
Thursday at 8pm!

We are proud to sponsor the ORCC!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Contact
2007		
Tuesday, February 6	Club Meeting – Auction	
Saturday, February 17	Winter Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Shahram Ghorashi
Wednesday, February 28	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, March 6	Club Meeting	
Wednesday, March 28	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, April 3	Club Meeting – Concours D'elegance	
Wednesday, April 25	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, May 1	Club Meeting	
Saturday, May 12	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	Aurele Alain
Saturday, May 26	Helicopter Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Corey Groves
Saturday, May 26	Hand Launch Glider Contest	
Sunday, May 27	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	Geoff Ross
Tuesday, May 29	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, June 5	Club Meeting	
Saturday, June 9	Giant Scale Fun Fly – Drummond Field	
Sat & Sun, June 16 & 17	Thermal Duration – ORCC Glider Field	John Blenkinsop / Vince Hendricks
Saturday, June 23	Doug Pinhey Float Fly	
Saturday, August 25	Electric Fun Fly – Drummond Field	John Weekes / Mike Toner
Tuesday, August 28	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, Sept 4	Club Meeting	
Sat & Sun, Sept 8 & 9	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Sunday, Sept 16	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	Dick Mills
Saturday, Sept 29	Brown Bag Float Fly – ORCC Float Pond	Aurele Alain
Tuesday, Oct 2	Club Meeting	
Saturday, Oct 13	Fall Fun Fly – Drummond Field	John Weekes / Shahram Ghorashi
Tuesday, Nov 6	Club Meeting	
Tuesday, Dec 4	Club Meeting	



Interested in Float Flying?

Join the new ORCC Float Flyer distribution list.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to:

ORCC-FloatFlyers-subscribe@yahoo.com.

You will be automatically added to the distribution list.

To send an e-mail to the group send to:

ORCC-FloatFlyers@yahoo.com.

Attention Glider Pilots!

Join the ORCC Glider distribution list

To learn more about the orcc-g group, please visit
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orcc-g>



March Meeting: Tuesday March 6, 2007

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

Submissions for the TopCap Newsletter can be sent to:

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Closing Date for the March TopCap: Tuesday, February 27, 2006