



OCTOBER 2007 TOPCAP



The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

President's Message by Andre Blais

It just seems like it was just yesterday that spring flying started, and here we are at the end of summer! But that does not mean it is the end of the flying season. There are still plenty of good flying days ahead. And, there are still a few events lined up that you may want to attend. We have the annual Brown Bag Float Fly scheduled for this Saturday starting around 9:30am at the ORCC Float Pond. On October 13th, the ORCC Fall Fun Fly will take place at the Drummond Field. Be sure to get your raffle ticket for the OS 75 AX engine. I am sure we will have a good turnout at both events.

Have you seen the Drummond field lately? It's looking pretty good. A lot of the trees have been cleared. Just a little reminder, be sure when locking the gate at the field, to lock the two locks together so the Drummond's staff can access the field. On another note, the next Club meeting will be this Tuesday, October 2 at the McNabb community centre. We will be in a different room as we were unable to schedule the same room that we have always used. Once there just ask the staff which room we are in. See you there!

O.R.C.C. President
Andre Blais

Just a friendly reminder to support our local hobby shops.
They're always ready to help the club to support all of our events.
Your business is appreciated!

New Executive Member

John Blenkinsop has decided to step down from his position as Club Secretary, and has been replaced by Adrian Poplawski. Many thanks go to John for helping out on the Executive Committee for the past few years, and a big welcome to Adrian as he takes over his new role.

Drummond Field Report by Rick Ward

The west end field is better than ever! That is what most members are saying after the removal of the rocks and brush to the north of the runway. However, there has been much speculation as to how far things will go. Read on.

Drummonds has won a tender to provide sand to the Trail Road Waste site for the next two years. They have informed me that they will be excavating north and east of the runway to a depth of between 5 and 40 feet.

The depth will be determined by the material that they find. For example, it appears that they have already hit clay at the northwest corner, which might mean no more digging there. Excavation will continue until freeze up this fall and then continue next summer.

Drummonds has given us no indication that our tenure at the site will be shorter than the 10 years originally discussed. Andre (613-822-9314) or I (613-723-2661) will be pleased to answer any questions and will inform the membership of any new developments - don't bug the equipment operators.

A word of caution: Continue to use the field according to our present safety regulations, but in addition, stay away from the earth moving equipment. In particular, avoid landing or taking off when equipment is crossing or about to cross the end of the runway. *(Note: No matter how big your plane is, I'd still bet on the dump truck to come out ahead.)*

With all the new activity at the field, it is imperative that the last one out chains the gates together – lock thru lock. This will enable other club members to open our lock, or Drummonds to open theirs, to gain access to the field.

The lawn tractor has a new key so anybody can start it. Just move the throttle to high, push the brake all the way in, pull out the choke and turn the key. Once running, push the choke in. There are separate foot pedals for forward and reverse. The blades are engaged with a button on the right. If you think the grass is too long – cut it. There is plenty of grass for everyone to have a turn at the wheel.

Rick

<p>November is Membership Renewal Time You must renew your membership before you fly in 2008</p>
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Float Flying is Alive and Well in Ottawa by Aurele Alain

The Ottawa Remote Control Club (ORCC) hosted the annual Doug Pinhey Float Fly on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at the club's float field located 30 minutes south of Ottawa near Kemptville, Ontario. Almost immediately, Richard Barlow, MAAC president, and Claude Melbourne, Ottawa Valley ZD, arrived on the scene to take pictures and wish us well with the event. They had a busy day with at 2 other events to attend that same day. Their presence and support was greatly appreciated.

As the morning progressed, more and more pilots and spectators arrived. We had 13 registered pilots and at least another 30 spectators. The parking lot was full including a small travel trailer to make the day more comfortable for one modeler's spouse. In addition to our own club members, we were happy to welcome flyers from Ajax, New York State and other Eastern Ontario clubs.

The variety of float planes was quite remarkable. There were a number of flying boats, a Seawind, a North Star, a beautiful old timer on floats, and numerous high wing monoplanes like Cubs and Cessnas. John Weeks, past president of the ORCC, displayed his very large, partially built Grumman Goose powered by G23s which he is scratch building. It should be ready for the 2008 Float Fly.

We featured a BBQ chicken diner which was well worth the trip to Kemptville on its own. Blend in some float flying and you have a winning combination. Shahram Ghorashi prepared the chicken in a great marinade 3 days before the event. I know everybody enjoyed their chicken dinners and I heard a few asking for his marinade recipe.

This year's event coincided with the 60th anniversary of the De Havilland DHC-2 Beaver. Peter Olshefsky, a long time ORCC member and aviation mechanic, brought an original DHC-2 maintenance manual. It was passed around all day. Two models of De Havilland's Beaver on floats were at the event but, unfortunately, were not ready to fly. One was in blue and white RCMP colours and the other in a bright yellow and white.

The ORCC will be hosting its annual Brown Bag float fly on Saturday, September 29, 2007. This is a very informal event. Bring your own lunch and enjoy some relaxed flying. If you need more information you can e-mail me at aurele.alain@sympatico.ca or by phone at 613-738-8797.

No TopCap Last Month

I have to apologize for not producing a TopCap last month, but I was out of town for work, and essentially missed the whole summer. The trip lasted a bit longer than expected, and I was unable to make alternate arrangements for TopCap. I'll try to not let it happen again.

Mark

New Meeting Location

Our monthly club meetings will still be held at the McNabb Community Center, but we have lost access to the big meeting room we have used for the past several years. We have been relocated to a smaller room up the hall. The meetings are still Tuesday nights at 8PM. Only the room has changed.

We may need to move to a larger location for some of the more popular meetings, such as the Concours D'Elegance, and Auction Night, so if you know of a more suitable location that would be available for those nights or all Club Meetings, please pass on the information to one of the Executive members.

Fall Fun Fly

The ORCC Fall Fun fly will be held at Drummond Field on Saturday October 13 2007. Registration begins at 9AM. The Raffle prize is an OS75AX motor from Discount Hobbies. Landing fee is \$5.00 and includes a BBQ lunch. All types of aircraft and rotary-wing machines are welcome. Come and enjoy. We are looking for a few good volunteers to operate the BBQ, and to help with registration and with the frequency control. Please come and bring your friends!

New Pilot Training by Shahram Ghorashi

2007 has been a great season for ORCC training. This year we started at the new field with many anxious students. As we are getting close to the end of season our student number grew to 22 and we managed to graduate eight students. Graduated students are: Kelly Wilkinson, Tyler Blackwell, Boris Misljencevic, David Blackwell, Kelly Widbe, Paul Dalglish, William J. Walton, Zachary Belanger. Congratulations to you all and safe flying. I would like to take this opportunity and thank our active instructors for their dedication and hard work. We know you are all very busy and the time you sacrifice is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Michael Torunski, Brent Norman, Dave Penchuk, Eric Dainty, Clifton W. Bell, Mike Toner, Tom Hastie and David Rees. If the season continues with great weather and no shortage of instructors, I hope we will have more graduates before the season ends.

I would like to take this opportunity and extend my words on a related matter: The club executive encourages veteran club members to volunteer with club activities. The new field requires constant maintenance and grass cutting. I am hoping that our new members will help out with various club functions.

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

ORCC CFI
Shahram Ghorashi

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Contact
2007		
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	

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>



Ottawa Remote Control Club October Fun Fly



Saturday Oct 13 2007

Registration 9:00 AM - Fee is \$5.00 (includes BBQ lunch)
Spectators get in FREE (lunch available for \$5)
Raffle Prize – OS 75 AX motor

Directions: Follow 416 hwy to Fallowfield exit -> head west on
Fallowfield to Moodie Drive -> head south on Moodie to Trail Rd -> turn
east on Trail (keep to left) (approx 1/8 km)

Or go to www.ottawarcclub.ca for map

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

November Meeting: Tuesday Nov 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

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