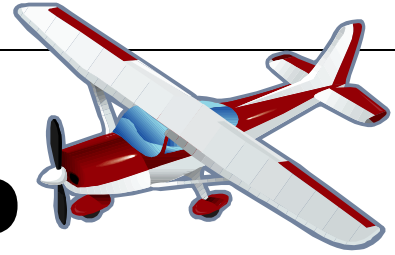




**APRIL 2009**

# **TOPCAP**



**The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

## **President's Message by Mike Toner**

Hello everyone:

With the arrival of spring we look forward to a good season of flying.

First of all, a big thank you goes out to all who helped out with the display at the St Laurent shopping mall last month. It looked very impressive, it went very well, and there was lots of interest from members of the public. So, thanks to our guys for organizing it, for bringing the equipment and display items, for setting everything up, and for sharing their enthusiasm with the public. Your efforts are much appreciated!

At this month's meeting we'll be holding the Concourse. Lots of people have been busily building over the winter. Now we'll have a chance to "Ooh" and "Ahh" at the results and vote for our favourites.

Our CFI will soon be announcing the start of the 2009 Wings training for our new pilots. A few of our more eager students have already begun their training, in order to get a jump on the season. And good for them!

Over the summer we'll be calling for volunteers from time to time. We'll be looking for a few good people to help with the spring tidy-up of the field, and then lawn mowing and help with putting on our events later on.

Everyone please read the notice about our MAAC insurance. It is important to understand when your coverage is in effect.

Fly safe everyone.

Mike Toner  
ORCC president

## **A Thank You Note**

Hello ORCC Members

This is a little story about one of your new enthusiastic young members. Thanks to the February ORCC Auction, my son Andrew (13 years old) has a Trainer to fly and learn.

It all started with a Christmas gift bought online, not knowing anything about RC planes, or even the fact that helpful clubs like ORCC existed, Andrew got an F18. Well, definitely doing things backwards, we discovered that it was over Andrew's ability for a first time flyer. So, I contacted your Membership director about Andrew becoming a member, and he mentioned the Feb. auction. Andrew could hardly wait, and auction night came with lots of planes and stuff, but what kind of plane do we need?? Two planes sold fast, and we looked at each other scratching are heads - "gee that looks easy".

OK Andrew liked the next one, a Chipmunk, so let's try. Well, when Andrew knew he won the bid, he jumped 6' out of that chair and ran up to get it without the money, he was so excited. Then, with the help of some experienced guys sitting behind us (Thanks guys) we learned Andrew had another plane he could look forward to flying some day, and that what he really needed first, just came into the auction late, a Tiger Trainer 40. So, during the Trainers auction, I could hear my son's heart pounding with anxiety. He was as red as a beet, and maybe me too. Is this bid going to go higher than the cash I had left in my pocket? Well, Andrew won that bid too, and again he jumped 6' in the air, and ran up to get the plane without any money. Kids! Once at home, Andrew tested that Trainer and everything worked.

Andrew has had that plane flying a few times now. Thanks to instructor Mike Toner, and all his on going help and patience, in teaching Andrew the rules, and helping us understand what items we still need.

Thank you Mike

Thank you ORCC



## **Important Insurance Info from MAAC:**

### **President's News**

**Date last modified :** March 21, 2009

**Created by :** Richard Lyle Barlow -- 5744L

**Subject :** URGENT INSURANCE INFORMATION

**News:** INSURANCE LIMITATIONS  
NOTICE TO ALL MAAC MEMBERS

Following ongoing dialogue with our insurance broker Aon, it has been clearly stated by them that our current liability insurance policy basically covers:

1. MAAC
2. Member clubs
3. Members while engaged in modeling activities at registered fields and at MAAC or club events.
4. Volunteers
5. Property owners of the club fields or of other MAAC or club event properties.
6. Warning Signs are mandatory at MAAC sanctioned events and at registered club fields (in Canada ) with the Safety Code adhered to at all times.

The actual policy wording taken from a very important endorsement that is the subject of this message is copied below:

#### **MEMBERS AS ADDITIONAL INSURED**

#### **APPLICABLE TO THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY FORM:**

The following is added to Section 11- WHO IS AN INSURED -as item 2. (e):

"The Named Insured's members and affiliate members in good standing of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada, but only while engaging in the operation of model aircrafts, model watercrafts, model vehicles or model rockets at events and activities organized by the named Insured.

This means that 'individual' or 'casual' members operating models when essentially 'unorganized' at a park, a school yard, their home property, someone else's property, or at a pond or lake are not covered by MAAC insurance.

We have sought coverage extensions without success so far and our broker has advised us that this is unlikely to change in any major way.

Members will have to look to their own personal public liability insurance usually found in a homeowner or similar policy for coverage in these non-club and non-club/MAAC event circumstances. The homeowner policies usually have common 'aircraft' exclusions but policies seldom have the term "aircraft" defined in the policy. Our broker points out that when this is the case there is a good argument that Transport Canada's definition for "model aircraft" basically that being any recreational aircraft that is less than 35Kg, would apply and that "model aircraft" could then be covered by homeowner type policies.

Members may feel that they do not need MAAC insurance if their homeowner policy provides them with coverage. Unfortunately, no coverage would be provided for MAAC, their club, or landlords. It is important that this is clearly understood. As in the past, members' homeowner insurance could be called into play in any claim.

There is continuing dialogue with our broker to address some language issues on our policy, essentially housekeeping items that we hope will avoid further confusion in the future.

To Summarize:

The current liability insurance provided by MAAC is not intended to cover the modeling activities of members when they are 'on their own', such as the operation of models in their back yard, on someone else's property, in a park, at a school yard or lake. In other words, whenever the activity is not MAAC or club organized.

Members will have to look to their own personal public liability insurance usually found in a homeowner policy for coverage in these circumstances. If such coverage is available, please be aware that it does not cover MAAC, property owners or clubs.

Members are therefore advised to consult with their own insurance broker for confirmation that their personal insurance policy does not limit their coverage.

It is worth repeating that coverage is basically limited to:

1. MAAC
2. Member clubs
3. Members while engaged in modeling activities at registered fields and at MAAC or club events.
4. Volunteers
5. Property owners of the club fields or of other MAAC or club event properties

We are working to see what additional coverage can be affordably obtained to cover the 'individual' or 'casual' members' modeling activities at private locations when they have the property owner's permission. It is most unlikely that coverage for the operation of models in public locals such as parks will ever be obtained due to the very high, perceived risk by the insurers.

Disclaimer:

Please note that this document is not intended as a full explanation of our insurance coverage but rather as a summary of the salient issues that the Board wants all members to fully understand. The full insurance policy is on the web page.

PLEASE NOTE: FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION OF THIS LETTER WILL BE POSTED TOMORROW

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## **News:**

### **Last Meeting:**

President Mike presented the 2009 budget, and according to all calculations, the club is in good shape financially. It doesn't look like we will need any bailout money from the government. We can all keep flying our private planes.

Tom Hastie demonstrated how to program some Hitec digital servos, and, since they were installed in one of his aircraft, we were able to see the effects of what he was doing as it happened. He and Dave Rees also used a slick electronic incidence meter, to measure the angle of movement on the elevator control surface, which helped during the servo programming process. Thanks guys.

Brent Norman volunteered to head up a new committee which will be dedicated to looking for new flying sites. This is not an indication that we will have to move any time soon; we are just getting prepared for the future. We lost our float pond last year, and efforts are on-going to find a new one. If you would like to help out with this endeavor, or know of some possible sites, please contact Brent.

Drummonds has been contacted about cleaning up the burned out shed at the field, and they will look after it soon. Until then, please keep off of the debris, as there are spikes and nails buried in the pile.

**This Month's Meeting:**

Much anticipated by all – the annual Concourse D'Elegance. Bring out those new models that you worked on all winter, holed up in the basement for hours on end. You might even win a gift certificate to one of the local hobby shops. There will be Scale, Sportsman, and ARF classes, and a Grand Champion will be chosen from the Scale and Sportsman entries. Come out early and vote for your favourites.

Here are the rules for the Concourse:

Entrants will fill out a form with this info: Owner, builder, category, and model name.

So there are 3 categories:

- 1) Scale (scratch built or built from a kit, but not ARF)
- 2) Sport (scratch built or built from a kit, but not ARF)
- 3) ARF Assembled almost-ready-to-fly

Note that helicopters will be included one of the above categories.

People will be given ballots to vote for first and second prize in all 3 categories.

Then there is the grand-champion prize, which is voted on from the sport or scale category.

Prizes will be gift certificates from Discount and Dynamic hobbies.

**Training Night at Drummond Field**

Weekly training sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 8, weather permitting. Flying starts at about 4:30, and goes until dark. Contact Brent Norman for more information, or show up at the field on a Wednesday night. Note that the field is reserved for new pilots and instructors on training night. Other members are asked to fly on any other night, or weekends.

Interested in helping out on the ORCC Executive Committee? We are always looking for help. Speak to any Executive member to find out about the positions currently available. New ideas are always welcome.

Are you a landowner, or know someone who has an extra field or two that they're not using? We're always on the lookout for suitable flying sites. We are also in need of a new float pond.

**Product Recall: Spektrum DX6i Transmitters**

Check <http://www.horizonhobby.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1901> for more information

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Shaded items are still to be confirmed

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>2009</b>		
Tuesday, April 07, 2009	Club Meeting – Concours D'elegance	
Tuesday, April 28, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, May 09, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	Aurele Alain
Saturday, May 23, 2009	Helicopter Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Neil Coulombe
Saturday, May 23, 2009	Hand Launch Glider Contest	Geoff Ross
Tuesday, May 26, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Saturday, May 30, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Round 1 – MATS	
Tuesday, June 02, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, June 6, 2009	Thermal Duration – ICGS #2 – ORCC Glider Field	John Blenkinsop
Sunday, June 7, 2009	LMR Glider Event - ORCC Glider Field	Aurele Alain
Saturday, June 13, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Saturday, June 13, 2009	Ottawa IMAC Competition	Tom Hastie/Dave Rees
Saturday, June 13, 2009	Night Flying – Drummond Field	Ernesto Benedito
Sunday, June 14, 2009	Ottawa IMAC Competition	Tom Hastie/Dave Rees
Saturday, July 4, 2009	Zone Float Fly – Cornwall	
Sunday, July 5, 2009	Warbird event	Mike Toner
Saturday, July 11, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Saturday, July 18, 2009	SMALL - Rideau Club	Ken Park
Saturday, July 25, 2009	MATS One Day TD – ICGS #3 - MATS	
Saturday, July 25, 2009	MAAC Zone Fun Fly	
Sunday, July 26, 2009	MAAC Zone Fun Fly	
Fri, July 31 – Sun, Aug 2, 2009	MAAC Scale Aerobatic Nationals – Stetson Field	
Saturday, August 01, 2009	Arnprior Fun Fly	
Saturday, August 15, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Event #4 – ORCC Glider Field	Richard Mills
Saturday, August 22, 2009	Electric Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Mike Toner
Saturday, August 22, 2009	IMAA Giant Scale – Kingston Field	Dave Penchuk
Sunday, August 23, 2009	IMAA Giant Scale – Kingston Field	Dave Penchuk
Tuesday, August 25, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Saturday, August 29, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Tuesday, September 01, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Sunday, September 13, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Sunday, September 27, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Event #5 – C2VM	
Tuesday, September 29, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Saturday, October 03, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Tuesday, October 06, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, October 10, 2009	Fall Fun Fly – Drummond Field	
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, November 03, 2009	Club Meeting	
Tuesday, November 24, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Tuesday, December 01, 2009	Club Meeting	

**Membership Totals as of April 1, 2009**

Membership Type	Count
Junior	9
Life	9
Non-Flyer	2
Open	57
Permanent	4
Senior	23
Total	104

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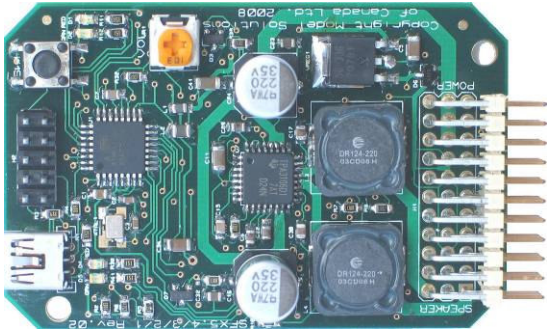
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**ORCC Website :** <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca>

### **May Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**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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**Closing Date for the April TopCap: Tuesday, Apr 28, 2009**