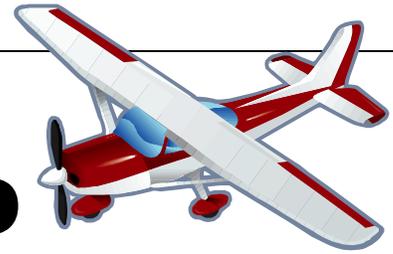




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The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

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

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

| Date | Event | Contact |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 2009 | | |
| 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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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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