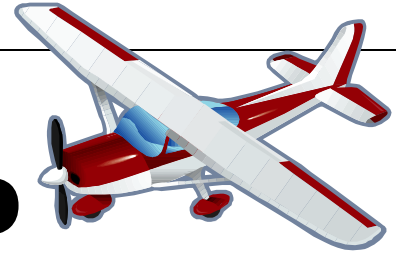




**MARCH 2009**

# **TOPCAP**



**The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

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

Hello Everyone!

It was good to see so many people turn out for the Winter Fun Fly. We had a good day of flying and fun. Quite a few people were even lucky enough to take home a little goodie. I got a spinner nut. Thanks Shahram!

The Tuesday March 3rd meeting will deal with the ORCC budget for 2009. It may be a bit of a dry topic, but our members need to be informed. Once that is dealt with, Tom Hastie will be giving us a presentation. See you at the meeting, I hope.

Still needed are more volunteers for the March 7th Shopping Mall display. If you are willing, please go to [www.calmdays.com](http://www.calmdays.com) and sign up for a 2-hour shift. It is a good opportunity to share your enthusiasm with other people who might take up the hobby. Hope to see you there as well.

The April meeting is the Concourse. So get your winter building project in shape and bring it in for all of us to "ooh" and "ahhh." Looking forward to seeing some beautiful models.

Fly safely

Mike Toner,  
ORCC President



## **First Event of Year 2009, Winter Fun Fly by Shahram Ghorashi**

My shopping was done two days ago. I bought hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch, as well as some ingredients for chili and drinks. The chili was ready by Friday night. I packed the car in the early morning and headed out to the field. The Weather was good and was supposed to get warmer. There was a lot of snow on the ground. Mike Toner tried to open the frozen container lock. His magic antifreeze worked and he started the snow blower. As pilots started arriving there was no room to park the cars, we asked everyone to unload their car and park at the entrance of the field. Two cars were stuck in the road and some of the members helped to cars pulled out. I took over snow blower duty from Mike; he was soaking wet and I thought he could use a break. I continued with snow blowing on the main entrance road. Finally by 11:00 o'clock the road was clean and we started registration. We had 18 pilots registered and warm weather allowed our pilots to fly as many times as they wanted.



By 12 o'clock we started lunch, serving chili, hot-dog and hamburger. This year's voluntold chefs were Dave Blackwell and Andre Blais. I would like take this opportunity to thank Mike Toner for handling registration and snow removal as well as our chefs.

This year, the ORCC Winter Fun Fly had a new sponsor. Dynamic Hobby provided us with 20% off event purchases. On behalf of ORCC I would like thank Fred and his organization for their generous contributions. I hope our members support our hobby stores, by shopping locally.



After lunch, flying continued until two o'clock. Prizes were drawn after we called the pilots from their last flight. We had twelve prizes which went to our lucky members.



Once again thanks to every body who managed to come out and support our first event of the year.

Shahram Ghorashi  
ORCC winter chair

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### **A safety message from your ORCC Prez:**

We all need to become more vigilant in our attention to safety at the flying field. Remember that we should only fire up our engines in the designated start-up areas and to orient your aircraft away from the pits while starting. The same rules apply for electric airplanes - batteries to be plugged in only in the start-up areas, even if it is only a small park flier or a 300-size heli. As you are flying, always keep your airplane on the correct side of the flight line, and make sure you call your take-offs, landings, low-passes and so on. Pilots are strongly encouraged to use a spotter to watch for hazards. It would be good for all of us as responsible modelers to re-read the MAAC safety code and make sure we are fully complying with the safety rules. If you see something unsafe, please say something. Safety is the responsibility of all of us. We have to look out for each other! Have fun, enjoy the hobby, and fly safely.

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## **News:**

### **Last Meeting:**

The annual ORCC Auction was held, with all sorts of great planes, parts, engines, radios, and gadgets. This is always the best attended meeting of the year, and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Brian Wattie, who was the auctioneer, and all the runners who kept him supplied with material.

Due to some items which were donated to the club, we made over \$500 for the night.

### **This Month's Meeting:**

Mike Toner will present the club budget for 2009 during the business portion of the meeting, and Tom Hastie will demonstrate the ins and outs of programmable servos.

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.

Ernesto Benedito has organized a mall display at St Laurent Shopping Centre on Saturday, March 7. If you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please contact Ernesto and let him know. If you can't help out, try to stop by for a visit, and see what the guys put together.

As many of you know, the hut at the entrance to the driveway at Drummond Field has burned down. Until the rubble is cleaned up, there is a safety hazard due to pointy nails sticking up from the pieces of wood. Please do not climb or step in the debris. These nails are long and they can easily go right through a shoe or boot. Please pay attention, and stay safe!



### **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, March 03, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, March 07, 2009	Mall Show – St Laurant Shopping Center	Ernesto Benedito
Tuesday, March 31, 2009	Executive Meeting	
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	
Sunday, May 31, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Round 1– C2VM	
Tuesday, June 02, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, June 6, 2009	Thermal Duration – 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	
Saturday, July 18, 2009	SMALL - Rideau Club	Ken Park
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	Richard Mills
Saturday, August 22, 2009	Electric Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Mike Toner
Tuesday, August 25, 2009	Executive Meeting	
Saturday, August 29, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Tuesday, September 01, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, September 05, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Sunday, September 06, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
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 Feb 25, 2009**

Membership Type	Count
Junior	9
Life	9
Non-Flyer	2
Open	51
Permanent	4
Senior	23
Total	98

## **Mall Static Display Update**

The mall display will take place at St Laurent Shopping Centre on Saturday, March 7.

As you know, we want to set up a display without incurring a cost for the club - which basically forces us to use what is called the “community booth” for non profit organizations. This year’s reservation has been challenging; the Marketing representatives at the various malls are different than last year, the malls aren’t paying much attention to non profit organizations or the community booths are fully booked these days, etc

We are asking for your help. For the display, we will only need two or three hours of your time; if you can volunteer more time, even better!! Your duty at the display is really easy and can be personally rewarding. You will not be alone at the display. We will try to set up time shifts to always have at least two people (or more) at the booth.

**So bring in your model(s) and awe the audience. Meet people and explain to the community what we do and what this hobby is all about. Answer their questions and get potential new blood to the club.**

Looking forward to your help.  
Ernesto

## **ORCC Ink**

Check out the new tattoo being sported by Mike Torunski. Now that’s dedication to the hobby!!!



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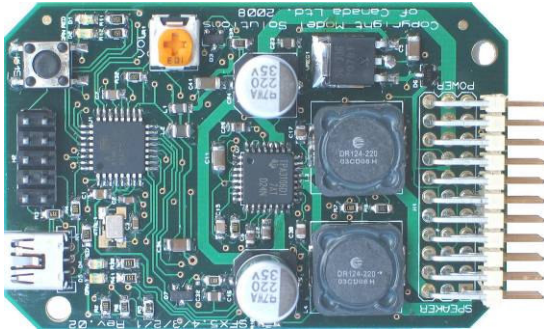
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**ORCC Website :** <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca>

### **April Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 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, Mar 31, 2009**