

November, 2003
TOPCAP

The Newsletter of the ORCC

**This Month's Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 4th .. Features:
"Indoor Flying" by Gerry Pronovost
"Show and Tell" ... bring your model, there are prizes!!!**

Your President's Message

Hi guys! There's been some pretty good flying weather lately. I hope that you are finding the time to get some stick time in.

New ORCC Executive Secretary

I am delighted to announce that John Blenkinsop has stepped forward to take over the position of Secretary for the club from Todd Murray who vacated the position at the end of the summer when he moved out of the region. John has been an active flyer in the glider group. His knowledge and experience are a welcome addition to our Executive committee. Thanks John for your willingness to become involved in the operation and management of the ORCC.

Fall FunFly

After postponing the event for a week due to bad weather, we finally held our annual Fall Funfly on Saturday, October 11th. When we arrived in the morning, a thick blanket of fog covered the field and surrounding region. It was so thick that we couldn't even see the Canada Geese that were flying overhead (although we could hear them honking). The sun was out in full but the lack of any wind really slowed the burn off. When the flying conditions were *barely* marginal, Brian Wattie and Mike Torunski just couldn't wait any longer and got things going with their electric flyers. Despite their models' high visibility colours, they had to keep them VERY LOW and VERY CLOSE in order not to lose them in the fog.

Eventually, the fog did clear and we were treated to an awesome day of flying...probably one of the best of the season. It was a beautiful, sunny day with virtually no wind, whatsoever. We had a total of 15 registered pilots with a few more pilots and their families who came out to watch the action and to partake of the BBQ lunch. The flying was virtually non-stop with up to five models in the air at any one time. Brian Wattie won the kit raffle and went home with a Great Planes RV-4 kit. Congratulations Brian.

On behalf of the club, I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to those who helped make this event a reality: Shahram Ghorashi, Tom Ross, Jack Snapper, David Sawatsky, and Karel Tettelaar.

Annual Zone Meeting

This year's annual zone meeting will be held once again at the Air Museum beginning at 9am on Sunday Oct. 26th. Plan on attending. It is a great opportunity to see what's happening in the region, and in MAAC. Richard Barlow, our Zone Director has a busy day of activities planned. It would be great to have a large group of ORCC members in attendance.

I encourage you to contact me directly with any questions or concerns that you may have about anything relating to the club. My e-mail address is weekesj@rogers.com. My home phone number is 727-0066.

Our November club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th. I hope to see you there. Remember to bring a model for show and tell and maybe win a prize. As always, we'll be drawing for gift certificates! However, *You must be a registered ORCC member and present at the meeting to win.*

John

Entertainment Section

Next month's meeting will feature Gerry Pronovost with some of his fabulous indoor models. Cost per pound leaves a lot to be desired in this segment of our hobby, but the fun per pound ration makes up for it.

Last month's show and tell featured Dave Penchuk's fabulous Pattern model, an ARF Wilga, some discus launched sailplanes and an awesome 3D model. The randomly-drawn-for gift certificate went to the Gudmund Thompson.



West End Field by Karel Tettelaar

Our work party on Sunday morning, Oct. 19th, cleaned up the Field and put it in the Winter configuration. All fences were taken down and placed in the garage along with the picnic tables and start-up tables. The garage and lounge were swept and the dirt ridge along the scale was removed to help reduce the drifting in front of the building this winter. The new entrance gate was installed and the two adjacent fence posts were shored-up to make the whole system more stable. All of this thanks to our volunteers; early arrivals John Cuss and Mark Schellhorn who did the bulk of the clearing of the Field, and later arrivals Karl Diedrich, Mark Josefowich and Chris Bourgeois who helped with the removal of the dirt ridge along the scale area and the work on the gate and posts. Chris and the two Marks got some flying in after the work party but unfortunately Karl and John were unable to fly their aircraft as there were no instructors available.

Now that the safety fences have been put away, we must use extreme caution when flying and keep all activity and equipment well away from the runway. For the winter, the set-up tables are to be kept in the garage when not in use and taken out as needed. At the end of flying, the tables are to be returned to the garage.

The garage may be used for setting up aircraft and fueling but all starts and engine runs must be done outside.

There will be two snow scoops and a snow shovel in the garage for removing the snow from in front of the building. When you are out to fly, please take a few minutes and clear the area in front of the doors to keep the snow and ice build-up to a minimum. It is best if the snow is piled around the corner of the building on the scale so that drifting snow will not catch in front of the building.

We now have a new entrance gate which we want to keep in good condition. Please do not force it against the snow piled behind it. If there is too much snow behind, remember that the gate can be opened outwards towards the road where the snow is usually cleared.

Thermal Thoughts

Blustery cool weather and early sunsets has put an end to our Wednesday evening training sessions at the sailplane field. Congratulations go out to Jianguo Zhao for completing the requirements for his sailplane wings just before the season closed. Fall days are often marked by light winds and good lift so let's all make an effort to make the best of the flying time we have left before winter sets in.

With this season drawing to a close, it is time to start thinking about what went right and what can be improved for the next season's flying. In this regard I would like to hold a meeting for all sailplane flyers to discuss this seasons flying and to make plans for next season. It will take place at my house at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 18th. My address is 926 Hiawatha Park road in Orleans. Everyone with an interest in Gliders is welcome to attend.

Brian Buchanan

Doing It My Way

By Gudmund Thompson

Someone at the October club meeting made the mistake of asking me how I put the rear window hatch in my Wilga. I now feel compelled to try to explain how I did it.



First, I made some hinges that I thought would allow the window hatch to open out and up. Essentially, I made a mock-up out of cardboard and then when I was satisfied with the size, I fabricated them out of aluminium.



Next I had to reinforce the inside of the fuselage where the hatch was about to be cut out. I did this by gluing in material all the way around.



The time had come to actually cut out the hatch, and don't think that I didn't agonize over that for quite a while before I actually started. The straight lines were cut with an Exacto saw blade, while the curves were done holding a scroll saw blade in a forceps.



Then all that remained was to install the hinges — straight — add the scale reinforcing and put it all together. Actually, I think it has turned out quite well.



Electric Flying While on Holidays ... By Brian Wattie

While travelling this fall on our retirement vacation to the East Coast, of course, I wanted to also get in some flying. As expected, the Giant Scale jobs were out of the question despite my best attempts with the boss! However the electric fleet of a Zagi Razor and two slow flyers were finally approved by the 'ways and means committee' and were packed in the back of the van.

In truth electrics are the model of choice when travelling especially with trailer or camping. No fuel or gas odours or oil stains to contend with and every campground or RV park always has some open area where one can fly with ease and not disturbing the neighbours.

I got to visit a few clubs in Nova Scotia and PEI where I had been a member in the sixties during Air Force days. Two of the clubs were very lucky and now own their fields. Of course, while in PEI, we had to visit Great Hobbies and acquire some goodies. One of which was a new GWS electric warbird... the Corsair; which is a very light foam construction model. All the other GWS models appear to be excellent flyers so I'm looking forward to this one.

One of my personal highlights was to launch my small 'MiniMax' out over the Atlantic while in Newfoundland. Sort of a recreation of the Maynard Hill exploit. However, as it disappeared from view, I chickened out and turned it around and brought it back to land.

So for next summer, if any of you are wishing you could combine flying and the trip, try bringing along an electric model..you'll be glad you did.

Training ... By Shahram Ghorashi, ORCC CFI

Year 2003 training season started with many eager students showing up on Wednesday at the West End power field. We had a very busy year of training. Many thanks to our instructors who have managed to come out and help our students. Special thanks to Brent Norman our past CFI, Mike Torunski, Clifton Bell, Dave Penchuk, David Rees and Ovie Opera. They were in every Wednesday, as well as on weekdays. This season we had sixteen students in fixed wing, two in helicopter and three in Glider. In total five students graduated and some are close to getting their wings. Graduated students are Marcello R. Moortgat, Phillip Wilcox, Robby Hoffman, Matthew River, and Ralph Potter.

This year we had two Instructor students Dave Rees and Marcelo, who now are members of our instructor group. Many thank to you for your effort.

Dispute all the efforts of our instructors we did not have as many graduates as I had hoped for. We had too much bad weather on Wednesdays, some rainy days and mostly strong winds, which did not allow students to fly. I received some good recommendations from our student to set-up a flight training station at the West End field. This is a unique service that no club has ever offered to its members, and I think it will help our student to learn faster. Our executives have agreed to purchase one set of flight simulator. I will donate parts of a computer. I am looking for a 15" monitor. Please contact me if you happen to have one to donate. This service will be available to all members on Wednesdays starting with the training season.

If you recall, before the training season opened, 'Discount Hobbies' offered gift certificates to active instructors at the ORCC. I have nominated ten of our instructors that managed to help us continually throughout our busy training season. Brent Norman, Clifton Bell, Dave Penchuk, Ovie Opera, David Rees, Mike Torunski, Brian Buchanan, Gudmund Thompson, Dock Mills and John Blenkinsop.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank *Richard and 'Discount Hobbies'* for their on-going support. It is great to have such a support.

Many thanks again Richard!

2004 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

New for 2004: In addition to our regular one year membership, the ORCC is pleased to offer three year ORCC memberships at a saving of \$5 per year. The ORCC requires that you have a valid MAAC membership for the same three year period in order to qualify for this membership. Your three year MAAC membership can be purchased through the club or directly through MAAC. See your membership chairman for details

2004 Membership Dues

1 Year Memberships	ORCC Dues	MAAC Dues	Total
Junior (under age 18 as of January 1 st)	\$30.50	\$5.00	\$35.50
Junior (with Model Aviation Canada Magazine)	\$30.50	\$16.50	\$47.00
Open (Over 18 as of January 1 st)	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$115.00
Senior (Over 60 as of January 1 st)	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$105.00
Family Open Membership (MAAC membership required for flyers)	\$80.00		
Family Spousal Unit and Juniors (MAAC membership required for flyers)	\$00.00		
Non-Flying Member	\$50.00	N/A	\$50.00

3 Year Memberships	ORCC Dues	MAAC Dues	Total
<i>(Must have MAAC for the same 3 year period)</i>			
Open (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$165.00	\$140.00	\$ 305.00
Senior (3 Years ORCC & 3 Years MAAC)	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$ 275.00

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Dates to Remember

Club Meeting Dates	TopCap Submission Dates
Tues. Nov. 4th	Fri. Oct. 17th (for Nov. TopCap)
Tues. Dec. 2nd	Fri. Nov. 14th (for Dec. TopCap)
Tue. Jan. 6th, 04	Fri. Dec. 19th (for Jan. TopCap)
Tue. Feb. 3rd	Fri. Jan. 16th (for Feb. TopCap)
Tues. Mar. 2	Fri. Feb. 20th (for Mar. TopCap)
Tues. Apr. 6th	Fri. Mar. 19th (for Apr. TopCap)
Tues, May 4th	Fri. Apr. 16th (for May TopCap)
Tues. June 1st	Fri. May 14th (for June TopCap)

Membership

As of September 15th,
2003

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December Meeting: Tuesday December 2nd, 2003

ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month
Date & Time: from September to June at 8:00 PM.
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