

February, 2004  
**TOPCAP**

**The Newsletter of the ORCC**

**This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd**  
Entertainment for the January meeting will be:  
**Annual Auction. Auctioneer: Brian Wattie**  
**Bring Stuff to Sell and Money to Buy!!!!**

## **Your President's Message**

I am saddened to report to you that fellow modeler and long-time ORCC member, Don Paquette passed away over Christmas. If you didn't already know about Don and the fact that he was a major figure in model aviation in Canada and an influential contributor to the ORCC, I'd suggest that you read over the wonderful article published by his family in the December issue of TopCap, an edited version of which is repeated on page 3 of this issue.

On behalf of all of the members of the ORCC I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Don's wife, children, and extended family. He will be missed by his friends in the ORCC.

The Executive Committee has begun entertaining different ways in which we can pay a lasting tribute to Don and, already, we have a number of ideas to consider. I encourage you to contact me with your suggestions.

## **Winter Fun Fly**

Just a reminder that the ORCC Winter Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday February 21, 2004 beginning at about 9am. Put some skis on a plane or two and/or grab your "chuck-able" (i.e., hand launch) models, bundle up and head to the field. Shahram Ghorashi, the Chair of our winter fun fly group promises fun, food, and prizes! Weather permitting

## **Return of Ken Park**

I'm delighted to announce that Ken Park has returned home from his tour of duty with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Middle-East. Ken has lots of stories and pictures of his adventures to share with you. I can tell that Ken is raring to get flying...I believe that with his wife Deborah's assistance, Ken was the first person to renew his ORCC membership way back in the Fall!

I know for a fact that Ken has already jumped into planning this summer's Dynamic Hobbies SMALL event. It promises to be the best SMALL event ever. Watch this space!

Welcome home, Ken! >

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## February Meeting - Auction

Once again this year we will be hosting an auction of model airplane paraphernalia. This has become a longstanding event in our club (one of my personal favourites!) and is a great opportunity to pick up items at great prices. Brian Wattie has graciously offered to serve as this year's auctioneer. Thank you, Brian!

**NOTE:** We've changed the format slightly this year. We've decided to charge sellers a flat rate of \$5 *if you set a reserve price on your item...* that's in addition to the 10% that the club normally takes for the service that we provide. The flat rate will be levied regardless of whether the item sells or not. The intent of the flat charge is to discourage sellers from using reserves. It has been our experience that a lot of time is taken up over the course of the evening presenting items with a reserve that is set way too high and doesn't sell.

Accordingly, for those of you who are planning on bringing items to the auction, I'd suggest that you choose the items you wish to sell wisely.

Hope to see you there...bring lots of stuff and lots of money!

### Questions...concerns...

If you have a question or concern about anything relating to the ORCC I invite you to contact me directly at [weekesj@rogers.com](mailto:weekesj@rogers.com) or call me at home 727-0066 or on my cell 889-2025. I want to ensure that your experience as a member of the ORCC is as enjoyable as possible.

**John**

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## Scale Sailplanes ... From Gudmund Thompson

The following is taken from an e-mail that I received from Jacques Des Becquets :

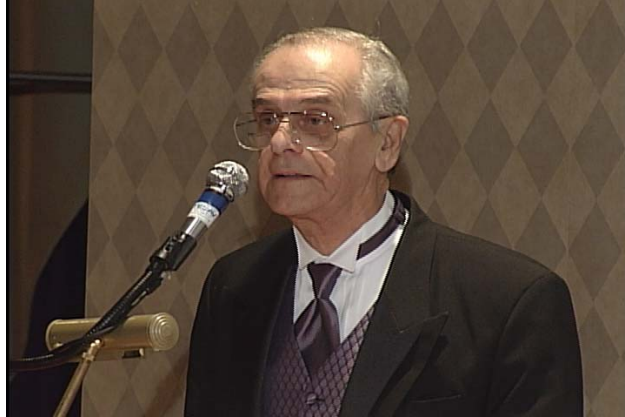
Jacques Des Becquets writing you a quick note to let you know that I have finally selected my scale sailplane project for this winter. It's the Grunau IV, which first flew in December 1953 in Australia, the brainchild of Edmund Schneider, the very one who gave us the Grunau Baby series. This designer and his family emigrated Down Under in 1951, after the turmoil of WWII.

The Grunau IV is said to be a tight fit for some pilots... and only 4 were produced before the Schneider clan went on to work on modern ships such as the Kookaburra and the Boomerang.

Why this design, you ask? Well, it looks simple enough, it spans 120 inches or so and it's certainly not a modern glass slipper (the modern ones all look the same to me...). I will postpone my quarter-scale Schweizer 2-33 for a while, as I feel I need more plans and building experience. This project will give it. I looked long and hard at 8 or 10 of my scale plans (Grunau Baby IIB, Bowlus Baby Albatross, Penrose Pegasus, Schweizer TG-2, Rhönbussard, Schweizer 1-26, Slingsby Swallow and others), but there was always an issue I didn't feel comfortable with: questionable wing mating scheme, weird rib drawings (all bunched together in one or two drawings, making it hard to see where each rib started and ended).

(I still have other things I want to finish: my "little" Schweizer 2-33 new set of foam wings that Gudmund Thompson cut for me as well as actually putting together this Zagi-type flying wing for sloping duties, should I ever be so lucky during the winter...)

**Jacques Des Becquets** ... e-mail at home: [Aeroplane@primus.ca](mailto:Aeroplane@primus.ca)



**Donald Paquette, 1929 - 2003**

**MAAC No. 2125L, Life Member ORCC, passed away over Christmas**

Don started flying airplanes at the age of 15 where he would participate in half time shows at Lansdowne Park during the Ottawa Rough Rider games. Lying on his back flying 2 planes, one from his hand and one with a mouthpiece, he was quite the showman. From this type of flying he moved into Free Flight and then Radio Control where he continued to fly until last summer, he even tried his hand at a small electric plane owned by his son Ricky.

Don also designed the original logo for the ORCC and MRCC (Montreal Radio Control Club) as well as a cartoonist and editor for Top Cap for numerous years. His editorials were under the heading of “ On Thinking It Over” and provide a wide range of topics from humorous to instructional. Don’s artistic ability won him the Art Schultz Award from The Ottawa Citizen in 1977.

Donnie was the fourth person to belong to the original MAAC, but due to illness (TB) that led him to be hospitalised for five years, his name and address got misplaced for years. Which resulted in his current MAAC number to be 2125 L. His wife Ruth accompanied him twice when he represented Canada in the World Championships. In 1978, Don placed fifth in Woodvale, England with his Sea Fury in the Standoff Scale Division. In 1982, he placed fourth in Reno Nevada in the Scale Division with his Liberty B plane. Overall in his lifetime he won over thirteen trophies in the Stand Off Scale category, and over fifty-one trophies in all.

His list of accomplishments is vast, but he received his first trophy, a first place in 1954 at the age of 25 in Syracuse, New York. In 1977 his most noted trophy was when Sig awarded him the Testers Award for Best finish and Flown Model Plane. He continued being awarded trophies at least 1 a year up to the year 1993, where he placed second at the Canadian Nationals in the Sport Scale Division. Some of you may not know all these facts about Don, or even recognize his face, but we are sure you have seen him out at the ORCC field, and in Kingston where he has videoed many of your flights. He loved to video flights of airplanes, no matter what kind of plane you flew. He was often setting up the camera to capture your flights, whether they were good or not so good.

**Ruth, Donna, Stephan, Rickey and Cindy Paquette**

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## 2004 HLG Challenge

May 2 (3), MATS  
May 29-30, C2VM  
June 19 (20), ORCC  
Sept 11-12, C2VM  
Sept 19 (20), ORCC  
Oct 2 (3), MATS  
The dates in () are rain dates.

At one point Mark Gervais will update his  
webpage to cover the coming year:  
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/mark.gervais/hlg.htm>

Louis Dionne <dionnel666@hotmail.com>  
Manotick, ON Canada

## Indoor Flying

Date	Location	Time
JAN.3	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
JAN.10	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
JAN.17	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
JAN.24	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
JAN.31	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
FEB.7	HUNT CLUB	7:00-9:00 PM
FEB.14	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
FEB.21	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
FEB.28	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
MAR.6	RA	2:30-2:30 PM
MAR.13	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
MAR.20	RA	12:30-2:30 PM
MAR.27	RA	12:30-2:30 PM

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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. 13th (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)

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## ORCC Membership

As of January 12th, 2004

Junior: 0

Open: 28

Senior: 19

Life: 9

Non -Flyer: 2

Total: 48

No. of Renewals: 55

No. of New Mem-  
bers:  
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## ORCC 2004 Events

Event Name	Date(s)
Club Auction	February 3 (Tuesday)
Winter Fun Fly	February 21 (Saturday)
Concours d'Elegance	April 6 (Tuesday)
Two-Day Annual Thermal Glider Event	June 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday)
Doug Pinhey Float Fly	June 26 (Saturday)
SMALL Event and Pig Roast (Tentative)	July 24 (Saturday)
ORCC - MATS Challenge	August 21 (Saturday)
Greater Ottawa Aero Tow	September 11 and 12 (Saturday and Sunday)
Casual Float Fly	September 23 (Saturday)
Fall Fun Fly	October 15 (Saturday)

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**Fifth Annual Ottawa Electric Fun Fly ..** From Frank Reaume hosted by the Rideau RC Flyers in Kars/Ottawa, Ontario on Saturday, June 12th, 2004 (9am 'til dark) & Sunday June 13th (9am to 1pm). No fees or charges. The club field is located at 1675 Phelan Road East, just south of Manotick. Contact CDPierre Audette (819-595-1211) [pfaudet@videotron.ca](mailto:pfaudet@videotron.ca) for more information.

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### Of Giant Scale Interest

1. This year the **Barrie** event, Chapt 617 is a 3 day event 16,17,18 July. This was to attract more US visitors. .
2. The **Arnprior** season opener "All's Not Quiet on the Western Front" is scheduled for Sat 29 May with rain date Sun 30th.

**Brian Wattie**

### HELP! HELP! HELP!

#### We need more articles for the TopCap

C'mon guys. Just about every member of this club is working something neat, or has a really bright idea, or has had a wild experience while flying or whatever. *How about sharing it in the TopCap? Email to:*

"Tom Ross" <[teejay@mondenet.com](mailto:teejay@mondenet.com)>

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## 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

<b>1 Year Memberships</b>		ORCC Dues	MAAC Dues	Total
Junior	(under age 18 as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$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 <sup>st</sup> )	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$115.00
Senior	(Over 60 as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$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

<b>3 Year Memberships</b>		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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**ORCC Website : <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca>**

### **March Meeting: Tuesday March 2nd, 2004**

**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 March TopCap: Friday Feb. 13th, 2004**