

January, 2005
TOPCAP
The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2005
Entertainment for this meeting will be:
**Club Election, Constitution Changes,
Model Rocket Presentation**

President's Message by John Weekes

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope that everyone has had a pleasant and refreshing holiday season with friends and family. I'd like to wish all ORCC members and their families a very happy and prosperous new year. As our plans for the 2005 flying season unfold it seems clear to me that, once again, there will be a lot happening at the ORCC and in the Zone. You will find a listing of this year's events in this issue of TopCap. I hope that you will have an opportunity to participate in as many of these events in the club and in the zone as you can.



I'd also like to take this opportunity to extend a big thanks to the Executive on behalf of the entire membership for dedication and contributions to the club during 2004. The members of the Executive did a tremendous job to ensure that the ORCC remains viable and an enjoyable club for members.

December Meeting Cancelled

Due to the poor weather at the beginning of December we decided to cancel the meeting. My apologies for those who still made the effort to attend...we attempted to contact as many people as we could, however, it was not possible to contact everyone.

January Meeting

As a result of the cancelled meeting, we will be voting on constitutional changes and running the election for ORCC president at the January meeting. As you may know, there is a proposal to change the constitution so that the president can be in office for a maximum of two, two-year terms (presently the maximum is one, two-year term). Obviously, this affects me directly. I am interested in running for a second two-year term, however, I would heartily encourage anyone who is interested in becoming president to make their intentions known at the January meeting.

Also at the January meeting, we will present a workshop on model rocketry by the same group that did the display at the SMALL event last summer. This demonstration was very interesting and impressive...I have no doubt that you will find the workshop equally impressive.

Hall of Fame Nomination

I have the pleasure of announcing that the late Don Paquette has been nominated for MAAC Hall of Fame recognition. I would like to thank everyone involved in this process: Dave Penchuk, Ricky and Cindy

Paquette, and Richard Barlow, our Zone Director and MAAC Vice President, and the ORCC Executive for their support. The nomination package has been submitted to MAAC and we await news on a decision. I'd like to add that it was a personal honour for Dave PENCHUK and I to nominate this fine individual. As we undertook the process of research into Don's history and contributions to both the ORCC and model aviation in Canada and internationally, I was awestruck by his long list of involvements and accomplishments. I hope that you enjoyed the reprints on his TopCap illustrations in our December issue.

Zone Fun Fly

This June, the Stetsons Flyers' field will serve as the location for the first annual Zone fun fly. This event promises to be unprecedented and hopefully will draw flyers from across the zone and beyond. It will consist of 2 days of flying with a few "relaxed" contest-type events thrown in for fun. There will be lots of prizes. We are still at the early stages of planning; however, we have put together a committee of about 10 individuals. I have volunteered to serve as event director. As the date draws closer we will be looking for volunteers from within the ORCC to fulfill various roles during the day. Please consider offering a bit of your time.

Important Reminder

With the start of the New Year, I'd like to kindly remind everyone that it is imperative that they fully renew their MAAC and ORCC memberships IN ADVANCE of flying at any of the ORCC flying sites. We do not want to jeopardize the club and its members in any way by having individuals fly at the club without insurance or club membership.

Questions...concerns...

As always, I invite you to contact me directly with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have about the ORCC. This is your club. I am committed to making the ORCC as fun and enjoyable for you as I can. You can contact me at jweekes@ccsa.ca, at home 727-0066 or on my cellphone 889-2025.

Let's have a fun and safe 2005 flying season.

John

Proposed Change to the Club Constitution

Changes to the club constitution must be proposed at the November meeting, to be voted on at the December meeting. This year, there was only one change proposed, as follows:

Current Statement of Term of Office:

President

The term of office is for one year and the President can serve two consecutive terms.

Proposed Statement of Term of Office:

President

The term of office is for two years and the President may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

West End Field by Karel Tettelaar

I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas full of peace and joy and I extend to you and your families sincere wishes for health and happiness for the New Year.

Given it is the end of the year I thought it might be timely to give you a “State of the Field” statement. Thanks to our helpers with work parties and grass cutters, the Field was in good shape this year. However, there is a cost to keep it operating over and above the annual rent of \$500. This year it cost us \$746, which includes \$400 to service the portable toilets; \$127 to maintain and operate the lawn tractor; and \$219 for “house keeping items such as first aid supplies, propane for the barbeque, coffee treats for the Trail Road Waste Facility (TWF) staff and for repair supplies. We now have the new wind sock but will not install it until the Spring opening.

Next year our operating costs will likely be higher as we will need to have work done on the runway to seal the cracks, some painting is needed and we may undertake some repairs to the garage door. If anyone has had experience with sealing cracks in asphalt on a large scale or knows of a good contractor, I would appreciate your views.

Now on to the Winter flying. Our friends at the TWF are once again clearing our entrance gate and parking lot. We are last on their priority list (understandably, they have to get their areas done first) so you may find the odd occasion when the entrance is not cleared. Indeed, when the first snow hit earlier this month, their snow clearing truck was in the garage for a new transmission so it was a few days before they got to our lot.

Please do not force the gate against the snow as it will bend the gate members and shorten its useful life. The gate does open fully towards the road and this is the direction that should be used for the snow season since the entrance is usually completely cleared..

The snow shovel and scoops have been placed by the door beside the barrel of sand for use on ice that may accumulate in front of the door. Please take the time to clear the snow from in front of the entrance and garage doors. The scoops work great and can be used to move the snow well to the sides of the building so that there are no snow piles in front of the building to catch drifting snow. It only takes a few minutes which can be warm-up sessions between flights.

All flying should be done from well back from the runway since we no longer have the safety fences in place.

If you encounter any problems, have questions or observations, please give me a call (my number is on the notice board at the Field) or e-mail me with the details.

Coming Events by John Blenkinsop

We've now got our events set up for the coming year, and here's the list. Note that the events are shown correctly on the calendar on the website, though the descriptions underneath are a bit terse (and I've no idea why the year for all of them is shown as 2006). I'll provide more information in the 'Announcements' section as each event approaches.

February 1: Auction night, 8 PM, at the McNabb Community Centre. Bring money and/or stuff to sell! With luck, you'll go home with even more toys.

February 26: Winter fun fly, west end field, starting at 10:00. Shahram Ghorashi (winter@ottawarcclub.ca) is the organizer.

April 5: Concours d'elegance – stunning models on display at the monthly meeting. Prizes!

June 5: The first glider fun fly at the glider field, 10:00.

June 11 & 12: Upper Canada Fun Fly 2005 – Ed Rae Memorial event. The zone fun fly, at the Stetson Flyers' field. Landing fee is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door – details to follow as the event takes shape.

June 18 & 19: Thermal duration contest, glider field – 2 days of intense competition. \$10 a day, or \$15 for both days. The fun starts at 10:00 each day, and Brian Buchanan (sailplanes@ottawarcclub.ca) is the contest director.

June 25: Doug Pinhey float fly at the float pond, starting at 10:00. Aurele Alain is the contact person – aurele.alain@ottawarcclub.ca. A \$4 entry fee includes lunch (chili, hot dog and a drink!).

July 10: Another glider fun fly, same time, same glider field.

July 23: The Dynamic Hobbies SMALL event at the west end field. Ken Park (ken_park_99@yahoo.com) is the organizer. The fun starts at 9:00.

August 7: Yet another glider fun fly.

September 10 & 11: Arnprior AeroTow at the Arnprior field.

September 24: 'Brown bag' (bring your own lunch) float fun fly at (or in?) the Club's pond. Aurele Alain is again the contact person: aurele.alain@ottawarcclub.ca

September 25: The final glider fun fly.

October 15: Fall fun fly at the west end field, starting at 10 AM. John Weekes (president@ottawarcclub.ca) is the contact person.

We have maps to (nearly) all locations on the web page: <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca> and watch the web page for updates.

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Total	65

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2005	
Saturday, January 1	Happy New Year! – Be the first to fly – Did you renew your membership?
Tuesday, January 4	Club Meeting – Election, Model Rockets
Tuesday, February 1	Club Meeting – Auction Night – Bring lots of money
Saturday, February 26	Winter Fun Fly – West End Field
Tuesday, March 1	Club Meeting – Budget
Tuesday, April 5	Club Meeting – Concourse D'Elegance
Tuesday, May 3	Club Meeting
Saturday, June 4	Rideau Flyers Electric Fun Fly
Sunday, June 5	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Tuesday, June 7	Club Meeting – Last one of the season
Sat/Sun, June 11-12	Zone Fun Fly – Stetson Field
Sat/Sun, June 18-19	Two Day Thermal Duration – Sod Farm
Saturday, June 25	Doug Pinhey Float Fly
Sunday, July 10	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, July 23	SMALL Event – West End Field
Sat/Sun, July 30-31	Glider Fun Fly – Montreal
Sunday, Aug 7	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, Aug 20	MATS-ORCC Challenge – Montreal
Sat/Sun, Sept 10-11	Arnprior AeroTow
Saturday, Sept 24	Brown Bag Float Fun Fly
Sunday, Sept 25	Glider Fun Fly – Sod Farm
Saturday, Oct 15	Fall Fun Fly – West End Field

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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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