

May 2005  
**TOPCAP**  
**The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter**

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**This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2005**  
Entertainment for this meeting will be:  
**Decided Later, but it will be great!**

**President's Message by John Weekes**

I have been totally impressed with the obvious high level of enthusiasm and involvement in the club by its members. Indeed, paid up memberships appear to be at a record high for this time of year, over 20 volunteers showed up to help prepare the West-end field for the 2005 flying season, and there seems to be lots of pilots out flying and taking advantage of our great facilities. I hope that this is indicative of the satisfaction you are receiving from being a member of the ORCC.

Don Paquette - MAAC 2005 Hall of Fame

It is an honour for me to announce to you that the late Don Paquette and Laddie Mikolasko are the MAAC Hall of Fame inductees for 2005!!! This is fabulous news! Both of these individuals are major figures in model aviation in Canada. As you may know, Don was a lifetime member of the ORCC, who passed away in December, 2003. Don's lifelong love of aviation and model airplanes resulted in many, many significant contributions to the ORCC, Montreal area clubs, and model aviation in Canada and internationally. We are planning a special presentation at our upcoming Zone Fun Fly (June 11-12th) at the Stetson's field. Please plan on attending to pay tribute to one of our own.

On behalf of the entire membership of the ORCC I would like to extend our CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Paquette and the entire Paquette clan! Don was an individual who truly deserved this recognition.

Upper Canada Fun Fly - ORCC Volunteers Needed!

Guys! The 1st Annual Upper Canada Fun Fly is fast approaching (Saturday, June 11; Sunday, June 12). I hope you have circled these dates and are planning on attending. As you know, the Stetson Flyers have offered to host this event at their field. The large size of their runway will allow for the full range of models to operate. We need volunteers from the ORCC membership to help in various ways (TBA) at the event itself. We are the largest club in the Zone, and the Stetson Flyers are our immediate neighbours and good friends. It is important that we demonstrate our support and commitment to making this a truly memorable and unique event. Please contact me at [jweekes@ccsa.ca](mailto:jweekes@ccsa.ca) if you can

lend a hand...more hands make for less work!

Questions, concerns...

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns you might have about the ORCC. I will do everything I can to try to ensure that your experience as a club member is as enjoyable as possible. I can be reached at [jweekes@ccsa.ca](mailto:jweekes@ccsa.ca), 727-0066 (Home), or 889-2025 (Cell).

### **West End Field by Karel Tettelaar**

Thanks to the help of 20 plus members, the Field was cleaned and re-configured for the Summer flying season on April 10th. It turned out to be an impromptu fun fly with numerous aircraft, with a well attended lunch served by Shahram and his helpers. It was also an excellent flying day, and almost everyone brought at least one aircraft. We had several on-lookers as well. Many thanks to all those who attended and worked so efficiently. We started at 10 and all was finished by 11:30.



Just a few reminders as we start into a new season. All aircraft and equipment is to be kept in the pits when not in use and moved to the starting area only when ready to start and go flying. On return, all goes back to the pits to make room for others and avoid congestion. The picnic tables (those are the ones with the seats) are not to be used for setting up aircraft or working on aircraft, including engine runs. These are meant for eating and relaxation and we want to keep them clear of fuel.

Grass season is close at hand and we will be in need of members who can take time to cut the grass around the runway and other grassed areas with the lawn tractor. If you are not familiar with the tractor or the cutting procedures, give me a call. The tractor is in the shop for a Spring tune-up so should be in good shape when needed. Again, if you notice something wrong with the tractor, or anything else for that matter, give me a call and I will look after it.

It is Club policy that members take all garbage home with them, in other words, if you bring it out, take it back. However, I realize that a certain amount of garbage will be generated

but please try to keep it to a minimum. Also, keep in mind that there is a blue recycle barrel by the transmitter impound for pop cans (please empty first), water bottles, plastics of type 1 and 2, and metal cans. If you are unable to recycle your fuel cans and plastic jugs at home, by all means leave them in the recycle barrel after ensuring that they are empty. Please keep all garbage out of the “blue barrel”.

### **New Pilot Training by Shahram Ghorashi**

The 2005 training season started on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We have six students from last year, plus five new students. I am sure the numbers will change as soon as we are in warmer weather.

I would like to remind you of a few important points that may save student airplanes, and give us a safer training season. Please make sure all aircraft are appropriate for training, and are examined and approved for airworthiness by an instructor. Students must only use models that are designed specifically as trainers – high performance or aerobatic models are unsuitable and will not be approved for training purposes. Make sure your radio and transmitter batteries are fully charged. Always check your batteries before your first flight.

All training aircraft must be thoroughly inspected, flight tested, and approved by an instructor. Further, ORCC instructors and/or the Chief Flight Instructor have the final authority in determining which aircraft are to be used for training.

Make sure you are familiar with the club rules and regulations. Please download and read the wing program. This is a guideline to our training. These documents are available on our web page - <http://www.ottawarcclub.ca>

On behalf of the ORCC I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of our instructors for helping our students during the training season.

I hope we will have a great season of safe and fun flying.

### **Merrickville Cub Day – Ken Park**

The wee town of Merrickville Saturday Apr 23 was the site of an invasion by Cub Scouts from all over the outlying Ottawa area. Approx 150 Cub Scouts filled the Community Hall for a day of games and learning. The ORCC was asked to put on a display, and was represented by Dave Rees, Shahram Ghorashi, Andre Blais, Ken Park, and Peter Olshefsky, who were welcomed very warmly.

Vice President Dave Rees took to the kids like a duck to water, and quickly had the kids under his spell, teaching them how much fun RC models can be as a hobby. His best statement of the day was "How many of you are going to go home and bug your parents for an RC plane?" The cubs all yelled "ME!!!!" Nicely done Dave! Peter Olshefsky entertained the kids with his rubber powered indoor planes that simply floated about like feathers on the wind, at a walking pace. The Cubs specially thanked Peter with a "Banana Split Cheer" – a great way to show your appreciation. Shahram played a DVD on the big screen, showing some RC models in action, and Dave did a running commentary. The weekend was a wash-out for real flying, but a big success for the kids, who got the benefit of some new knowledge from the ORCC.



## **Last Meeting – Concours D'Elegance**

Last meeting was the chance for everyone to show off the creations that kept them busy over the winter. I thought everyone would have extra time to build, since there was no hockey to watch. Maybe it's a testament to the quality of ARFs that are available now, but there were only six models on display, vying for the prizes. The entrants were Andre Blais - CAP232, John Weekes – SMALL 3D, Tom Hastie – Aero G480, Steve Gutz – CF100, Stu Poulin – Harvard, Ed King – Cub

The planes were judged by all in attendance, and the votes were carefully totalled using a specially designed machine imported from Florida. Fortunately, there were no recounts required.

The Grand Champion was Andre Blais, and he also won first place in the Scale division. Second place in Scale went to Steve Gutz. John Weekes was first in the Sport division, with Tom Hastie in second.



*Grand Champ André Blais and his CAP 232*



*Ed King with his Cub*



Tom Hastie's electric Steven's Aero G480



John Weekes' own design – SMALL 3D



Stu Poulin's Harvard



Steve Gutz's scratch built CF100

Stu Poulin had the rare opportunity to fly the full scale version of two of the planes on display, the Harvard and the CF100.

### **Sailplane Adventures by Mark Josefowich**

Well, there is not much new to report here. We had some good weather in April, and the snow is gone. The sod farm has to be dry before we go out there, however, otherwise, there won't be much sod left. Reports are that it is still closed.

ORCC Membership Counts	
Member Type	Count
Junior	9
Life	9
Non-Flyer	1
Open	72
Senior	28
	119

## **ORCC Executive Committee**

President	John Weekes	727-0066
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## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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, Aug 20-21	Kingston Giant Scale Rally
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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**May Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2005**

**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 May TopCap: Tuesday, May 31, 2005**