



APRIL 2006 TOPCAP



The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE:
THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

President's Message by John Weekes



Update - West-end field

I have just received the official letter from the City of Ottawa (dated March 28th) indicating that they will need to take back the site we are using for our West-end field (presumably for the waste incinerator project). In essence, this is our 60-day notification. By my calculations, we will need to cease flying activities and remove ALL of our gear, equipment, and supplies by Saturday, May 27th.

However, on a positive note, the club Executive is presently examining 2 different fields as possible replacements. One is located quite close to our present powered field (but not owned by the City); the other is located near the community of Munster. Although we are still investigating the relative merits of each site, my impression is that, in principle, either would suit our needs. Although we will be flying from grass and not asphalt and we won't have a massive heated building, both sites are quite large flat fields and would allow us to fly with the sun at our backs (both will accommodate models of all sizes including Giant Scale). Further, both landowners are quite interested and supportive.

Taken together, although nothing has been formalized, I feel relatively confident that we will have a replacement field in the near future and that although there may be some disruption in our normal flying activities, we will have a field for powered flying during 2006. I apologize that I don't have more specific details yet. As I mentioned, we are still scoping out the pros and cons of each site. Watch this space.

I am hoping for a large turn out of support and assistance from club members both to close up the west-end field appropriately, as well as to assist as needed to help prepare our new flying site – details to follow. Further, we anticipate that we'll need the following:

- Storage shed (not permanent)
- Movable trailer (ATCO-type or equivalent)

If you have any suggestions and ideas for non-permanent buildings at our new site please contact me jweekes@ccsa.ca or Karel Tettelaar tetelark@rogers.com , directly.

NB: I think it is likely that there will now be various inspectors, contractors, and equipment coming and going at the west-end field. Even though we still have the field for another two months, it is vital that ORCC members give right of way to these individuals who may not be familiar with model airplanes and who are working for the City. If necessary, cease flying if equipment or City personnel/contractors infringe on our pits, start up, and runway.

Chair, Giant Scale, Special Interest Group

It is my pleasure to welcome lifetime ORCC member Brian Wattie to the position of Chair, Giant Scale. As many of you know, Brian is an avid modeler (all sizes and types of models), and he represents Giants Scale in MAAC and IMAA. Thanks Brian, for stepping forward to take the lead on this very visible part of our hobby/sport (hard to miss big planes!). Remember, big planes fly better!

New MAAC President and New Zone Director

I am delighted to announce to you that our former Zone Director and friend of the ORCC, Richard Barlow has just been elected President of MAAC. Congratulations, Richard! Our club has had excellent relations with Richard in the past – it can only be to our benefit to have the President of our national organization close at hand. I'd also like to welcome and congratulate, Claude Melbourne, from the Brockville club, as he transitions from Deputy Zone Director, to Ottawa Valley Zone Director. Claude is an excellent individual and I look forward to working with him on club and zone related activities. For instance, you will recall that this year's UCFF is being hosted by the Brockville club. Claude has been instrumental in helping to prepare for this year's event (he was also a big contributor to last year's event held at the Stetson Flyers field).

Concours d'Elegance – April Meeting

Just a reminder that we will be hosting our annual Concours d'Elegance event at our April club meeting. We will continue to use a "Peoples' Choice" approach. However, we've made some changes this year. We have dropped the Sailplane category and replaced it with a new category for ARFs. A glider or sailplane entry will be categorized as either Sport, Scale, or ARF. Although we continue to consider the Concours to be a "builders' contest" we would like to acknowledge the popularity of ARF and give their owners an opportunity to display their assembly work.

Categories:

Scale Sport ARF Grand champion

A model that is advertised by its manufacturer as an "Almost-Ready-to-Fly" product will be considered an ARF. A model that replicates an identified full size aircraft will be placed in the Scale category – even if it is considered "Sport" scale. Contest organizers will make the final category determination. *Please note: An ARF model will not qualify for Grand Champion.* Prizes will be: \$10 for second place, \$15 for first place in each category and \$25 for Grand Champion.

Indoor Flying – Algonquin Dome

Apparently, the 2nd session at Algonquin Dome was also a resounding success. I think there's a good chance that Rob del Re and Bill Nickel (Rideau RC Club) will organize monthly sessions next winter. Please watch this space for further details. Thanks to Paul Penna for assisting with this "pilot" initiative and for representing the ORCC.

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 directly at jweekes@ccsa.ca at home 613-727-0066 or on my cellphone 613-889-2025.

John

WEB SITE UPDATE

The ORCC is getting a new web site, thanks to Corey Groves. The new site will be online this weekend, but may not be fully active until sometime on Monday, April 3. Your patience through this transition period would be appreciated.

Winter Fun Fly by Shahram Ghorashi

A week before the winter event I started making preparations. Gayle and Dave Rees sent me an email volunteering to make the chili. What great guys! I contacted the Multi Hobby, our winter fun flying sponsor, and they donated 10 gift certificates of \$10.00 each. We were also fortunate to purchase a 61 FX OS engine from them at cost price. Many thanks to Serge and his store staff for their full support.

I checked the weather regularly, and it was not promising - wind and snow was predicted for Saturday, and Sunday was going to be sunny and cold. I looked at the 14 day forecast and the weatherman was forecasting freezing rain for the next Saturday and Sunday!

I had a quick chat with Jon Weekes and we

agreed Sunday would be the best day. We sent out emails to all members and I posted a note on our web page. John also posted the information on Calmdays.

Sunday Morning around 9.00 am, I arrived at the field. John Weekes and Dave Rees were already at the field to drop off the chili. I set up the tables and laid out the registration paper work. The lunch table was next set up. It was cold weather and I was wondering if anyone would show up. At 10 o'clock Ken, Seu and Andre showed up with Phil, Rob, Corey and others. Despite the cold weather, we had fourteen pilots registered and sixteen for the raffle. Everyone managed to get a few flights in. Between flights, time was spent inside warming cold hands. Flight continued until 12:30, at which time we were all ready for lunch. Many thanks to Gail and Dave for the tasty chili; it even surpassed their efforts from last year. Also many thanks to Andre Blais for his help with lunch; we had chili, cheesy hotdogs and hamburgers. After lunch we had the raffle, and the lucky winner for this year was Edward King. Thanks again to Multi Hobby. We had more than enough gifts and everybody left for home a winner.

I would like take this opportunity to thank every one for joining us in the first event of the year 2006.

This was the coldest event I can remember, but your warm company made the day more enjoyable. I hope to see you all at the many upcoming events.



Thermal Thoughts by Brian Buchanan

2006 Interclub Thermal Duration Series

The rules for the 2006 Interclub Thermal Duration Series have been written and agreed to by representatives from Mats, C2VM and ORCC. A complete set of rules will soon be published. Here is a short summary of the contest rules.

Seven contests qualify for the series as follows:

Date	Contest	Location
Sunday, June 4, 2006	F3J with winches	C2VM Site, St. Julie, P.Q.
Saturday, June 17, 2006	ORCC Annual 2-Day Contest, Day 1	ORCC Site, Petersen's Sod Farm
Sunday, June 18, 2006	ORCC Annual 2-Day Contest, Day 2	ORCC Site, Petersen's Sod Farm
Saturday, July 29, 2006	MATS Annual 2-Day Contest, Day 1	MATS Site, Coteau Station, P.Q.
Sunday, July 30, 2006	MATS Annual 2-Day Contest, Day 2	MATS Site, Coteau Station, P.Q.
Sunday, August 27, 2006	Soaring Nationals Open Class Contest	ORCC Site, Petersen's Sod Farm
Sunday September 24, 2006	MATS Fun-Fly Contest	MATS Site, Coteau Station, P.Q.

Contest tasks, scoring schemes and entry fees will be at the discretion of the CD and host club.

The contestant scores for each contest will be normalized to 1000 points. Each flyer's scores from their four best contests will then be accumulated. The flyer with the highest accumulated score will be named the **2006 Interclub Thermal Duration Series Champion**. The Novice flyer with the highest accumulated score will be named **2006 Interclub Thermal Duration Series Novice Champion**.

Any non-powered radio controlled model with any number of control surfaces will be eligible.

Note: While I was away, I noticed an on-line discussion about the F3J with winches contest proposed by the C2VM club. If you reduce this contest to activities, it is really not much different from a normal TD contest. You are told when to launch, how long to fly and where and when to land. The only difference from a "normal" contest is the total flying time available is reduced by the time taken to go up the line. Since that time only counts if you "max" your flight, I don't see that this puts the flyers of the older (slower) built-up models at any more significant disadvantage than with a traditional contest.

Soar-Nats 2006

The plans for the 2006 Soar-Nats are under way. We now have approval to proceed and some seed money from MAAC. The dates are August 25th DLG, August 26th 2 Metre, and August 27th Open Class. I am looking for volunteers to help out with the organization of this project so, if you feel you can help out in any way, please let me know by e-mail or phone. I could really use some assistance.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2006	
Tuesday, April 4	Club Meeting – Concours D'Elegance
Tuesday, May 2	Club Meeting
Saturday, May 13	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Sod Farm – John Blenkinsop
Saturday, June 4	Glider Fun Fly – C2VM Field, St. Julie, Quebec
Tuesday, June 6	Club Meeting
Sat & Sun, June 17 & 18	Two Day Contest – ORCC Sod Farm – Vince H and John B
Saturday, June 24	Doug Pinhey Float Fun Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Sat & Sun, July 8 & 9	MAAC Zone G Fun Fly – Brockville
Sunday, July 16	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Sod Farm – Geoff Ross
Saturday, July 22	Dynamic Hobbies SMALL Event – New ORCC Field
Sat & Sun, July 29 & 30	MATS Annual Two Day Contest – MATS Field – Coteau Station
Fri, Sat, Sun, Aug 25, 26, 27	SOAR Nationals 06 – ORCC Sod Farm
Tuesday, Sept 5	Club Meeting
Sat & Sun, Sept 9 & 10	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field
Saturday, September 23	DLG Contest – ORCC Sod Farm – Geoff Ross
Sunday, September 24	Glider Fun Fly – MATS Field – Coteau Station
Saturday, September 30	Brown Bag Float Fun Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Tuesday, October 3	Club Meeting
Sunday, October 8	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Sod Farm – Dick Mills
Saturday, October 14	Fall Fun Fly – New ORCC Field
Tuesday, November 7	Club Meeting
Tuesday, December 5	Club Meeting



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

May Meeting: Tuesday May 2, 2006

ORCC Club Meetings The first Tuesday of each month

Date & Time: from September to June at 8:00 PM.

Location: McNabb Community Centre

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