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The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE:

THE ELECTION, AND SOMETHING ELSE TO BE DETERMINED

President's Message by John Weekes

Well, my four years as President of the ORCC has come to an end. It has been an honour for me to represent the club and its membership during this period. It has been a very active time, and looking back, a number of highlights come to mind that I'd like to share with you (more or less chronological). In doing so, I'd also like to acknowledge those individuals who made a significant contribution to each initiative (my apologies if I have overlooked anyone).

- Major review and update of the club's Rules and Regulations (Karel Tettelaar, Aurele Alain, Brian Buchanan, Gudmund Thompson)
- Development and implementation of the club's website (Corey Groves)
- Complete overhaul to membership process with ongoing improvements (Aurele Alain)
- Redevelopment of Wings Program and Flight Training Program (Shahram Ghorashi)
- Creation of an e-version of TopCap (Mark Josefowich)
- Improvements to the club's budget process (Dick Mills and Executive Committee)
- Club support to four (4) AZMs (Karel Tettelaar, John Blenkinsop, Geoff Ross, Paul Penna, Brian Wattie)
- Contributed to organizing two (2) Upper Canada Fun Flys (Brian Wattie, Dave Rees)
- The late Don Paquette inducted into MAAC Hall of Fame (Dave Penchuk)
- Increasing ORCC involvement in local indoor winter flying (Paul Penna)
- Development of Drummond Field (Karel Tettelaar, Brian Wattie, Dave Penchuk, Martin Passfield, Rick Ward, and scores of other club member volunteers)
- ORCC 50th Anniversary Event (Brian Wattie, Shahram Ghorashi, Dick Mills, Steve Gutz, Rob Hammond, Rick Ward, Michael Dickinson)
- 2006 Soaring Nationals (Brian Buchanan, Dick Mills, John Blenkinsop and many other club member volunteers)

Clearly, all of these activities and accomplishments as well as countless other club fun flys, auctions, and events, would not have been possible without the support provided by a large group of volunteers from the club's membership. Thank you to all for volunteering your time and energy.

A number of individuals have made and continue to make *very* significant contributions to the successful operation of our club during my tenure as President and warrant recognition. You will note that many have multiple responsibilities. These are:

Executive

Dave Rees (Vice President)
Dick Mills (Treasurer)
Aurele Alain (Memberships and Float Fly SIG Chair)
John Blenkinsop (Executive Secretary)

Committee Members

Mark Josefowich (TopCap Editor)
Shahram Ghorashi (CFI, Powered & Winter Flying SIG Chair)
Rick Ward (Drummond Field Manager)
Brian Buchanan (Gliders SIG Chair)
Corey Groves (Webmaster and Helicopter SIG Chair)
Steve Gutz (Outdoor Electric Flight SIG Chair)
Paul Penna (Indoor Electric Flight SIG Chair)
Tom Hastie (Workshops Coordinator and 3D SIG Chair)
Jim Zufelt (Yachting SIG Chair)

Former Executive and Committee Members

Jean Populus (Past President)
Todd Murray (former Executive Secretary)
Derek Willsher (former Treasurer and Memberships Coordinator)
Gudmund Thompson (former Aero-tow SIG Chair)
Karel Tettelaar (former West-end Field Manager)
Tom Ross (former TopCap Editor)
Ken Park (former SMALL SIG Chair)
Brian Wattie (former Giant Scale SIG Chair)
Dave Penchuk (former Pattern SIG Chair)
Andrew Mileski (former Postmaster)

Finally, on a personal note, there are a number of other individuals who I would also like to recognize and thank for their support. Thank you to our Zone Directors, past and present, Richard Barlow and Claude Melbourne, for the unwavering support, encouragement, and advice they have given me. I would also like to acknowledge the input of my own model airplane mentors, Gerry Pronovost and Derek Willsher, for their support, guidance, and sage advice – no doubt these two outstanding gentlemen have done this without realizing just how significant they have been in shaping my thinking and experience.

The ORCC remains viable as the largest and most diverse model airplane club in the region. I hope that I am handing over the reins with the club in good shape for my successor.

See you at the field(s)...

John

New Pilot Training by Shahram Ghorashi

The year 2006 training season started late. Our new field was not available for two months. Eventually, when the field was ready, the weather was against us - either it was very windy or very rainy. According to my count we had six Wednesdays at which time we were unable to fly. Despite all the obstacles we were successful in graduating one student, and currently have three close to their final exam.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank our instructors for their dedication. Many thanks to: Clifton Bell, Mike Torunski, David Rees, Tom Hastie, Andre Blais, Eric Dainty and Dave Penchuk, whose continued efforts helped to make this training season possible.

Every year I receive many questions from new students with regards to the type of trainer airplane and the type of engine or radio they should purchase. My recommendation is: Any fixed wing airplane with flat bottom wing and 5 to 10 degrees dihedral not exceeding 90 KM air speed would be considered a good training plane. A faster airplane will not give enough time to react in case of mistakes, making it very difficult to save the airplane from a possible crash. It will frustrate the student and the trainer, extend training time, and increase the risk of losing the airplane. In the past two years I would say the best trainer for the money is the [Hobbico NexSTAR .46](#). It comes with a 4 channel radio, OS .46 AX engine and a NexSTAR edition of the RealFlight CD ROM. For more information please check the web page at <http://www.towerhobbies.com>. It is strongly recommended that new students consult with an instructor prior to purchasing a trainer airplane.

I hope that everyone had a great season of fun and safe flying.

2007 Membership Totals – As of November 26

Member Type	Count
Junior	2
Life	9
Permanent	4
Open	26
Senior	21
Total	62

ORCC Executive Committee

President	John Weekes	613-727-0066
Vice President	Dave Rees	613-825-1530
Secretary	John Blenkinsop	613-526-5136
Treasurer	Dick Mills	613-822-7529
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Electric / Outdoor	Steve Gutz	613-521-8894
Float	Aurele Alain	613-738-8797
Electric / Indoor	Paul Penna	613-731-5627
Giant Scale		
Yachting	Jim Zufelt	613-733-1210
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Drummond Field Manager	Rick Ward	613-723-2661
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If we don't have what you are looking for, we do a weekly customer order every
Thursday at 8pm!

We are proud to sponsor the ORCC!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2007	
Tuesday, February 6	Club Meeting – Auction
Tuesday, April 3	Club Meeting – Concours D'elegance
Sat & Sun, June 16 & 17	Thermal Duration – ORCC Glider Field
Saturday, June 23	Doug Pinhey Float Fly
Sat & Sun, Sept 8 & 9	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field
Saturday, Sept 23	Brown Bag Float Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Saturday, Oct 13	Fall Fun Fly – Drummond Field



Interested in Float Flying?

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Join the ORCC Glider distribution list

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orcc-g>



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

January Meeting: Tuesday January 2, 2007

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 January TopCap: Tuesday, December 25, 2006