



January 2006 TOPCAP

The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter



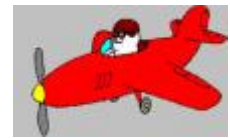
This Month's Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Entertainment for this meeting will be:

Presented By Tom Hastie

President's Message by John Weekes

Happy New Year Everyone! On behalf of the Executive Committee of the ORCC I'd like to wish each of you a very healthy and happy new year of building and flying fun!



There isn't too much to report on this month, other than to update you on the situation with the West-end field and to remind you that we will hold our annual auction at our regular club meeting in February.

West-end Field

We don't have an official status report on the proposal for an incinerator on our present powered field flying site. However, Karel Tettelaar, our field manager, is in constant contact with City officials. As I mentioned previously, there were a number of sites in the general vicinity of the field that they thought might suit our needs. In fact, there are 3 or 4 locations. So far, Karel and I have visited these locations and I can tell you that while several are not really suitable (without a lot of work)...several look quite promising. They are large, flat fields that would allow us to create one or more very lengthy grass runways (600-700' in length)...and would allow us to face to the north as we fly (i.e., flying with sun behind the pilot stations). These features would alleviate some of the limitations of the orientation of the present field.

Please don't get your hopes up yet. Due to the holiday season and the City's other priorities, neither Karel nor I have been able to sit down with City officials to review the details, nor have we really systematically assessed the suitability of the fields. Nevertheless, I remain optimistic that we will be able to identify a replacement field for our purposes (if the planned garbage incinerator goes through), hopefully, with minimal disruption to our 2006 flying season.

I will reiterate my previous call for club members to step forward if they wish to assist with the search committee for fields. Please contact me at jweekes@ccsa.ca or 889-2025 (Cell) if you'd like to get involved.

That's pretty much it for my New Year's message. Hope to see you at the field with some skis on your planes.

ORCC Regulations Update by Karel Tettelaar

Summary of changes to the ORCC Regulations

For those who have not seen the web site lately, here is the overview posted there.

The rules and regulations were reviewed because it has been several years since a review was done and because we realized that the last review was done before the rapid increase in electric powered models appearing at our flying sites.

Many of the changes are merely wording changes to clean up grammar or to clarify the intent of the existing rules and regulations. They are not included in the summary as these are not really changes in our operations/procedures.

General Flying Regulations

The MAAC Wings Program Test is more clearly identified as the criteria for determining the competence of a pilot to fly solo at our flying sites. This applies not only to new pilots but also will be used if there is a question of the competency of a current pilot.

When a member renews ORCC and MAAC membership through the club, the membership chairman initials the back of the ORCC membership card indicating that MAAC membership is current. In this case only the ORCC membership card need be displayed on the flight box or on the person. However, those renewing their MAAC membership on their own will not have the initialed card and will need to display both the ORCC and MAAC cards.

The “Wednesday night” has been removed from the training night rule to allow for a different day for training without amending the rule. For example the glider group will be changing training to Tues. next year while the power group will be retaining Weds.

West End Field Regulations

The after hours contact for the City has been changed to reflect their current procedures.

The regulations have been updated to include that electric motors shall not be run/started in the pits or in the building. In other words, they are under the same safety considerations as the glow/gas engines. This also means that there shall be no helicopter flying in the building.

At no time shall an electric powered aircraft be left attended anywhere with the ESC armed. A stray signal or turning on another transmitter on the same frequency could result in the motor going to full power.

Whenever there are vehicles (City, grass cutting, etc.) or people out on the field, pilots are not to over fly them.

Peterson’s Sod Farm (Gliders) Regulations

Many of the changes here are revisions to the distances required when setting-up winches for the gliding and the layout of the pits, landing area, etc..
 A new regulation has been included so that stakes for high-starts, etc., are clearly visible if they are inadvertently lost on the field. If not found, they can severely damage the owner’s very expensive grass cutting equipment.

Several new regulations deal with the need to keep people and vehicles off the grass so that we do not damage the sod, newly planted or otherwise. If not followed, it could result in the loss of use of the fields.

Request for Topcap Articles

What are you building this winter? Please send a photo or two of your current project, with a brief description of the model, such as the type, size and your engine choice, to markjosefowich@rogers.com. I’ll include them in a future issue of Topcap.

Membership Totals for 2006 as of Dec 21, 2005

Member Type	Count
Junior	4
Life	9
Non-Flyer	1
Open	33
Senior	20
Total	67

ORCC Executive Committee

President	John Weekes	727-0066
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date	Event
2006	
Sunday, January 1	Try to get the first flight of the year!
Tuesday, January 3	Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 7	Club Meeting – Auction!
Saturday, February 25	Winter Fun Fly – West End Field
Tuesday, March 7	Club Meeting
Tuesday, April 4	Club Meeting – Concours D'Elegance
Tuesday, May 2	Club Meeting
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
Saturday, July 15	Dynamic Hobbies SMALL Event – ORCC West End Field
Tuesday, Sept 5	Club Meeting
Sat & Sun, Sept 9 & 10	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field
Saturday, September 30	Brown Bag Float Fun Fly – ORCC Float Pond
Tuesday, October 3	Club Meeting
Saturday, October 14	Fall Fun Fly – ORCC West End Field
Tuesday, November 7	Club Meeting
Tuesday, December 5	Club Meeting



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To send an e-mail to the group send to:

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

February Meeting: Tuesday Feb 7, 2006

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 February TopCap: Tuesday, January 31, 2006