



MAY 2006
TOPCAP



The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE:
A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW FIELD

President's Message by John Weekes

URGENT: DONATIONS NEEDED!!

As you know, we are in the process of developing a new powered field for the club. Over the span of several short weeks, a team led by our powered field manager, Karel Tettelaar, has worked feverishly with Drummond's heavy equipment operators to prepare the field. Currently, a 600' x 100' surface has been graded and covered with 28 dump truck loads of topsoil. Further, flight line, start up, pits, parking, and heli-pad areas have all been set up as well. This has occurred in record time and is a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment of our members. Indeed, some of the volunteers on our field development team have worked virtually on a full-time basis since our last club meeting. The team has consisted of Karel, Brian Wattie, Dave Rees, Dave Penchuk, and Martin Passfield. Thanks guys, and thanks to the many club members who volunteered their time for the Saturday morning work parties over the past several week-ends.

If you haven't yet visited our new flying field, I suggest that you do so ASAP. Virtually every member whom I have spoken with has been totally impressed. Members are amazed and excited about the great flying field we will have available for our use in the very near future. Ben Tolley, whom many of you know, rates it a "9 out of 10." ...And Ben should know; he has visited many, many model airplane fields over the years.

We have proceeded carefully and cautiously. In addition, Scott Drummond has been extremely generous in giving us *deep* discounts on the heavy equipment/operator time and with the cost of topsoil. Not surprisingly, however, this project has taken a heavy toll on the club's finances. In particular, the need to apply such a large quantity of topsoil to prepare the runway surface for grass seed was unanticipated and has resulted in the project going over our original budget estimate of maximum \$10,000. We have approximately \$15,000 available (\$9,000 ING account; \$6,000 chequing account). The bottom line for the basic preparation of the field (including application of grass seed) is \$12,500. The Aerospace Engineering Program at Carleton University has generously donated \$1000 to the cause (they use our field from time-to-time for their UAV research program) and IMAA Chapter 217 is donating \$150. Further, we will be refunded \$290 by the City of Ottawa for the unused portion of our West-end field rent for 2006 (old field on Trail Road).

However, we have yet to pay \$1500 rent to our new landowner (Drummond's Ltd.), pay for watering of the new grass (about \$200 per visit), and there are a number of necessary operational costs to the club that will need to be paid in the coming months. These include rent for club meetings at McNabb Community Centre and Peterson's Sod Farm glider field, necessary equipment/supplies for the glider field, porta-potty maintenance, other field maintenance costs, etc. There are a number of other significant acquisitions needed in order to round out the development of our new field. These include the purchase of some kind of equipment shed (maybe a used shipping container), and eventually, a structure to serve as a field house (e.g., used ATCO trailer). We are applying to the City of Ottawa for a grant to assist with the purchase of these items.

IMPORTANT: We have determined that the club's finances will go quickly into the **RED** within the next few weeks (even without purchasing these latter items).

Accordingly, the Club's Executive Committee and I have revised our 2006 budget (originally presented to the membership at the March 2006 club meeting) to reduce other costs as much as possible. We are planning a number of initiatives to move us back into the black, to rebuild the financial "cushion" (i.e., \$2,000-\$3,000) that we feel is necessary for the club to remain viable (to cover unanticipated costs to the club over the coming months), and to provide us with the fiscal resources we need to run the club.

We do not wish to apply a one-time levy to the membership. Our understanding is that when tried by other clubs, this scheme has not gone over well and has resulted in a loss of members. Alternatively, we are requesting voluntary monetary donations directly from the membership. Cheques made out to "ORCC" can be mailed to our Treasurer, Dick Mills, at:

Richard Mills
4043 Canyon Walk Drive
Ottawa, ON
K1V 1W2

Dick will also be accepting cheques and cash donations at our next club meeting, Tuesday, May 2nd.

I cannot over-emphasize to you the need for additional financial support from the membership to keep the club afloat at this time. **This is URGENT.** Shortly, we will have a beautiful big flying field, free of the constraints and limitations of our beloved old field on Trail Road (at much less overall cost). ...I heartily encourage you to go take a look at the new "Drummond Field" at 4550 Cambrian Road...I think you will be impressed too.

Thank you for supporting ORCC. Please make a donation.

Please contact me directly if you would like to review in detail how we have spent club money on this project.

Memberships

In addition to requesting voluntary donations, the Executive is working on a number of initiatives to attempt to increase the club membership as well as to generate the additional funds we need to operate the club. These include:

- 1) Raising the 2006 membership dues by \$15 beginning June, 2006 (not retro-active);
- 2) Offering 2007 ORCC memberships at the present 2006 rates;
- 3) Offering a limited number of Lifetime memberships (12) at the following rates according to age:

Up to age 45	\$1200
45 to 50	\$900
51 to 55	\$700
56 to 60	\$600
61 to 65	\$500
66 and over	\$400

Based on our estimates, each of these rates result in significant cost savings to members in relation to the potential full value (calculated to age 75).

According to the ORCC Constitution, any change to club dues requires ratification by the membership at a general club meeting. We will be voting on the \$15 increase at our next club meeting (Tuesday, May 2nd).

I encourage all members to be present at the meeting to voice your opinion. Further, Dave Rees will have a slide presentation on hand to show you the new Drummond Field.

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 727-0066 or on my cellphone 889-2025.

John

Concours D'Elegance

Last meeting was the annual Concours D'Elegance, and there was an excellent array of models on display, to demonstrate everyone's hard work over the winter. There were 19 or 20 airplanes on display, competing in three different categories – Sport, Scale and ARF. The Sport and Scale entries were also eligible for the Grand Champion title.



Prize Winners

Sport

1. Giant Stinger – John Weekes
2. “Miss Ottawa” – Gerry Pronovost

Scale

1. Dornier 28A – Aurele Alain
2. CAP232 – Andre Blais

ARF

1. P-51 Mustang – Jack Cuss
2. Twist – Andre Blais

Grand Champion honours went to Aurele Alain, with his Dornier 28A, which was completely scratch built from his own plans. This plane was featured in an article in the March edition of TopCap. Congratulations to all of the prize winners, and thanks to all of the participants. Keep up the good work!



West End Field

It will soon be time to move to the Drummond Field. We will initially be without a storage building and Club House so some of our current inventory must go. Anyone wishing to take any of the magazines should do so now; the rest will be recycled around mid-month. Also we will not be keeping the two sofas, the sofa chair, and the refrigerator. Anyone who can make use of these is welcome to them but should contact Karel Tettelaar, 226-5023, to make arrangements and to ensure that they have not already been promised to another member.

May will be moving month and help will be required to clear the present field and setup the new one. Work parties will be announced via e-mail once the days are selected.

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Membership Total – As of April 25

Member Type	Count
Junior	7
Life	9
Non-Flyer	1
Open	63
Senior	28
Total	108

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We have added over \$20,000 worth of inventory in the past 6 months!

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- Saito engines at exceptional prices!
- Heli-max MX-400 kits including spare parts and upgrades!
- Latest E-flite motors, kits and parts
- Huge Selection of Li-Poly packs ranging in capacity from 125mah – 3200mah

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
2006	
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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To send an e-mail to the group send to:

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

June Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 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

Submissions for the TopCap Newsletter can be sent to:

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Closing Date for the June TopCap: Tuesday, May 30, 2006