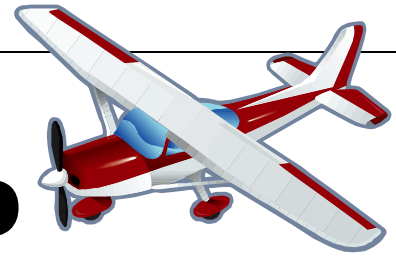




**OCTOBER 2009**

# **TOPCAP**



**The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009**

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## **President's Message by Mike Toner**

Hello everyone,

I hope people have been able to get out and take advantage of some of the nice days we've had in the last month. We have to take them when we can get them.

There are some interesting developments shaping up for the club. We are still looking for a new field. Our guys have spoken to one land-owner about a possible field that looks promising. However, we'd still like you to keep sending in your hot tips because you never know how it will go until the lease is signed.

As you already know, we have also been talking about buying our own land to have as a flying field. So now we will be putting out the call for all those members who can be part of this enterprise. All the discussions about how to set it up and how to get it running still have to take place. So get in there early and you can strongly influence the direction. Exciting stuff!

On October 25th the Annual Zone Meeting will take place at the National Aviation Museum. This is an opportunity to see how MAAC operates and to make your voice heard in some of the decisions that affect the hobby. If you are unable to attend personally, please fill out a Proxy Ballot and give it to some who is attending. If you want to make the hobby better or if you feel something is missing, then go in and get involved. You'll meet some great people and you can have fun doing it.

Now back to the matter of safety at the flying field. As your club president, from time to time your fellow members will approach me about issues at the field that make them nervous. Of course, the reason most of us come to the flying field is to relax and enjoy the airplanes and enjoy socializing. Yes, ours is a feel-good hobby which brings a smile to our faces and a spring to our step. (The obsession aspect of the hobby will be left for another day). We've all paid our seventy five bucks and the volunteers are all working to provide a club where we can enjoy the hobby in relative comfort and safety. From time to time, we make changes to the safety rules with the intent of forwarding that purpose. So, members are asked to please observe all safety rules, and to conduct your flying operations in such a way that your fellow modelers can enjoy the activity safely. If the pattern for the circuit is going one way and you are going the other way, it makes people nervous. Loudly yell out all your takeoffs, low passes and landings, so that other pilots are aware of your intentions. When you are in the air with other people, it makes them nervous if you spend a lot of time very close to their pilot station. And if another modeler

approaches you and asks you to modify the way you conduct your operations, please be diplomatic and think about how your actions affect others. We are all in this for the enjoyment.

See you at the flying field

Mike Toner, ORCC President

A copy of the ORCC constitution can be viewed on the ORCC website at the following URL:

<http://www.ottawarcclub.ca/forms/constitution.pdf>

Any proposed changes to the constitution must be brought forth at the November ORCC club meeting. Proposals submitted at the November meeting will then be voted on at the December meeting. Any club member in good standing can initiate this process.





### **Venturers Visit To The ORCC – Brent Norman**

On Sept 8th we had the Merrickville Venturers visit us to experience RC flying. The Venturers are part of the Boy Scouts of America for boys and girls from 14 to 20 years old. We had previously planned their visit for May/June timeframe, but unfortunately the weather would not co-operate. This time the weather provided bright sunshine and light winds. There were 8 teenagers along with their Scout master (recently bitten by the RC bug) who came out for an evening of flying a radio controlled trainer. I had access to 2 NexStars that I test flew previously and set up for these new students. I had ORCC members Scott and Calvin help set up the planes and get them ready for when the venturers showed up. We had a brief safety talk and then a mini flight ground school. Mike Toner and I had the trainers on buddy boxes and planned to have each teen fly around for 3-4 minutes each. I was flying close to 17 minutes trying to get all of my gang of 4 as much flight time, before landing to quickly refuel and go again. It wasn't long before the majority could fly the airplane around the sky and go where they wanted to go. They could fly straight passes down the runway or do graceful left or right turns under complete control. No-one had any previous experience, other than a lot of computer gaming time. All 8 venturers were able to get in a couple of flights during the limited time we had before it got too dark to fly. There was even enough light to show them the latest in single rotor micro helicopters (weighs 1 oz) as there was no wind (miracle).

You can see from the pictures on the website that everyone had a great time. You can bet there will be a few of them bugging their parents for an RC plane come this Christmas.

<http://www.1stmerrickville.ca/venturers/pictures/2009/2009-09-08/index.htm>



Here is Mike Torunski with his Giant Scale Matt Chapman Cap 580.

This airplane can often be seen at the field performing high speed inverted low passes. And, to the delight of spectators and fans, there is also the knife-edge pass with the distinctive "wag-wag."

We like the sound of that engine!



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## **October Meeting**

Ernesto Benedito will show us his wireless engine starter.

Pick up your proxy forms for the AZM.

There will also be a mini swap meet. Bring in some stuff to sell!

## **Annual Zone Meeting – October 25, 2009**

To All,

Once again it is that time of year where we have our AZM or Annual Zone Meeting. Our meeting will be held at the Aviation Museum in Ottawa thanks to our host Gerry Nadon and his network connections on October 25/09 and will start at 10:00AM.

The Agenda for this meeting has been posted on the MAAC web site for some time and so far I have received many requests from across the country to attend or send video copies of one of the morning seminars.

In preparation for the meeting I would ask that the clubs send me a club report that I may add to the program by no later than October 17th.

For those that have attended the last couple of AZMs know that we recognize all the new wings graduates with a framed certificate and a hat for the ones that attend. Please make sure that all new wings members names and MAAC numbers are forwarded to me no later than October 17th or they will miss out.

Dave Asquini our Deputy Zone Director is in charge of the awards for our zone if you have someone that you would like recognized or qualifies please contact Dave ASAP and get the ball rolling.

Lunch will be Swiss Chalet and tickets will be \$10 for a ¼ chicken dinner and pop and dessert. Please get your tickets when you sign in so that we can place the order with the vender as soon as possible.

With regards to the business section of the meeting this is where we can have input that can affect the way our organization is run. Through resolutions and recommendations the organization is changed. This is also where you have a chance to join a committee and influence the way a SIG or Special Interest Group is navigated or become a chairman and help pilot the committee.

Please check the Agenda on the MAAC web site and if you would like to see something added please contact me.

Hope to see you there.

Claude Melbourne

Ottawa Valley Zone Director

Note: If you are not able to attend the zone meeting, please fill out a Proxy ballot and give it to another modeler who is attending.

## **ORCC Fall Fun Fly**

Come join us and spend the day flying with your friends while enjoying the fall colours! We are holding our Fall Fun Fly Saturday Oct 10th at the ORCC west end field. This will be open to planes and helicopters of all sizes. There will be a pilot's registration but NO LANDING FEES (read my lips, no cost). We will have a 50/50 draw after lunch and will have a swap meet. Bring out all of your treasures and hopefully they will all find new homes. If there is enough interest, we will pool our money and pick up pizzas for lunch. Flying will start at 10 am and last until the last person is standing or the sun sets, which ever happens first.

## **Power Wings Program by Brent Norman**

The last Power Wings Training Night will be Wed Oct 14th. We have had another successful year thanks to our group of dedicated instructors. We have graduated 4 students so far (a few are so very close) and presented 2 heli wings certificates too. Now that fall is upon us, it's getting dark too early. I will be there the next few weeks around 4pm to try to squeeze as much time in before dusk. By the time Oct 14th rolls around, it will be dark before 6:20 (gulp). Please make arrangements with any of the instructors listed on the website to train at other times.

Happy flying!

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Saturday, October 03, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	
Tuesday, October 06, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, October 10, 2009	Fall Fun Fly – Drummond Field	Shahram Ghorashi
Saturday, October 17, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Event #4 – ORCC Glider Field	Richard Mills
October, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Event #5 – C2VM	Daniel M <sup>c</sup> Crae
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	Executive Meeting – 8PM at Royal Oak	
Tuesday, November 03, 2009	Club Meeting	
Tuesday, November 24, 2009	Executive Meeting – 8PM at Royal Oak	
Tuesday, December 01, 2009	Club Meeting	

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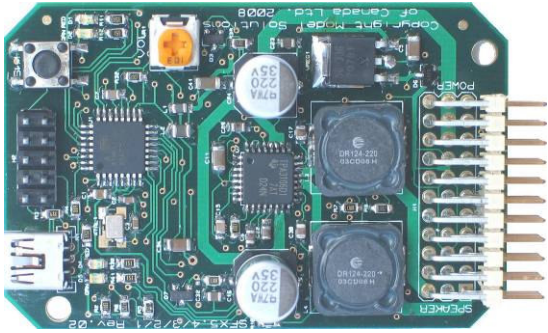
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Membership Type	Count
Junior	15
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Permanent	4
Senior	27
Total:	138

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

**November Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 3, 2009**

**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 November TopCap: Tuesday, October 27, 2009**