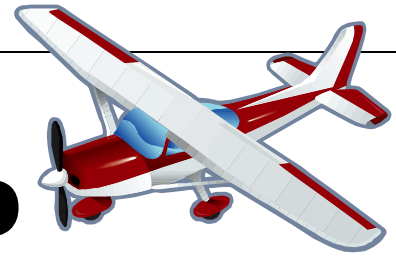




**SEPTEMBER 2009**

# **TOPCAP**



**The Ottawa Remote Control Club Newsletter**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

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

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the September 2009 issue of TOPCAP. I hope you have all had a good summer. Well actually, it did rain quite a bit, enough to result in events getting cancelled. Other times it's been quite windy. And then we've had to implement that no-fly zone over the mound at Drummond field. OK, so in the words of one ORCC member, "It hasn't exactly been a stellar summer." In the face of all that, at least quite a few of you have made the best of what was available. It certainly does make you appreciate the good days, and the camaraderie. Several of our events did go over quite well, and people were able to enjoy some good flying and good company. Thank you to all who worked at organizing and volunteering. Your efforts are appreciated.

We are still accepting tips and information in our search for a new power field. There are discussions about two options: (a) We can find another property to rent; or (b) there is more and more talk about finding a way to buy a property so we can be our own landlord, which seems very appealing. You can expect to hear more about all this as things develop.

And finally, all members are reminded that safety is the responsibility of all of us. If you see anything unsafe, please say something.

See you at the flying field

Mike Toner, ORCC president

## **Lost and Found**

A Sullivan starter was found at the Kingston field following the IMAA meet August 22-23.

It is a Sullivan starter/battery combo.

If you are the owner of this item, please get in touch with Rolly at [rollys@sympatico.ca](mailto:rollys@sympatico.ca)

## **Night Flying Event – Ernesto Benedito**

On June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 we celebrated our first night flying event ever!

We had 7 registered pilots, approximately 300 mosquitoes and some spectators. The event started off around 9pm with the required ‘wings’ testing. Being close to solstice, it was until well past 9pm that it got completely dark and we could appreciate the real beauty of the night fliers present. The wind was calm (less than 5kms/hour). We started with a cloudy sky, but it slowly cleared up for a night full of stars. We couldn’t ask for more.



We had some very interesting airplanes and helicopters showing at the event.... Some of these machines actually looked like extreme glowing artifacts coming right from “outer space”. Others were sophisticated machines in different areas; i.e. one plane was also a stealth bomber dropping glow-stick bombs!

The heli department was also awesome and cool. These gems performed complex maneuvers defying gravity while leaving that trail of LED light. I learned that the blades’ LEDs in these things are powered by micro rechargeable batteries located in the blades itself - Very cool!

The flight line was comprised of 3 Christmas LED light sets powered by a 12V gel battery and inverter from a field box. On the other hand, the fence line was quite low tech, illuminated by 32 tea candles inside paper bags kept in place with some sand (same candle bags you would see in the Lumiere festival). The “paper bags/candles” idea served its purpose and was very cheap - \$2 bucks in total donated to Dollarama. This proves that sometimes low tech is better than high tech. The night was complemented by coffee, timbits, marshmallows and fireworks. I guess we just missed the music. Oh well, maybe next time.

The night flying event was held on the first night of the IMAC event. We were waiting for the IMAC pilots to show up and enjoy the rest of the night with us, but I guess they either went out drinking or just stayed in for a well deserved rest.

It appeared to me that the interest level in night flying is still low in Ottawa, when you compare to other clubs in our neighboring countries. Hopefully we can change that and plant the seed with these type of events. If anyone is interested in night flying, please don’t be shy and bring those LEDs to the flying field.

Thanks again to all who attended.

Cheers

Ernesto Benedito



### **Important Safety Notice**

It is important to review the binding instructions in your Spread Spectrum radio manual. When you first get your radio you must bind your receiver. In particular it is important with SPEKTRUM receivers that the binding plug be inserted into the radio receiver battery port or with the new version receivers, into the BATT/DATA port. You will then plug your power source into any unused port on the receiver. The alternate way is to use the manufacturer's supplied switch/charge receptacle switch assembly. Binding must first be done when you first setup your model with a new Spread Spectrum receiver. It is perhaps even more important that you rebind again after you have set-up your plane and before your first flight. This will ensure the fail-safe settings bring the throttle to idle. Depending on your manufacturers' model of radio, it may also enable the fail-safe controls to go to neutral and or the last commanded position in the event of a loss of signal. Any time you get into a menu, ie. to adjust end points, exponential, mixes, sub trims, you must rebind the receiver. Merely using the trim buttons in a normal fashion has no effect on binding. Please check and review your manual on this important item.

Mark Betuzzi – M.A.A.C. – Radio Spectrum Chairperson.

## **Warbird Event by Mike Toner**

The 2009 ORCC Warbird Fun Fly was held at Drummond field on July 5th 2009.

We had 15 registered pilots flying a wide variety of different aircraft. The big raffle prize was the 60-sized Corsair which was coveted by many people. The lucky individual whose name was drawn was Brad Chilcott. We hope to see it flying soon!

We were all lucky to have good weather conditions for the day. It was good to see people enjoying it. Thank you to all who contributed to the event. We hope to see you next year! Now, what to get for the 2010 raffle prize... something cool and juicy... hmmm...

## **B-25 Bomber**

Here is the newest addition to Calvin Goble's impressive fleet of warbirds. It is a Top Flite B-25. Calvin has been working on it for more than a year and a half. The B-25 was successfully maiden by Brent at the Arnprior field on August 15th. It is reported to be a very enjoyable airplane to fly. You can find a video of the maiden flight on the Calmdays website. Now after Brent finishes his own B-25, we might even see two of them flying in formation, which would be really cool.



## **Locking of the Main Gate at Drummond Field**

ORCC has received a complaint from the workers at the Greely site at Drummond Field.

ORCC members are asked \*not\* to lock the main gate if Greely has not blocked off access to the Greely depot near the main gate.

Greely will always set up their barrier to block off their depot at the end of their business day. If the barrier is not blocking off the depot, then please to do lock the gate, because Greely is still working.

If the Greely depot does have its access blocked off by the barriers, then it means Greely is done for that day, and then you should lock the gate if you are the last to leave the field.

Remember to lock the two padlocks in a lock-to-lock arrangement so that Greely or Drummond do not have to cut off our lock to get in.

Thank you

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
TBD – postponed due to lack of rain – believe it or not!	Interclub Glider Series Event #4 – ORCC Glider Field	Richard Mills
Saturday, August 29, 2009	Glider Fun Fly – ORCC Glider Field	The Weather Man
Tuesday, September 01, 2009	Club Meeting	
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Giant Scale Event and Pig Roast – Stetson Field	
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Sunday, September 13, 2009	Giant Scale Event and Pig Roast – Stetson Field	
Sunday, September 13, 2009	Arnprior Aerotow – Arnprior Field	
Saturday, September 19, 2009	Fun Fly – Arnprior Field	
Saturday, September 26, 2009	New Fliers Fun Fly – Stetson Field	
Sunday, September 27, 2009	Interclub Glider Series Event #5 – C2VM	
Tuesday, September 29, 2009	Executive Meeting – 8PM at Royal Oak	
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
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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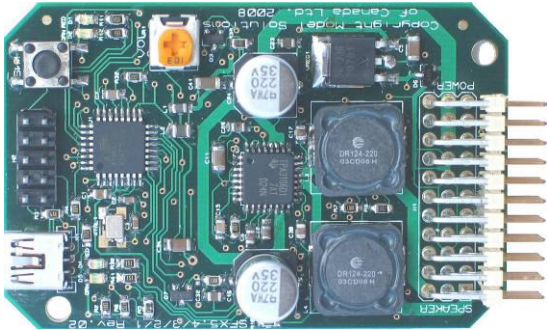
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**Membership Total as of Aug 18, 2009**

Membership Type	Count
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Open	82
Permanent	4
Senior	27
Total:	138

**ORCC Executive Committee**

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

**October Meeting: Tuesday, Oct 6, 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 October TopCap: Tuesday, September 29, 2009**