



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

April 2008



Winter flying on March 30 before the big melt turned our field into soup.



Richard Robichaud of Discount Hobbies was recognized at the last meeting for his many contributions to our hobby. Gerry Nadon (right) presented the certificate on behalf of the club. Richard has been involved with many events such as bringing Sep Ubelacker and Dave Platt out to Fun Flies, as well as organizing the David Patrick Fun Fly. Richard sponsored the Canadian Nationals one year. Every month he provides coffee for our meetings as well as prizes and sponsorships for events. Richard has also been a regular sponsor of the Stetson Giant Scale Event.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 29th
7:30 pm

At the Museum

Don't forget your "Bring'n'Brag"!

FIELD CLOSED TEMPORARILY

The frost is coming out of the ground and the road, pit area and runways are soft, wet and are being damaged by continued use. For example, the road in is developing ruts which we will have to grade or fill on field maintenance day. Once these impressions and ruts dry out they are very hard to remove (think wet cement vs. hardened cement).

So the combination on the gate chain has been changed -- please treat the field as CLOSED for the next little while.

When the field is once again safe to use (~2 weeks?) we will email out an all clear and change the gate code back to the new 2008 gate code.

Coming Stetson Events...

April 29 th	Regular Meeting
May 24 th	Field Work Party Day
May 27 th	Regular Meeting
June 7 th	Ed Rae Memorial Fun Fly
June 26-29 th	Rally of Giants (Arnprior)
July 1 st	Canada Day at C.A.M.
July 26 th	Zone Fun Fly—Smith Falls
August 9 th	Heli Fun Fly

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Dues:

\$70.00 per calendar year; \$30.00 for students under 18

Meetings

The Stetson Flyers meet at 7:30 on the last Tuesday of each month, except for December, June, July or August. The meetings are held at the Canada Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

Use the back door to the museum! To get to the back door follow the roads around to the extreme left side of the museum. Pass through the gate in the fence and proceed to the back door.

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Meeting Minutes March 25, 2008

The meeting was opened with a motion from Rick Ramalho at 7:55, seconded by Marcel Pronovost. Motion carried, 42 people were in attendance

A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Dan Murphy and seconded by Rick Ramalho
Motion carried

Treasurer's report: We have \$13000 at the beginning of the month and have spent 220.88 including winter fun fly (\$82.44), Zone meeting expenses, bank fees, income from 50/50, membership, t-shirt sales and winter fun fly. \$14191 with field lease paid, PO box paid and MAAC registration paid. The balance at the end of month is \$7552.

Membership report currently we are at 43 members for 2008.

Webmaster – nothing to report.

Field report – Marcel doing a great job keeping field open. Don has thank you card to give tonight and is still accepting donations. Rick Ramalho made a motion to give Marcel Pronovost the amount of \$ 150.00 for the excellent job he has done to keep our Air Field access opened during the winter grass cutting. Maurice Edkins seconded the motion - carried.

CFI Report – no students enrolled at present.

Old business – still working on a container.

New business

Don attended Zone Meeting July 26th Zone fun fly in Smith Falls Each club asked to provide five volunteers. Please see Dan if you can help. Dan commented that the Zone Meeting was very informative to see what issues other clubs have.

Place d'Orleans has been approached to provide space for Stetsons on May 3rd for 10 X 10 Kiosk and a 10 X15 area. Dan has approached MAAC for certificate of Insurance.

Brian Wattie is looking for Rally of Giants Event in Arnprior.

Silver Dart Project – Gerry Nadon – Next year is 100th anniversary of Flight in Canada by the Silver Dart. The Canadian Aviation Museum are floating the idea of having a Silver Dart building competition to promote awareness of the anniversary. The idea is to get other clubs involved. Next year the Silver

Dart models will be flown at an event. Plans are available, size and details will be left to the modeler. Gerry noted that the original did not fly well. Gerry Nadon made a motion that the club subsidizes the costs of a club member building a dart, seconded by Richard Robichaud.

Gerry Nadon – Recognized Richard Robichaud of Discount Hobbies for his contributions to the hobby. Gerry reviewed the many events Richard has organized such as bringing Sep Ubelacker and Dave Platt, as well as David Patrick Fun Fly. Richard sponsored the Canadian Nationals one year. Every month he provides coffee for our meetings as well as prizes and sponsorships for numerous events. Richard has been a regular sponsor of the Stetson Giant Scale Event.

Next meeting is a tour of the new hangar courtesy of Gerry Nadon.

Safety Speech – keep behind the flight line, tie down aircraft,

Dave Asquini was thanked for providing chili at the winter fun fly.

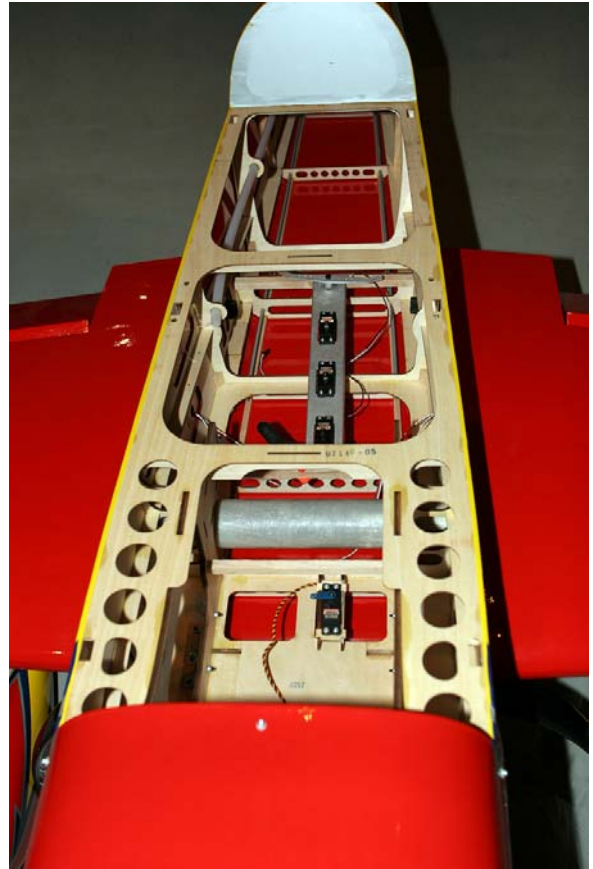
Robert Myhara was going to Africa for three years – the club wished him luck with his travels.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 was made by Dave Asquini and seconded by Jacques Des Becquets



At the The March meeting bring 'n' Brag section Richard Hinz's four year old Ultimate. His own design, plan and build is now two pounds lighter after being recovered with Ultracote, he replaced the landing gear and chopped 5" off the 80" wingspan. It will be good to see the ZDZ80RV powered biplane take to the air again this spring.

He expects it to snap and roll much better after these modifications... Well done Rich!...



Dave Asquini's mammoth 38% Great Planes Extra 330 measures in at 110.5" wingspan, 103" long and has a DA-150 twin engine. It features a 32x10 prop, servos for the ailerons have 4x5945's, elevator 5955's and rudder 3x5925's. Dave estimates that it will weigh in at around 37 pounds.



Want to see more big planes like this? From 26-29 June 2008 the Rally of Giants will be held at the Arnprior Municipal Airport (just 40km west of Ottawa). In 2006, the IMAA Board of Directors approved the Ottawa Valley Chapter's proposal to host the Rally. This will be the first time in its 30 year history that the IMMA's annual fly-in will be held in Canada. It promises to be a a great affair. The airport commission, the City of Arnprior, the Lions Club and the Arnprior Radio Control Club are all teaming with the local IMAA Ottawa Valley Chapter 217 to make this a successful event.

<http://www.giantscalecanada.com/rallyofgiants.php>