



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

February 2004



Updated Stetson Field for RealFlight G2!

Pete Tessier has updated the RealFlight G2 file for Stetson Field to show the shelter and edits to both the east/west and north/south runways.

Try for yourself—get it from Pete's web site:
<http://www.geocities.com/pierretessier/>

GROUND SCHOOL

The Stetson Flyers will be holding their annual "Ground School" for all new pilots who will be taking instruction this year with the club.

This will be an information session where your questions will be answered.

DATE: Thursday, March 18 2004.
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: National Aviation Museum.

Who should attend:

- *Anyone who is new to the hobby.
- *Anyone who built a plane and wants it checked over to make sure there are no problems.
- *Anyone looking for more information on flight training.

Please RSVP to rick@magma.ca if you'd like to attend.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 24th
7:30 pm

Richard Heinz Crash Repairs

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

***Use the back door
to the museum!***

Coming Stetson Events...

February 24 th	Monthly Meeting
February 29 th	Winter Fun Fly
March 18 th	Annual Ground School
March 30 th	Monthly Meeting
April 27 th	Monthly Meeting
May 25 th	Monthly Meeting
June 6 th	Ed Rae Memorial Fun Fly
July 1 st	Canada Day Display at CAM
August 15 th	Combat/Competitive Fun Fly

Events to be scheduled...

Banquet at the end of the meeting year, possibly May meeting.

Auction or Swap Shop, possibly April Meeting.

Our website address: <http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

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Dues:

\$55.00 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 Canadian Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

To receive the newsletter by email, send **your** email address to editor@stetsonflyers.com

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

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Magma Communications
(613) 228-3565

Would you like a member discount on your internet access? Contact club member Rick Ramalho at rick@magma.ca to receive information on discounts for Stetson Flyers members.

Newsletter Questions and Answers

Receive this newsletter via email!

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<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

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I used to get emails about club events, but now only get a printed newsletter – what happened?

Mostly likely your email address changed or failed and we were not given a new one. When this happens we revert to printed newsletters. To get back on to electronic distribution, just send an email to editor@stetsonflyers.com. By default, those with email addresses will be notified when the electronic version is ready for download. You can ask to have a printed copy sent as well.

If there are any other questions, please contact me at editor@stetsonflyers.com.

Meeting Minutes-January 27, 2004

1.0 Meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter for the December meeting were accepted after a motion by Pierre Tessier and Dave Asquini.

1.1 Dan Murphy reported that memberships to date is at 30. The bank balance is \$2489.20 and the GIC's are at \$6964.03. A motion to accept was made by Michael Cooper and seconded by Gary Baughman.

1.2 John Jackson asked for contributions of articles for the newsletter.

1.3 Rick Ramalho our Chief Flying Instructor will be offering Ground School for students at the Aviation Museum on March 18 at 7:30PM.

1.4 Michael Cooper reported that the blimp being flown at the Civic Center during the Ottawa '67's games will be receiving better quality batteries and a proper charger.

1.5 A motion to have a winter funfly was accepted after a motion by Scott Clarke, seconded by John Jackson. Date was set for Sunday February 29.

1.6 The Ed Rae Memorial Funfly was proposed for June 6. A motion to accept was put forth by Pierre Tessier and Scott Clarke as was passed. Also passed was to host the Giant Rally on the weekend of September 18, 19 with a motion by Dave Asquini and Ed Whyntott.

1.7 July 1 at the Aviation Museum will be on for this year with construction at the museum to conclude in June. Gerry added that the military will be flying in a Labrador helicopter as their last flight of this type.

1.8 Scott Clarke proposed an end of season banquet for club members in October or November. Scott suggested having all tickets sold in advance only. A slide show, pilots wings presentation, awards, could be part of the night's events. Scott put forth a motion seconded by Greg Marshall and it was passed.

1.9 Rick Ramalho proposed a funfly for August 15 which will have combat events and other competitive games all in fun for all club members. Rick offered to direct this event with Charlie Colwell. Rick made a motion with Ed Whyntott and it was accepted.

2.0 Gerry congratulated Michael Pronovost for being the first to fly in 2004 and offered him a club cap and crest.

2.1 Plans for this year for the field will include cleaning up the parking lot and finishing the north/south runway. The workparty will be in May as usual.

2.2 Snowplowing of the driveway is being done this winter by Gerry Rochon.

2.3 The canopy for the shelter will be repaired soon.

2.4 The new field layout proposed by MAAC's safety committee will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting in the spring. Richard Barlow, our zone director is planning a meeting for club presidents prior to the AGM.

2.5 Condolences were expressed for a past club member, Don Paquette and also to Dan Champagne whose father passed away recently.

2.6 Gerry concluded the business portion of the meeting. Coffee, Bring'n'Brag, a slide show on the

Canadian Scale Aerobatics Nats

August 27 - 28 - 29, 2004

Hosted by: Stetson Flyers

Where:
Ottawa, Ontario Canada

Contest Director:
Mike Clemmens ph: (519) 853- 5064

Contact:
Co CD, Ivan Kristensen

Classes Offered:
Basic
Sportsman
Intermediate
Advanced
Unlimited

Options: Unknowns: Yes
Freestyle: Yes
MiniMac: No

Banquet after the event

Sanctioned Deviations/Additional Information:
Open to all Scale Aerobatics Pilots in Canada and the US. This is not an NC Points contest.

Maintaining your “Fun factor”: Have you tried S.M.A.L.L. yet?

Sooner or later everyone in the RC world has crossed the path of S.M.A.L.L (Small Model Airplane Lovers League). Ok, simply put: SMALL is for guys who fly models with an engine displacement of .30 and below. SMALL is also open to all electric “e” models of comparable electric engine size. There are certainly a lot of these e-flyers out there these days. The huge advances being made with Poly Lithium batteries, motors and chargers, etc., has made e-models a really attractive choice for the average Joe modeler. So the question that begs to be answered is, “Why did I choose to build a SMALL model?” Simply it was the easiest way to maintain your **Fun Factor** . Yes, you heard it right the first time, your **Fun Factor**.

Nine times out of ten you don’t have to take out a second mortgage to build one of these little models. In addition, you don’t have to invest a ton of time getting your model built and in the air. You could really increase both these factors if you choose to build one of the popular “SPAD” designs (Special Plastic Aircraft Designs – see www.spadtothebone.com). The end result when you complete one of these durable aircraft is a model that you won’t fret about in any way. This is the model that always finds its way into your vehicle whenever you go to the field. The model becomes your X-plane, that one model that you will try anything with! You end up saying “Wow! I didn’t know I could do that” after a day of flying your SPAD. Regardless of what you decide to build always remember the basic formula of **SMALL is your Fun Factor is directly proportionate to the flying time spent with a SMALL plane.**

Luckily for us the SMALL-minded folks of the world have banded together and have organized special SMALL events for your enjoyment. So what would you see at a SMALL event? A lot of great guys having fun! SMALL events are strictly non-competitive with only good-old open flying from dawn ‘til dusk.

If you think that this sounds like fun, plan to attend the 2004 **Dynamic Hobbies SMALL** event that will be held on Saturday July 24th at the Ottawa Radio Control Club’s (ORCC) West-end field. Flying starts at 9am and runs to 5pm.

Just think of it, no points to be made or lost. No politics or judges to impress. The **Dynamic Hobbies SMALL** event is simply an event with little or no stress! Flying is only part of the day’s adventure as you meet a lot of excellent people who are thrilled to share with you their own RC expertise. People are always very courteous and generous and will rush to the aid of anyone having difficulty in the pits. It’s always fun to watch the e-guys trying to convert the fuel boys, and vice-versa. The other formula of “**Time fly’s when having fun rule**” is certainly to be observed for the duration of the day.

Before you know it, it’s lunchtime! Dig deep in your pocket for that BBQ ticket that was provided with your 5\$ registration landing fee. Now take a deep breath, Ahhh BBQ! ...Mmm! Like most of us you probably slopped some mustard on your shirt. Don’t worry so did everyone else. The organizer of the event has provided a short lunchtime air-show for your viewing enjoyment. I hoped you like it. Look at the time! Let’s get some more flying done. Well, now it’s 2pm and everyone stops to find out who won the big Raffle prize. But don’t go away yet. We still have a lot of fun prizes to give away. By late afternoon the smell of the Roast Pig dinner has got your attention. 5pm soon rolls around and what better way is there to end your SMALL day outing with the ORCC! ...Dig in Ladies and Gentlemen, bon appetit!

See www.ottawarcclub.ca for details for the 2004 **Dynamic Hobbies SMALL** event or contact the event director Ken Park at ken_park_99@yahoo.com or (613) 823-1933.

Hope to see you there!!!



The 2003 S.M.A.L.L. event drew a BIG crowd!

Building On Glass

Notes by: Ken Myers

Building on glass is a technique that has been around a long time. It is a good technique to use when building anything that needs to be built over the plans for build up fuselage sides, tails and wings.

First, the plans are placed under a sheet of glass. (I've used just a sheet of plate glass that fits on my Sears workbench, but safety glass is safer.) The glass is sprayed with 3M 77 contact adhesive covering area of the plan that has the part or parts you are going to build. (I've used other spray contact adhesives with good results.)

Next, waxed paper is laid over the freshly sprayed area. Then, 3M 77 is sprayed onto the top of the waxed paper and the parts are laid into position over the plans/glass/waxed paper. The 3M 77 holds the parts in place. CA glue is applied to the joints. Once the structure is assembled, a metal ruler (I use a metal yardstick I picked up years ago.) is slid between the waxed paper and the assembled structure. Occasionally some waxed paper will stick to the wooden structure, but it can easily be picked off. The waxed paper is pulled off the glass. Assembly can be continued with more waxed paper placed over the next area to build, and the procedure repeated.

The glass can be stripped of the spray glue buildup with paint thinner, in a well-ventilated area. A little glass cleaner will bring the glass back to new.

For safety, it is best to handle the glass with gloves on. I've had plate glass just break for no reason when moving it and not even bumping it. That is why safety glass, although more expensive, is a better idea.



These two gentlemen have been giving Gerry advice from the back rows during some recent meetings.

Can you identify these guys?

Announcement

Raphael Ready of www.torkndork.com in conjunction with Jean-Guy Guillemette of www.hobby2000gatineau.com are now dealers of Desert Aircraft products. They will be selling the full line of DA gas engines, spares and all accessories. General questions can be directed to Raphael Ready who can be reached by:

Phone (613) 230-2819
Fax (613) 230-0720 and by
Email sales@torndork.com or visit
www.torkndork.com

Orders can be placed by phone or email through www.torkndork.com or through Jean-Guy Guillemette of www.hobby2000gatineau.com Hobby 2000 Gatineau is just **5km** from the King Edward Bridge. They stock most electric, glow and gas powered airplane products and can order any RC product for you.

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CRITERIA FOR HOLDING A CLUB EVENT

1. Approval from the club
2. Financial report and all revenues to be submitted to the treasurer, no later than 10 days after the event
3. Prior to approval of an executive advance, a financial proposal is to be submitted to the treasurer
4. Submit a report for the newsletter
5. Flying site to be returned to pre-event condition immediately after such event
6. Proper promotion and representation of the club: protect the club image
7. All events will be Stetson flyers events

Failure to comply with the above will jeopardize the acceptance of any future event

WHY I WANT TO BE A PILOT

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days.

Pilots don't need much school. They just have to learn to read numbers so they can read their instruments.

I guess they should be able to read a road map, too.

Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off.

Pilots have to have good eyes to see through the clouds, and they can't be afraid of thunder or lightning because they are much closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that flying a plane is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick and if I get airsick, I couldn't be a pilot and then I would have to go to work.

— purported to have been written by a fifth grade student at Jefferson School, Beaufort, SC. It was first published in the South Carolina Aviation News

Pictures from the January Meeting...

