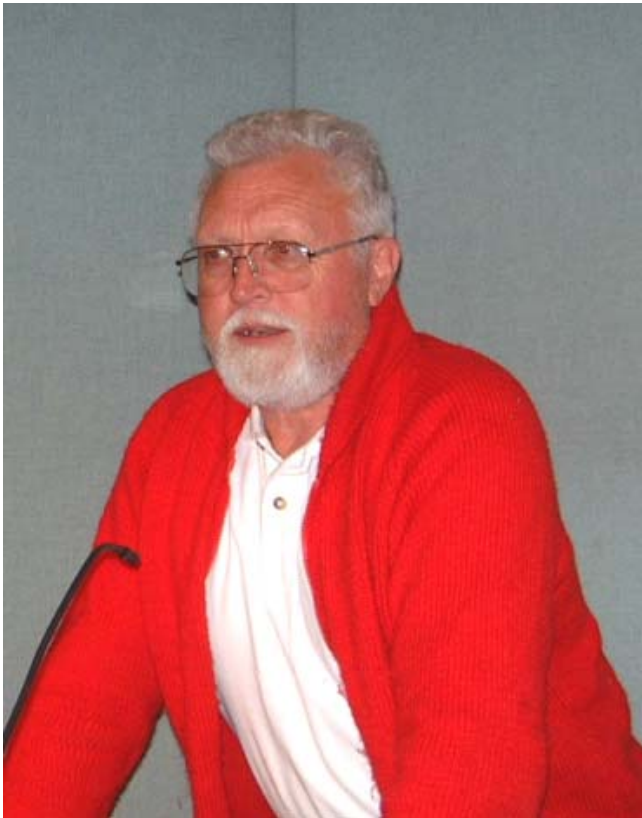




Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

November 2004



Richard Barlow— Zone Director

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Richard also suggested the 2006 MAAC AGM could be held in Ottawa if there was interest.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 30th
7:30 pm

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

NOTE:

As mentioned during the last meeting, our access method to the museum will likely be changing—we may have to start using the front door. Please check the web site for more details closer to the meeting.

Coming Stetson Events...

November 30th
December
January 1st

Regular Meeting
NO Meeting
First Flight @ 9:00

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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 Canadian Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

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

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

Meeting Minutes—October 26, 2004

Meeting was opened by Gerry Nadon at 7:58 PM. Richard Barlow, MAAC Zone Director, was in attendance as a guest.

Secretary's Report - A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Dave Asquini. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - The formal treasurer's report was not available due to the treasurer's absence. Gerry gave estimate of GIC's and balances. Total paid members is 83. Dave Martin moved that verbal treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Greg Marshall. Motion passed.

Newsletter Editor's Report - John Jackson said the newsletter was late going to press but was in the mail and available on the web. Very little original content was being offered so he will continue to borrow items from the web. A suggestion was made to resume the Workshop Tours as this was very popular.

Webmaster's Report - Pete Tessier reported the club web site suffers from the same lack of original material as the newsletter.

CFI Report – Rick Ramalho reported that the instruction was over for the 2004 season. Three students got wings this year. Poor weather persisted through the flying nights for students. Morris will take over as CFI next year, a round of thanks was given to Rick.

Events – There will be a first flight of the new year contest at 9:00 on January 1st. There will be a Winter Fun Fly, date to be determined.

Richard Barlow gave a report on the Annual Zone Meeting to the members. He thanked the Stetson's for their help to set it all up. There were 95 registered delegates and Richard was re-elected.

Gerry Nadon spoke about the MAAC safety code and said the revised rules satisfy all our concerns with respect to the Stetson Field layout. The first procedure turn must be away from the flight line. Common sense interpretation was promoted by Richard.

Richard invited clubs to send him their email address so he would include them in mail outs.

Pranged Pig Award was given to Morris for losing his aircraft completely. It has not yet been recovered.

Gerry gave a year end report summarizing finances,

events, and fee increase. The field renovation bill was \$1 990.00 Gerry thanked the old outgoing executives Peter, Greg and Dan as well as the executives at large. Air Ship crew, work party members, fun fly organizers were all thanked. Gerry wished the new executive lots of luck in the future. Financial requirements will be difficult next year as membership is down to 83 from 120. More members were encouraged to help out in a positive manner. Gerry expressed his satisfaction at being club president for the past 7 years.

Peter Barnes explained voting rules and procedures for the next executive.

The following members let their names stand for office.

President	Scott Clarke
Membership	Greg Marshall
Secretary	Pierre Tessier
Treasurer	Rick Ramalho
CFI	Maurice Edkins

Since there were no other nominees the above slate of executive were acclaimed.

New Business

John Jackson suggested a prize be offered for newsletter contributions – each article used will get one ticket in the prize hat. Local hobby shops to be canvassed for prizes.

Richard Barlow proposed that the 2006 Annual Zone Meeting be held in Ottawa in March.

Richard Barlow proposed a Zone Fun Fly and he would like to have it at the Stetson Field, and have all clubs share the work and the expense liabilities. He asked for the clubs permission in principal and received it. He will float the idea at a meeting of club presidents in February. In discussion Richard was asked if proceeds from the event if any would go to the Stetson's – he said he would rather hang on to funds and put them towards a needy cause in the Zone. The date of the fun fly was to be early June and could be continued to be called the Ed Rae Memorial Fun Fly even though it is a zone event.

Gerry warned that new rules would be forthcoming for use of the back parking lot due to museum security concerns. Negotiations were underway and any new instructions would be advertised in the newsletter and on the web site.

Gerry was thanked for his years of service.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

President's Corner

As I'm sure most of you have heard by now the club has a new executive. This year I'll be taking over the role of President with Greg Marshall serving as Vice President, Pierre Tessier as Secretary, Rick Ramalho as Treasurer and Maurice Edkins is your new CFI.

We are all very excited about this change and are looking forward to the coming year.

On behalf of the club and the new executive I would like to send a big thank you out to the outgoing executive of Gerry, Peter, Erich, Dan and Rick. You have all done an outstanding job keeping this club up and running. Thank you!

Another summer flying season has come and gone and this year was busier than usual with a full calendar of events and plenty of individual flying. The field is in great shape and I'm already looking forward to next season.

I've been a member of the Stetson Flyers off and on for the last twenty years and I've always enjoyed attending the monthly meetings. The meetings have always been a great place to get to know your fellow modelers, pick up some new ideas and check out what others are up to. The number of members attending the meetings has declined in the last year or two and your new executive would like to turn this around.

There will always be club business to take care of at the meetings but the rest of the night we can do all kinds of things. So if you've got some suggestions we'd love to hear them. If you've got a favorite video, some good pictures or want to show off one of your favorite building techniques just let us know and we'll give you the floor.

This month we have some very important business to attend to. It's our annual budget meeting and this is your opportunity to influence how the club will be run for the coming year. After the business portion of the meeting is concluded we'll have Bring 'n' Brag, a 50/50 draw, some videos of the freestyle competition at this year's Tucson Shootout and a little something new that I'll introduce in this newsletter.

If fears of being awarded the dubious distinction of the keeper of the Pink Pig have been keeping you away from the meetings then put those fears aside and come to this month's meeting. There'll be no pig presented at this or future meetings!

See you at the meeting.
Happy Landings,
Scott

CFI Report

First of all, I would like to thank all the instructors that helped up this year. Maurice Edkins, Norm Kihl, Pete Tessier, Charlie Colwell, Michel Pronovost and Greg Marshal. Their support every week was greatly appreciated.

For receiving their wings this season, a big congratulations to Wayne Smith, Julien Tremblay and Roy Watkins. Good job guys. Your hard work and dedication has paid off. As the saying goes ... "Now, your dangerous".

This year was very strange. The weather was extremely uncooperative, with a stretch of 6 weeks back in May-June where we were unable to fly due to either high winds or rain. As well, the number of new students this year was significantly less than in previous years. We had only 6 new pilots this year, and of those 6, only 3 people received their wings (as mentioned above). The other 3 students only showed up a couple of times. Earlier this year, I was talking to John Weeks from the ORCC, and for some strange reason, they had over 20 new students in their program this year, where we had only six. Perhaps next year will be better. I don't have to remind anyone that the future of our hobby lies with a successful flight training program, with new people entering the hobby every year. It is imperative that new pilots have a good experience, with minimal setbacks. This is and has always been the primary goal of our flight training program.

This year will be my last year as CFI. After 3 years, I feel it's time that somebody else take over. I'll be concentrating my efforts as part of the new Executive. Next year, I'm proud to announce that Maurice Edkins will be taking over as the new CFI. I know Maurice will do an excellent job helping out all new students. If anyone wishes to volunteer to be an instructor for next year, please contact Maurice. I know he will need the help.

I wish Maurice all the best in his new role. His drive and energy will result in an excellent program next year.

Rick Ramalho

Workshop Tours

At the last meeting it was suggested that the Workshop Tours series from about two years ago should make a comeback. I need some volunteers to invite me to their workshop with my camera. Please give me a call if you are interested, or if you would like to nominate someone! You can check out Nov. 2002, Jan., Feb. and March 2003 workshop tours on the Stetson Web Site if you missed this at the time.
Thanks—John Jackson

Competitive Fun Fly and Combat

This past August 15, Charlie Colwell and I hosted a competitive fun fly at the Stetson field. The weather turned out to be almost perfect. The temperature was in the high 20's, with very little wind. Ideal for the events that were planned for the day.

Speaking of events, they were: Combat, Balloon Bust, Climb & Glide, Touch & Goes, and The Can-Can.

A total of 13 registered pilots showed up for the day, which was just about perfect for us, the organizers. Not every pilot participated in every event, which was fine. Our intent was to introduce people to the various type of events that take place. We wanted everyone to have fun. No stress allowed.

The first order of business was a round of combat. This was limited to 6 pilots (even though MAAC rules say we can have a 8 in the air at once). The round was clean, with a couple of streamer cuts. Just enough fun to get people excited about the day.

Combat rounds are limited to 6 minutes. In total, we flew 5 rounds of combat. Once at the beginning, and between every game. There were a few mid-air that resulting in those pilots having to withdraw from further combat for the day.

For those that have never seen combat, it is a fast paced event, with lots of action in tight close space. Crepe paper streamers 25' in length are tied to the back of our combat planes, and the goal is to cut the other guys streamers. Points are awarded for each cut. The planes are usually Coroplast Gremlins or Dogfighters. Quick and easy to build, and tough as nails. For more information on building with Coroplast, please visit the following webpage: <http://www.spadtothebone.com>

After the combat round, the first game was held, the Balloon Bust. Each pilot was allowed 3 minutes to perform as many passes as possible to try and bust the balloon which was held about 3 feet off the ground with a balsa stick. If you've never tried this, your in for a real surprise. Hitting that balloon is allot harder then you would think it would be. In the end, only a few of the pilots were successful in completing the task. Points were awarded for each balloon that was destroyed. Being the very clever person that I am, I thought I'd try something different. On my initial take off roll, I aimed directly for the stick and plowed it down and popped the balloon. However, my peers claimed I cheated, and disallowed the points. Sore losers I say!

The next game was the Climb & Glide. Very easy task, even for a beginner. Basically, as soon as your wheels leave the ground (or plane leaves your hand for those inclined to hand launch), the timer starts. You have exactly 30 seconds to gain as much altitude as possible. At the 30 second mark, you must shut your engine off. At this point, you start accumulating points for every second you're in the air. Obviously, the goal was to glide for as long as possible before being forced to by the laws of physics. Extra points were awarded for your plane landing on the spot target on the runway.

The third game was again time limited to 3 minutes. This was the Touch & Goes. Basically, the goal was to take off, come around and land. Do this as many times as possible in the allotted time. Extra points were given for spot landing. As a twist, at the end you had to roll 2 dice, and the resulting number was a bonus multiplier for your score.

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Lastly, we flew a game called the Can-Can. A pop can is tied to a 50 foot long string tied to the plane. The goal was to fly the plane and drop the can on the target. You had to fly just fast enough so the can was airborne. As you came up to the target, you had to do a little dive the ground so the can would drop and touch the ground. This was one of those games that looked allot easier then it actually was. Again, you were limited to 3 minutes. This was probably the favorite game of the day. It was, at least, the most exciting as pilots tended to look at the can, and not the plane. There were a few close calls, but no fatalities.

Once all the scores were tallied up, Michel Pronovost was the winner of the day with something like 1200 points. Not too bad, if I do say so for myself. Thanks to everyone who made this day possible.

Overall, the day was a great success. We had a barbecue lunch and small canteen, that in the end, made the club about \$75.00 profit. Hopefully, next year, we'll be able to have another event with a few more pilots. The goal was to have fun, and I think we accomplished that quite easily. These type of games lend themselves to any skill level and any type of plane. You don't need anything fancy or expensive. Keep your eyes on next years calendar and plan to attend. If not as a participant, then as a spectator. You won't be disappointed.

Rick Ramalho

FOR SALE

- Hangar 9 Double Vision quick field charger for \$40.00
- Hangar 9 Sure Cycle for \$40.00

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The Great AT-6 Build-Off



What is it? It's a building contest of Nick Zi-rol's 32 inch AT-6 Harvard/Texan.

When is it? We'll kick it off at the next meeting and wrap it up in February.

Who's it for? It's for all of you. For those of you who've built models from scratch you can add another to the hangar and for those who haven't you can learn something new and have fun doing it.

Why? To have a little fun and some friendly competition.

How? Come out to the next meeting and we'll give you all the details. There'll also be full size rolled plans available for \$5 with the proceeds going to the club.

