



# Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

November 2009

## Bring and Brag



Bring and Brag is a feature of our meetings where members can bring in an item or items to show off to the other club members. This can include something you have made, something you have purchased, a technique that you would like to demonstrate.

For the past few years Bring and Brag has sort of run into a rut. Few people bring things to show, and the presentation of what is brought is not given the attention at the meeting it deserves.

Years ago we also gave away draw prizes for those who took the trouble to bring something in to show.

At the request of some members who wish to remain anonymous, we would like to restore the Bring and Brag session to it's former glory.

So please do bring in something interesting to the meeting on December 1st.

We ask that while Bring and Brag is being presented we have relative quiet in the surrounding area. The service hallways is not optimum for presentations and lately the collective conversations of the those enjoying their coffee have drowned out those speaking. **We are going to call the crowd to order so that the presenters can be heard; for those who prefer to chit-chat we will be asking that you take it back into the theatre or outside.**

To get things started back on track **there will be a prize draw** at the December meeting for Bring and Brag participants provided at least three items show up!

## Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE!!**

7:30 pm

**At the Museum**



There was a great turn out for the October meeting where your new executive were acclaimed. Daniel Marcotte is our new President, and for a complete list of the results please read the minutes on page 3.

The executive team have met twice since the last meeting and we are looking forward to making 2010 an exciting year to be a Stetson member!

There is always room for more volunteers—like most things, you get out of it what you put in to it!

## Coming Stetson Events...

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Meeting
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Flight of 2010
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Meeting
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting

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

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*There is always room to add your name here too!*

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## Newsletter Questions and Answers

**I used to get emails about club events, but they stopped coming – what happened?**

Mostly likely your email address changed or failed and we were not given a new one. To get back on to electronic distribution, just send an email to [contact@stetsonflyers.com](mailto:contact@stetsonflyers.com). By default, those with email addresses will be notified when the electronic version is ready for download. If there are any other questions, please contact me at [contact@stetsonflyers.com](mailto:contact@stetsonflyers.com).

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## 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.

## Meeting Minutes—October 27, 2009. Canada Aviation Museum

The meeting was opened at 7:40 with a motion by Mike Amodeo, seconded by Mike Gratton. Motion carried, 52 members were in attendance.

There were no guests this evening.

A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Mike Gratton, seconded by Scott Clarke.

**Treasurer's Report**—the bank balance excluding GIC's was \$491.28 as of October 27, 2009.

**Membership Report** – there are currently 117 members in good standing.

**Webmaster's Report** – nothing new to report.

**Newsletter Report**—A reminder that if you change email addresses please send your change of address to [contact@stetsonflyers.com](mailto:contact@stetsonflyers.com) so that the email list can be kept up to date.

**Field Report**—nothing new to report.

**CFI Report**—good season in spite of bad weather, some students passed and others didn't.

**Old Business**—none.

**New Business**—Ford Sommerville is in the hospital in Perth. A get-well card with photos was created by Hal and members were asked to sign it. Several members were travelling to Perth for a visit and would give it to him. The 28<sup>th</sup> would be the first day he was allowed visitors, and then only two at a time and very briefly.

Dan Marcotte presented Don Glandon with a certificate of appreciation for his two years service as President.

**Elections**—Gerry Nadon acted as the elections officer. There were no ballots since there was never more than one person for each elected position.

President	Dan Marcotte
Vice-President	Hal MacDonald
Secretary	John Jackson
Treasurer	Dan Marcotte
Events Dir.	Gary Robertson

Dan then announced the list of appointed members:

CFI	Simon Nadler
Newsletter	John Jackson
Webmaster	Simon Nadler
Field Coord	René Lepage & Louise Gélinas

A question from the floor asked if Dan could hold both President and Treasurer positions. The answer was yes, there was no rule against it. Cheques still need to be signed by two executives so John Jackson will also be asked to sign cheques.

**Safety Speech** – Please keep your dogs on a leash. Dogs have been allowed to run while others are flying creating a safety hazard. Also a member reported the gate and the trailer have been found unlocked numerous times; please lock even if it is early in the day if you are the last leaving the field.

The draw for the airplane was won by Roy Wallingford .

The meeting was closed at 8:12 with a motion from Sue MacDonald.



Roy Wallingford was the winner of the Frenzy 100 ARF that was the door prize for our Annual Meeting on October 27th. The kit had a value of \$350! Other prizes of hats, t-shirts and crests were also given



Outgoing President Don Glandon (left) accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for his two years of service as President. Presenting the award is Daniel Marcotte, incoming President.

# Pilot Spotter's Responsibility

by **Bob Ackerman**

From **Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association**

While at the field recently I was asked, "What does a pilot spotter do?" I quickly told him, "spot for the pilot." I thought about my response for a few minutes and I realized that was not a good answer.

Do you know what the responsibility of the pilot spotter is? I asked a few pilots and I got the same answer from most, "spot for the pilot." So, what does that mean?

The pilot spotter, or just spotter, is a safety person for the pilot. The pilot and spotter should be a team working together for the safety of the pilot, the spotter, the aircraft, and all parties at or near the field.

Whereas the pilot has the responsibility of flying his/her aircraft in a safe manner, the spotter has many other responsibilities, which include:

- Relay messages from the flightline and safety personnel to the pilot about landing aircraft, aircraft emergencies, or dead-stick landings by other aircraft on the field, and other information important to the pilot flying the aircraft. The pilot may be concentrating on the aircraft in flight and may not hear or pay attention to background messages on the field.
- Relay messages from the pilot to the flightline and/or safety personnel about the pilot's landing, emergency, or dead-stick landings, and other information that needs to be passed from the pilot to others.
- Be the eyes of the pilot away from the aircraft. Watch the flightline and inform your pilot of aircraft taxiing in front of the pilot, people on the runway line, obstacles on the ground if the pilot walks around while flying, or other safety issues that your pilot should be aware of.
- Watch the other aircraft in flight and inform your pilot of aircraft that may cross the flight path of his or her aircraft. Changes in pattern direction or aircraft in different flight types (aerobatic vs. pattern flight) crossing your pilot's flight path should be reported.
- Keep the pilot advised of the type of aircraft that are being started for flight. Some pilots may be flying the pattern and if a 3-D aerobatic aircraft is getting ready to fly, the pilot may decide to fly at a different altitude or land the aircraft.

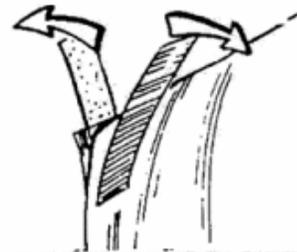
- Minimize the distractions to the pilot in flight. The spotter is the eyes and ears for the pilot. Anything that could distract the attention of the pilot should be explained so that the pilot can keep his/her eyes on the aircraft and not look at the distraction.

- A pilot spotter may also assist the pilot at contests, such as a pattern contest, by providing information to the pilot about the next maneuver at key points of the flight.

This is not a complete list of responsibilities that the spotter has. Some pilots will have specific instructions for their spotters as to what to do, what to watch for, and what to explain. Each pilot and spotter should discuss these responsibilities before each flight.

Every field has different rules for the use of a pilot spotter during flight operations. Most fields do not require a spotter when no organized event is scheduled, or the number of pilots flying is low. Other fields require a spotter on all flight activities. Most fields require the use of a pilot spotter during all scheduled events. Do check with your club or field rules about the use of a spotter.

The ultimate purpose of a pilot spotter is to increase safety for all. So be a good spotter and help keep our field, and our pilots, safe.



## **SEPARATE THOSE SHEETS**

The protective backing on some covering films can be difficult to separate, initially. A strip of masking tape applied to each side creates a "handle" on which to pull—sheets then easily peel apart.

*From the newsletter for the First Weed Wacker Aerosquadron,*

## **Bending Balsa**

I used to soak pieces of balsa in a pungent mix of ammonia and water in order to bend them around wing tip forms, or other compound curves, like a cowling form. Now I use the microwave.

Soak the balsa (or even plywood) in water for a few minutes, then zap it in the microwave. It comes out limp as a noodle, and ready to form into complex shapes.

*From the Eugene Prop Spinners, Eugene, Oregon*