



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

October 2006

Editorial Message to the Stetson Flyers

Our next meeting coincides with Halloween which contributes to low member turnout. When combined with elections and asking for help it seems that it also makes a perfect excuse to take a pass on the meeting.

As our club has grown we seem to have evolved from a group of people working together to have fun and accomplish our goals together, to a model more like the Ottawa Athletic Club where you pay your dues and expect things to be done for you. Whether it is coming up with interesting topics for the next meeting, or making sure an event runs smoothly, or picking up someone else's garbage on the flying field, there are many times where those who are doing the work get about the same respect as the employees at the Ottawa Athletic Club, specifically the janitorial staff.

Our president Scott Clarke as reluctantly agreed to stand for president again this year. I know he faces enormous pressures at work and our club cannot be his primary focus in the coming months. He is letting his name stand only because without a president, our club will begin to decay and fall apart. The same is true of our treasurer Rick Ramalho.

We really do need some keen people to step forward and let their names stand for the executive positions.

Back to my Ottawa Athletic Club analogy, the alternative might be to raise the club dues to say \$500 per year and hire someone part time to do all the work. I am sure that idea would never fly and again we would end up in decay and fall apart mode.

We really do have a great club with a lot going for us. We have money in the bank, the finest meeting place for a flying club that you can dream of, and a flying field that is the envy of many clubs in the area. We have over 100 members, so surely there is a few new people who can come forward to stand for some of these positions.

Thanks—John Jackson, Newsletter Editor

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 31st
7:30 pm

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

Annual Zone Meeting

October 29th. Starts at 9:00 AM with work shops and demos, silent auction. Business Meeting from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with prize draws follow-

Notice of Motion—made by John Jackson

In order to encourage participation in the positions that make our club work on an ongoing basis, a motion was tabled to be voted on at the Oct 31 meeting. Please contact your executive if you have feedback and cannot attend the meeting in person.

Motion:

To have membership fees waived for those members who actively participate in the running of the club through elected and appointed positions such as:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Newsletter Editor
Webmaster
CFI

Coming Stetson Events...

Oct. 29 th	Annual Zone Mtg @ C.A.M.
Oct. 31 st	Elections Meeting
Nov. 28 th	Regular Meeting
Jan. 1 st	First Flight of the New Year
Jan. 30 th	Regular Meeting

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

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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.

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 September 26, 2006

The meeting was opened at 7:45 pm with 29 people in attendance. Motion by Mike Gratton, seconded by Pierre Voyer.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published was made by Rick Ramalho, seconded by Pierre Voyer.

Membership Report

Currently at 108 members.

Treasurers Report

We have \$6304 in the bank before Giant FF expenses and grass cutting. GIC's are sitting at \$7200.

Newsletter

Contributions or feedback are needed if members would like to see content that reflects their personal interests. Membership lists were printed and made available to members.

CFI report

Maurice Edkins reported that 5 wings were awarded this year and 15 students participated. The instructors were thanked for their time by Scott:

Maurice Edkins
Pierre Voyer
Norm Kiel
Bob Butterworth

Webmaster Report

Our present webmaster has left the hobby and the club. Presently the site is being maintained by Scott and John, looking for a volunteer. One volunteer is the daughter of a member who is looking for experience, but we would prefer the task be given to a member with experience.

Elections

Elections are held at the October meeting. The Secretary position is open at present, and other positions have been doubled up with present executive. Positions for next month's election include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman

Appointed / Volunteer positions include: CFI, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Field Coordinator

Field Report

Benny Ruiter is doing a great job at maintaining the field. Expenditures for grass cutting are more than last year but less than budgeted. Lots of positive comments from people at the field.

Scott mentioned that people are still leaving garbage at the field, that he often heads home with a bag of garbage not his own. The barrels are not garbage cans! Please take home things you bring in, including your cigarette butts. Also, many times the field has been found in the morning unlocked – if you are the last to leave make sure the chain is locked. Scott will remind the stargazer crowd who use our field at night.

Also, people MUST use the transmitter impound and frequency board. Pilots have been observed taking their transmitter from the car to the pits and turning it on without looking at the frequency board to see who they were interfering with. This is a safety issue! Also, no flying behind the safety fence,

and make sure the first turn is away from the pit area. All low maneuvers must take place at the back of the runway.

If you see others not following the club rules politely point it out to them. If the situation is not corrected immediately inform Scott. If there was an accident because of violation of safety rules, bad things would happen including the cost of MAAC insurance going through the roof.

Events Report

Ed Rae Fun Fly was cancelled due to weather.

Zone Fun Fly was massive, almost too many pilots with a 1.5 hour wait time to get a chance to fly.

Heli Fun Fly was a success and will likely be repeated next year. 30+ pilots were in attendance, along with 5 turbine helicopters a sponsored pilot from British Columbia. Richard Robichaud from Discount Hobby donated a kit for the raffle with a value of \$269 – thanks Richard!

Student Fun Fly – for new pilots who received wings this year and last year. It was designed to get the students more engaged in the social aspects of our club and encourage future participation in events. There were 15 pilots in attendance and some friendly competition events, plus a 50/50 draw which netted \$32 for the club.

Giant Scale Fun Fly – went on in spite of the weather. There was good participation from Montreal, Kingston, Cornwall and Gatineau. A 110 pound roast pig was served up to 35 people. There were 20 pilots in attendance. Sunday was a winded out situation.

Guests – Simon Nadler from New Zealand
New Members – Chris Miles and Hynek Broulik

New Business

We are attempting to move the next meeting from October 31 to October 24 due to conflict with Halloween. Notice will be emailed out and published on the web site.

Motion from John Jackson to have membership fees waived for those members who actively participate in the running of the club through elected and appointed positions such as:

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After a discussion, it was decided to leave this as a Notice of Motion, allow the membership at large to read this in the newsletter, and voice any comments or concerns to the executive by phone, mail or email, or show up at the next meeting and speak in person.

Suggestions for Future Meetings

Hangar Tour
Tour of NavCan offered by Pierre Voyer

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dan Murphy, seconded by Andre Matte.

The meeting was closed at 8:45

Stetson Giant Scale Rally—September 23, 2006



Thanks to Simon Nadler who supplied all these great photos!