



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

October 2007

Important Meeting!

Just a reminder that several of the executive are stepping down this year, and we need your input on the formation of the next club executive. If we do not have an executive we do not have a club.

Would you consider being an "Executive at Large" meaning that you help the executive make decisions and see for yourself who does what in our club? You may want to take on a more specific role in coming years.

If you have something to say about the executive (good or bad) or on how the club is run, this is the meeting you need to attend.

John Jackson—Editor

Election Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th
7:30 pm

At the Museum

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

Coming Stetson Events...

October 30 th	Annual Meeting
November 27 th	Regular Meeting
January 1 st	First Flight of 2008
January 29 th	Regular Meeting



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\$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 Tuesday September 25, 2007 Vintage Wings, Gatineau Airport, QC

The meeting was opened by a motion from Chris Miles, seconded by Claude.

Gerry Nadon moved that the minutes be accepted as published, seconded by Bob Butterworth.

Treasurer's Report – We have \$7649.00 in the bank and our GIC's are coming due. They will be moved to a high interest bearing account that will provide good rate of return while keeping the money accessible.

Membership Chairman reports 93 paid members to date.

Webmaster and newsletter editor did not have any news to report.

Field Report – Benny Reuter is retiring and will be selling his lawn care business. He will try to get the new owner to continue cutting our grass for the same price. The ashes of Mike Hughson were spread at the field sometime in September at the request of his widow.

CFI Report – over the summer Maurice Edkins stepped down as CFI and Ed Whynott has stepped in to finish the year. Scott thanked Maurice for his efforts.

Events – Good display at Canada Day – nice static models and flying show in spite of wind. The Ed Rae Memorial Fun Fly was cancelled due to lack of organizers. The Heli Fun Fly was a success and attracted 30 pilots, and the event broke even. The Giant Event had 32 pilots show in spite of bad weather and turned in \$567 profit for the club.

Scott mentioned that a long time member Bill Pryde had passed away earlier in the month.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dave Asquini and seconded by Chris Miles.



WAYNE'S WARBIRDS By Wayne Smith

I haven't a lot to write about this month. I have been somewhat out of touch, with the wonderful world of warbirds, due to other more pressing matters. However, I did manage to get to the field on Sunday the 21st of October, to see "el Presidente's" Spitfire and Mike Gratton's P-40 in action. (photos attached). They looked real nice in the air however, the winds gained in strength through the morning and by noon, it was not the best for flying warbirds.

I took my P-51, which I recently repaired from a slight mishap out to fly, but because I'm not as experienced or daring as Scott and Mike I elected to stay on the ground.

Interestingly, a bomb drop by Mike, landed in the water on the north side of the runway, but it (the bomb) was found and recovered.

I recently acquired a Top Flite Gold edition Focke-Wulf 190D-9 kit (60 size) from Andre Matte, so it is sitting in my basement, waiting to be built. The "D" (for Dora) model of the FW-190, came out later in the war and had a much longer nose than the earlier models. I'm not particularly impressed with the markings on the kit, so have been searching the web, for something a little more eye-pleasing and have found a real colourful machine which was flown in a squadron known as Galland's Circus, JV 44. General Adolf Galland was head of fighter command, and became a very respected as an aviator and author (The First and the Last, an autobiography) after the war.* It has a bright red underside with narrow white stripes running lengthwise along the longitudinal axis and a rather standard camouflage colouring on the top. The German markings are also more identifiable as the black crosses are outlined in white. It was flown by Lt. Heinz Sachsenberg. This colour scheme should also be helpful while it is in the air, or if by some remote possibility it should go down in the woods. However, my Sea Fury is not yet finished, so I suspect the FW-190 will have to wait. It strikes me that it will be something to work on when I go to Florida, next March. Hopefully, the Sea Fury should either be finished or very close to completion by then, providing I get my butt in gear.

The biggest problem with this acquisition is, it will put my goal of building an airforce of British types on hold and especially my previously planned objective of building a British twin (e.g. Mosquito, Beaufighter, Wellington or Mitchell in RAF livery). Oh well, having an opponent isn't so bad!

*General Galland, died in 1996, and it interesting to note that he recorded 103 kills against western allied fighters, 7 while flying an Me 262, jet. He flew 705 missions and was awarded a Knights Cross with oak leaves, swords and diamonds and was one of only 27 recipients of this award.

Til next time

Left: Mike Gratton's P-40



Thanks to Vintage Wings for the tour and the use of their hangar for the September Meeting!