



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

October 2011

Executive Nominations

As required by our constitution, Executive Elected Positions available are as follows:

- President:** Daniel Marcotte - volunteer
- Vice-President:** Hal MacDonald
(nominated by Daniel Marcotte)
- Secretary:** John Jackson
(nominated by Daniel Marcotte)
- Treasurer:** John Jackson
(nominated by Daniel Marcotte)
- Event Director:** Gary Robertson
(nominated by Daniel Marcotte)

If the above positions remain uncontested, the above slate of officers will be acclaimed. If this happens, the following list of appointed positions will be put in to place. Of course a last minute nomination could change this!

- Chief Flying Instructor:**
Simon Nadler
(volunteer)
- Newsletter Editor:**
Gary Robertson
(volunteer)
- Safety Officer:** Hal MacDonald
(volunteer)
- Webmaster:** Simon Nadler
(volunteer)
- Field Coordinators**
In Charge Marc Lanthier
(volunteer)
Assistant Mervyn Blizzard

Note: You can nominate or volunteer for a position right up until the time the election starts. If nominating someone else, they must be present to verify that they will stand for election.

Elections Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th
Elections Meeting
7:30 PM

**Don't forget your
Bring and Brag!**
**Prize draw whenever there are 3 or
more bring and brag items.**

Coming Stetson Events...

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| Oct 25 th | Election / General Meeting |
| Nov 29 th | Regular Meeting |
| December | No Meeting during holidays |
| Jan 1 st | First Flight of 2012 |
| Jan 31 st | Regular Meeting |
| Feb 28 th | Regular Meeting |
| Mar 27 th | Regular Meeting |
| April 24 th | Regular Meeting |



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

Club Officials and Contacts

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| Events Coordinator | Gary Robertson 613-746-4209 contact@stetsonflyers.com |
| Field Coordinator | René Lepage & Louise Gélina contact@stetsonflyers.com |

There is always room to add your name here too!

Mailing Address: *new as of August 2010*

The Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club
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Dues:

\$80.00 per calendar year;
\$40.00 for Juniors under 18
\$40.00 for Students under 21 attending full-time courses
\$130.00 for families—two adults plus youths/students

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

Our web site is hosted as a community service by



Newsletter Questions and Answers

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

Most likely your email address changed or failed and we were not given a new one. When the electronic version is ready for download we send out a reminder as well as for important events and notices. To get back on our mailing list, send your email address to: contact@stetsonflyers.com

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.

Bring and Brag

Each meeting we encourage members and guests to bring something of interest to show to the group. It could be a new plane, a build in progress, or a demo of a technique. Where there are three or more items brought to the meeting we will try and have a prize draw. Items for sale are welcome but are not eligible for the Bring and Brag prize draw.

Use the back door to the museum!

To get to the back door follow the road around to the extreme left side of the museum. Pass through the gate in the perimeter fence and proceed to the back door.

Photo Credits:

Unless noted otherwise, photos in this newsletter are by our webmaster Simon Nadler, our newsletter editor John Jackson, or our Vice President Hal MacDonald.

Want to propose something?

Members in good standing can bring motions from the floor at any regular meeting. The motion will need to be seconded, then discussed and voted on by the members present. Sometimes the outcome is that the motion is tabled so more information, implications, etc. can be gathered and presented.

You can help speed up the process by giving the executive a “heads up” by sending an email to contact@stetsonflyers.com, ideally before the executive meeting which happens the Tuesday before a regular meeting. This will allow the executive team a chance to research the idea in advance of the meeting and gather any required

Meeting Minutes

27 September 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:32 at the Canada Aviation Museum. There were 43 in attendance.

Guests were welcomed by Dan Marcotte.

A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Gerry Nadon, seconded by Don Glandon. Motion passed.

John Jackson presented the financial statement since the last meeting. Gerry Nadon moved to accept the report, seconded by Bob Butterworth. Motion passed.

Dan reported the current membership count is 143 members.

The webmaster Simon Nadler reported no issues with the web site. Members are encouraged to check out the For Sale section and also the Flight School section for last minute updates.

The newsletter editor John Jackson reported that the September newsletter was done and would be available on the web within 24 hours.

Flight School report by CFI Simon Nadler. We have 24 registered students and 5 regular instructors. Eleven students earned their wings and there is a chance several more might before winter. The peak night for student pilots was 24 students. Hal MacDonald thanked Goose for his efforts and presented him with a fuel pump to replace the one that "went missing" while on loan to the flight school.

Dan reviewed the accomplishments of 2010/2011 fiscal year.

A reminder that the MAAC Zone Meeting will be at the CAM on October 2nd. ORCC are manning the various tables but the Stetsons have been asked to put on a Static Display.

Event Director Gary Robertson mentioned that we are very busy at our events and more are encouraged to come out and join in the fun. Gary reviewed the meeting highlights for 2010/2011.

Field Report – Dan thanked Louise and René who have been managing the field up to now and who will be stepping down this fall. They have also assumed the grass cutting contract since the existing cutters Jackie and Sarah have serious health problems and

are unable to continue at this time. Will need to be investigated for next year.

Zone Meeting – A static display is required October 2nd. Please bring planes around 9:00/9:30 through back door and leave them until about 4:00 pm.

Gerry Nadon may need some help with tables etc. Election – Gerry Nadon has agreed to be Sergeant at Arms / Scrutineer. Any motions to be voted on at the General Meeting must be presented now.

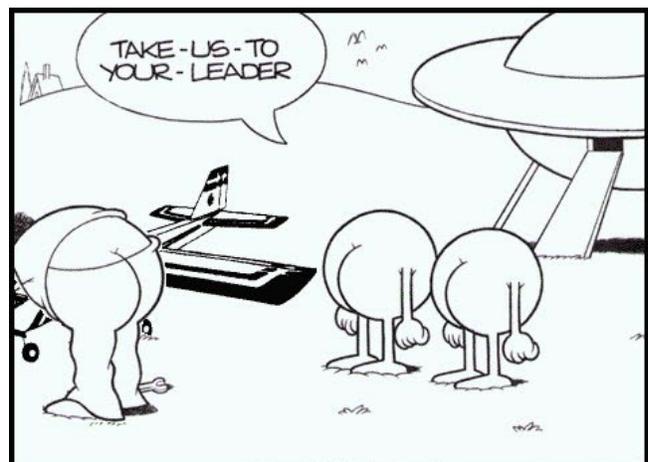
Don Glandon has a request from Brian Wattie that our Giant Scale Event become an official IMAA Mini-Fest event. IMAA Membership is \$25/year for those who wish to join. The club will look after canteen and pig. Don Glandon made the motion, seconded by Gerry Nadon, Motion passed.

Ray and Isabelle were present to thank the Stetsons for their support of aerobatics. They were asking for the club to nominate them as Scale Aerobatics Chair for MAAC. The motion was made by Gerry Nadon and seconded by Ed Whyntott, Motion passed.

Hal MacDonald gave a safety update.

André Matte won the 50/50 Draw taking home \$66.

The meeting was closed followed by Bring and Brag and a tour of the museum, hangar and workshops thanks to Gerry Nadon.



Treasurer's Report from September Meeting

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| Investment: | |
| - TD Term Deposit GIC renewed for one year at .75% including Shelter fund | \$11,292.67 |
| Bank balance | |
| - As of May 31, 2011 | \$ 1,799.32 |
| Revenue: | |
| - Events: Ed Rae, Warbird, Electric, IMAC, Giant Scale and new flyers | \$ 1,304.69 |
| - 50/50 (\$ 650.50), T-shirt and hats sales(\$ 825.00) | \$ 1,475.50 |
| - Flying School revenues (Registration and book sales) | \$ 310.00 |
| - Memberships renewal | <u>\$ 1,680.00</u> |
| Total revenues | \$ 4,770.19 |
| Expenses: | |
| - Bank fees | \$ 76.75 |
| - Flying School batteries, connectors, and other items | \$ 195.72 |
| - Grass cutting contract (2 payments) & Brush cutting contract | \$ 1,900.00 |
| - Field maintenance items including BBQ, culverts, portable shelter. | \$ 1,977.08 |
| - PO BOX mail renewal | \$ 152.55 |
| - Purchase of T-Shirts | <u>\$ 494.94</u> |
| Total expenses | \$ 4,796.54 |
| Bank Balance: | |
| -As of Sept 27, 2011 (Not including our GIC) | \$ 1,772.97 |
| - Upcoming expenses: Grass cutting, toilet cleaning, Pilot wings etc.. | |



Think Again—Blink Again!

ON THE SAFE SIDE

Don Nix, AMA Insider Safety Column Editor

In my last column (In the Blink of an Eye), I told of a personal mishap with CA adhesive. Shortly after that issue went online, reader Darwin Hawkins of Kansas responded with his own personal incident:

“A few years back I put some CA on a rather involved joint. Hit it with the kicker and the joint exploded in my face. I had not noticed that a pool of it had formed in a corner. Lucky for me, I had my reading glasses on, as the CA splattered right into the line of vision in the center of my right lens and actually etched the plastic in several places. I still have those glasses.

They hang on the end of the pull cord I use to turn on the light over my work bench. I can never turn on that light without being reminded that safety glasses can save your eyes. Who would have ever thought you need safety glasses when working with CA?”

Thanks, Darwin. Personal experiences from you readers out there are usually more interesting—and likely to be taken seriously—than anything I can preach about. Keep ‘em coming on any subject related to safety.

Since writing the previous column, I remembered a second personal experience with CA that threatened to be more serious than just getting my face spat-tered. I can’t imagine any modeler who hasn’t read the warnings on CA bottles about minimizing the inhalation of fumes, using with plenty of ventilation, etc.

However, I have to admit that I sometimes become pretty casual about such warnings, especially after using a particular product for a while without incident.

These days, we are inundated with a virtual Niagara of warnings. So much so that they become like wall-paper, and our eyes glaze over when reading them. Because of the litigious society we live in these days, lawyers insist manufacturers warn about every possible hazard, however slight the likelihood or how silly it might seem. For example, some manufacturers of model propellers are putting stickers on them saying something like “Do not put fingers in spinning propellers.” Uhhh ... yeah.

As the old saying goes, “It’s impossible to make anything foolproof, because fools are so ingenious!” After using CA for years with no problems, I had assumed I was immune to any adverse effects.

Well, we all know what happens when we assume something.

Staying up late one Friday night, I was doing a lot of sheeting on the leading edges of a pair of wings so I could cover them the next day. I spent a couple of hours using copious amounts of CA, with my face up very close so I could see in all the nooks and cran-nies.

Near the end of the task, I noticed I was beginning to wheeze a little, and by the time I cleaned up and made it to bed, I sounded like someone in the last stages of emphysema. Having had a daughter with severe asthma, I began to realize what she must have gone through in many of her attacks.

I spent the next two nights propped up about 30° in my bed so I could breathe. The first thing I did the next day was to order one of those masks that control such problems. I think the one I bought was made by 3M and cost perhaps ten bucks. Yeah, it was a bit of a nuisance to wear the thing, but a couple of days wheezing around the house made a believer out of me. And my wife thought the Darth Vader look improved my appearance.

Now might be a good time to review the precaution-ary information on the various products you use—household materials as well as hobby products. They are there for a purpose, and usually because some-body somewhere has suffered ill effects.

I’m always happy to answer reader questions (if I can) at FLYERDON@aol.com. Until next time, happy modeling and flying ... safely.

Tips & Tricks

from the First State R/C Club, Willmington, Delaware

Wires

Get a hold of a junk VCR and take it apart. Quite often there are a lot of wire harnesses in it. While the wire is other colors, as well as black and red, it is high quality and works very well for RC hookups.

Lite Ply Replacement

My favorite material is “doorskins” to use in place of Lite Ply. You can purchase these at your local building supply company for around 5 bucks. The sheets are 36-inches wide by 80-inches high and about 1/8-inch thick. I have used this in place of Lite Ply in fuselage sides, hatches, landing gear mounts, servo mounts, etc., and have never had a failure.