



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

October 1999

Next Meeting

Tuesday October 26, 7:30 pm

Bush Theatre
National Aviation Museum

Elections Tonight!
Bring your Show and Tell!



President's Message

Well here we are again into our meeting season. I missed last month's newsletter. There are a few things to pass on.

Our membership is up to 115. We haven't tallied the income from membership as to what we had budgeted yet. In August, we did not have up to date records, and we thought we might be in trouble with this. Of course this not the case, Erich has got the records up to date. Our balance is around \$3,000. So I had delayed any work for the field until we knew where we stood.

Some of you know that I had made a commitment that the funds raised within the club would go towards the field. Erich has the figure and it will be used for that. It just means we are delayed till next season. So our finances are in good shape.

The field got a shot in the arm in preparations for the giant event The ditch repairs were put aside because the cost had become to expensive compared to our given estimate. So next season we will find another way to repair our ditches and extend the one towards the north and south runway. You will notice that this runway has been extended to its original length and widened a bit. We should try to extend it a bit more.

On the negative side, we have found some problems with memberships. It is unbelievable that people do not feel obligated to be a responsible

member. If someone forgets and we haven't followed it up, then it is easily fixed. But if we are encouraging someone to forgo the club dues, that is unforgivable, if we are encouraging someone to forgo the MAAC dues, for that your membership should be revoked. Don't get me wrong, we can do this. If a member is detrimental to the club in any way, his membership can be suspended. We are working on a few at this time.

Speaking of membership, the MAAC magazine will not be shipped to you, if you dues are not paid by printing time. So get your dues in early! Our club fiscal year is Jan. to Dec. So, please keep this in mind when you pay up.

Election night at the next meeting. Bert Fortier,

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is canvassing, so you do not have to worry about getting railroaded at the meeting. We need help for next year. One thing I will be suggesting for the next year is a membership clerk. We need to have closer check on who has their MAAC memberships. Please show your support. We are one of the most active clubs in the region, this does not happen by accident.

Our events went extremely well. June 6th, the anniversary fun-fly was fantastic. With 58 registrations, lots of airplanes, even if it was windy. We had a full breakfast served by Celine Martin, (Serge's wife), Monicque Poulin, Monicque Piche, THANKS. What a job they did! Then later on we had a bar-b-q, serving hamburgers, hot dogs and a large birthday cake to cele-

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Upcoming Important Dates

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 National Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

October 26th	Elections Meeting
November 29th	Regular Meeting

brate MAAC's 50th. It was a celebration. Ross MacEwen, our zone director gave us \$150 and 50 crests for the event. Everyone paid \$5/pilot and \$8/family for a crest and both meals. Thank you to the breakfast girls, Serge, Bert Fortier, Terry Vajionis, my wife Denise, Erich of course, John Jackson, Richard Robichaud for all your help. Yes I probably forgot someone.

The pattern event I gather went fairly well. Report is separate in this issue.

The giant event, wow! As you know, my previous involvement with giant scale has been very strong. This was our first for this club. Wanting to protect the Kingston, because I use to work on it, and made a commitment to do so. The only choice was the late date of Sept. 19th. Also, I wanted to have a positive note with our club members. As you have no doubt heard, these worries were for nothing. It was overwhelming, to say the least.

In attendance 49 pilots, 61 aircraft, many modeler spectators, a wonderful pig roast. The atmosphere was perfect, hard to find a word suitable. It sure was humbling.

We had pilots from the whole region, Montreal, Toronto as well. We had 4 or 5 campers. A well-run canteen. Eighty joined us for supper with the star of the event, the pig. It was so nice to see some old friends all together for another good time. Good fellowship!

The models, what quality, were a sight to behold. And we made \$600 on the event. This includes paying, \$126 for the rental of the mowers and whipper snipper, the rented outhouse. And Discount Hobbies paid for the pilots' registration fee, a cheque for \$250.

Thank you: Richard Robichaud, Terry Vajionis, Abe & Carol Biickert, Tony Michelson, Erich & Serge of course, Erich's wife Caroline and friend, Christine Devlin, Claude & Josee Brunette, Mike Gratton and Girlfriend (sorry), Mike Ingham, Rob Hammond, (the pig roast) with Dave Esquane, Dave Hammond and Chris Burrige. Gerry Paquette, for the pictures. Check the poster at the hobby shop. And apologies those I missed.

Next year, Sept. 18 & 19 again, with members' permission of course, we will do it again. Thank you to those who worked, who participated, who came to spectate. An event to proud of!

Our next meeting as mentioned above, is election night. Bring something for SHOW N' TELL. Surprise us!

Happy Flying,
Gerry Nadon
MAAC 5271L

FOR SALE: If you have something you would like to sell, feel free to send me the details and I will add it to our next newsletter!

Minutes of the Club Meeting

September 28, 1999

Aviation Museum
Attendance: 39

1.0 Gerry opened the meeting welcoming all including visitors.

1.1 The minutes of the May Dinner meeting were accepted by Christine Devlin and seconded by John Jackson,

1.2 Erich reported that the membership total is currently at 109. This had grown recently helping out the current cash position.

1.3 The current bank balance is \$2938.91 with the year's beginning balance being \$1090.46 as reported by Erich. The Work Party Day had rental expenses of \$327.55 for equipment as well as other costs for supplies. The new outhouse had a cost of \$368.45. The June FunFly finished up breaking even with the help of sponsorship by MAAC and revenues raised. The Giant Rally produced \$687.00 in profit for the club. A motion was moved to accept this report. Bert Fortier accepted with Terry Satchell seconding the motion.

1.4 Gerry encouraged all members to promote membership in our club and have guests join the club. A guest is to be accompanied by a member and should join if they intend to use the field again.

1.5 Gerry thanked all that helped out for the events over the past summer. These events included the June FunFly, OPP Event, Pattern contest, and the Giant Rally.

1.6 Richard Robichaud put forth a motion to have the Giant Rally continue next year.

1.7 Gerry thanked Roger Hiscocks for the website and John Mattheson for photos promptly placed on the site.

1.8 Gerry Paquette was also thanked for his pictures taken at the Giant Rally.

1.9 John Jackson who currently is publishing the club newsletter requested articles and reviews for upcoming issues from the membership. John would also need to know if any addresses are incorrect. Future newsletters may be forwarded by e-mail to save costs where possible.

2.0 Bob Butterworth, our Chief Flying Instructor, feels this past training season was successful with 6-7 stu-

dents earning their wings. Bob thanked all the instructors that came out to help this year.

2.1 Gerry talked on plans for the field. Brush-cutting may be done very soon at a cost of \$150.00 with George Pepper assisting with the arrangements. Gerry also wants to have some drainage ditches dug. The ditch at the gate was cleaned out with the dirt removed at a cost of \$450.00. These ditches have all been neglected and they should be cleaned out.

2.2 Gerry reminded all that last year it was decided that a committee would canvas the club for executive nominations prior to the October Meeting. Bert Fortier will be heading this up for this year. Gerry added that the club membership should remember that we have a constitution and should all try to follow it. Terry Satchell suggested that perhaps portions of the constitution should be printed in the newsletter to help educate the membership.

2.3 The Pranged Pig Award was put to the members in attendance to decide the winner. Terry Satchell was acclaimed the recipient after explaining his misfortunes with his Stealth model.

2.4 Chris Burrige had been invited by Gerry to bring his P-47 Thunderbolt and talk of his success at winning at this year's Nationals. Chris spoke of the scale contest and stressed the fun of the competition and how he wishes there were more local participants in this facet of the hobby. A scale event may be in the works for the our club next season. Also Chris mentioned that the World's will be coming to Tilsonberg in 2 years. Congratulations were offered to Chris.

2.5 Richard Robichaud of Dicount Hobbies told all that he has a new employee working part-time for him. Scott Gray is a champion r/c helicopter pilot as well as an exceptional overall pilot as well.

2.6 The MAAC Zone Meeting will be Sunday October 17. Serge will be calling for display models and may require some help for setup.

2.7 The meeting was adjourned with coffee and Show 'n' Tell.

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**Scenes from the Ottawa Valley Zone Meeting
October 17, 1999
Pictures by John Mathewson**



Serge Martin and Bob Butterworth's Corsair



Gliders from ORCC



Stan Shaw, New Ruler, Electric Oldtimer



M. Irvine, Hawker Fury, Kingston



John Mathewson, Liberty Sport



The Ottawa Rocketry Club had an amazing display of their rockets.

Precision Aerobatics Contest September 4 and 5, 1999

The 1999 edition of the annual Stetson Flyers Precision Aerobatics Contest was held on the 4th and 5th of September. Unlike last year, this year's event saw clear sunny skies and relatively light winds. The only minor drawback was the 30 degree heat which made thirsty work for the judges.

The event grew again this year to 19 registered competitors in the Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Expert classes. The FAI flyers were on their way to the World Championships in Florida so they could not be at the contest. All other classes were well represented. We were very pleased to host our Zone Director, Ross McEwan, who came out from Deep River to spectate.

Karl Mueller stopped by on his way to judge at the World Championships to fly in the Expert class. Alan Hewson, CD of the Thorton event, moved up from Advanced to make a competition of it. Karl's experience showed in a first place finish but Alan did a fine job, flying an unfamiliar pattern. Alan now plans to spend next season competing in the Expert class. Look out, Karl!

The fiercest competition of the contest was in the Advanced class. Walter Ernstberger, of the Seaton Valley Club repeated his win in Advanced with Ed Cotton of the Seatons close behind. Tim Pascoe of Hamilton placed third. Tim proved that a .61 two-stroke can be competitive in this class with a fine showing.

The Intermediate class had six flyers. Eric Schonken from the Seaton club placed first, with Lloyd Graham of the Seaton club second and Xavier Mouraux of Montreal third. The only flying mishap of the week-end occurred when the Contest Director (me) had a flame-out on an attempted go around. The damage was not very bad and the aeroplane is repaired as good as new.

We tried a different format for Sportsman this year with each flyer repeating the sequence twice on each flight. There have been complaints in the past about the length of the Sportsman schedule, but the flyers went home happy this year. We also competed Sportsman as two separate one-day events, with prize plaques plus gift certificates donated by Serge at Multi Hobby and Richard at Discount Hobbies going to the first, second and third place finishers. Stetson Flyers members Charlie Colwell, in his first competition, and Dave Crocker, who had to battle inconsistent engine runs due to the heat, placed second on Saturday and Sunday respectively. Good show guys!

These events are fun and challenging for the competitors but do not happen without a lot of work. The Contest Director is usually credited (or blamed) for

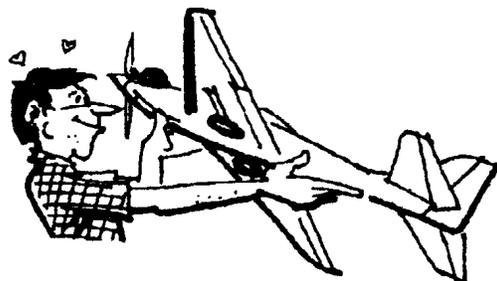
the high quality of the event but there were many others who contributed to a successful contest. Many of the competitors wives and family assisted with scribing chores and helped Charmaine (Mrs Langille) in the canteen. Particular thanks go to my daughters, Sarah and Justine, and Petra Hewson for stalwart duties in the scribe's chair; and Roger Hiscocks and Frank Reaume who competed in Intermediate and entered scores into the computer all weekend. Roger also assisted with production of the prize plaques, set-up of the scoring software and sweated in the sun on Friday along with yours truly and Dave Crocker as we installed the marker poles, marked the runway and erected the welcome sign.

Special thanks go to Stetson club members Terry Vajionis, Serge Martin, Gary Baughman and John Jackson. Terry ran the impound both days, in the exhausting heat. Serge was his usual energetic, helpful self; getting the generator (thanks Richard), helping with field set-up and attending to a myriad of other details. Gary showed up, unbidden, and assisted in the canteen. John lent us extension cords on really short notice when the CD forgot his. You guys represented the Club well and we really appreciated your efforts. Thanks are also owed to the club membership for the use of the field.

There was one serious dark spot on this fine weekend when thieves broke into Jim Eichenburg's truck Saturday night and stole both of his Legacy pattern aeroplanes. He was staying at the Chimo Inn. If anyone is offered a deal on a YS61, YS91 and/or Futaba PCM flight pack or if you see these aeroplanes offered for sale, please report it to the Regional Police for investigation before you buy.

This little contest has already grown into the year-end wrap-up event for Ontario and Montreal. It is very gratifying to me to see the support we receive from other clubs. We are told that the relaxed, friendly atmosphere is the reason people keep coming back. We hope that the contest will grow a bit more next year since there are already 25 flyers who are planning a week-end in Ottawa. We also want to increase local participation. Hopefully, the membership will support our event next year, tentatively planned for the 2nd and 3rd of September, 2000. We'll have the last Ontario contest of the Millennium!

Ken Langille
Contest Director



Poetry Takes Flight^t

This Spring, my English teacher, Madame Josée Robichaud assigned us the task of writing a series of poems. Being the flight fanatic that I am, all my poems revolved around the theme of “Things that fly”. Mrs. Robichaud kindly offered to display my Poetry collection in her husband’s Discount Hobbies, in hope that it might interest people who share my fascination for airplanes. I agreed without hesitation. I was proud and my father was pleased as he noticed the thoughtful way in which my work was being displayed. The poster happened to catch the attention of Mr. Gerry Nadon, the president of the Stetson Flyers. He contacted my teacher to know who had written these poems as he intended to offer the young author a chance to take flight in a whole different way. This is how Mr. Nadon came to offer me the incredible chance of flying a real radio-controlled model airplane !

A few weeks later, my father and I set out to club’s flying field where we met Marc Shaw who would be my tutor for the day. Marc first explained to us the start-up routine: he fueled up his tank, checked the servos and control surfaces, did a radio check, warmed up the glow plug and spun the nose cone and BBBBRRRAAAAAA! The plane was ready to go! We took the plane to the runway. Marc informed the other radio-control flyers that he was ready for take off and the plane lifted gracefully from the runway! When the plane was stable in flight, he handed me a transmitter connected to his (the one with no antennae which they call a buddy box) and suddenly I found myself controlling a very expensive mechanical bird in the sky! (With the buddy system of course)! Yeaouch! Then came my first mistake! Marc took over the controls and

a moment later when the Beaver had resumed a smooth controlled flight course, he passed me the controls again. I struggled to maintain a steady pattern but it was no easy task. When my hands could not guide the plane safely, Marc patiently took control of the aircraft. Towards the end of the session, I felt I was slowly getting better at it. Marc landed a deadstick, fixed the bad throttle linkage and offered me another try. This time, instead, I let my dad try his hand at the controls. He found it was extremely hard to keep the plane in the air! I was offered another short turn and then Marc flew his Kavalier, a faster, more aerodynamically designed airplane. He demonstrated great skill in manoeuvring this plane. We talked about some mechanical aspects involved in radio-controlled aircraft, of such things as ducted fans and turbine engines. Then, too soon, it was time to bid our instructor farewell.

My comments about that day: Fun, exhilarating, fantastic! In the weeks that followed, I found myself daydreaming, reliving the thrill and excitement of this flying session. The experience left me hoping of one day owning one of these magnificent flying machines. Of course I have still a lot to learn to become a true pilot, a flying ace, but I had loads of fun learning! I’m hooked. Thank you, Mr. Nadon, and Marc of the Stetson Flyers, for this unique experience! Thank you, Madame Robichaud, for without your encouragement, all this would not have been possible.

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