



Welcome to the: Stetson Flyers

MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

2014



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The Stetsons

The Stetson Flyers were founded in 1976 by a group of RCMP officers—hence the name Stetson Flyers, after the famous hats the Mounties wear. We typically have about 100 members and are incorporated as a non-profit organization. We are a MAAC Chartered Club.

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Member's interests include Giant Scale, Precision Aerobatics, Sport flying, Electric, and Helicopters. We fly a wide variety of aircraft in sizes from large planes of 3 metres and more wingspan, down to micro indoor models weighing in at only a few grams. They come in every colour including pink. *Yes, there are women flying too!*

The Stetsons Club is known for its friendly attitude both on and off the field. Our members are helpful and courteous to guests and spectators, and are always pleased to explain our hobby to others. We participate in a variety of public events each year, supporting several local organizations.



Meetings

The Stetson Flyers meet eight times a year for brief business meetings followed by technical seminars, Bring'N'Brag sessions, occasional movies and videos plus ongoing swap shop at meetings. We often have door prizes for attendance and a draw for Bring'N'Brag.

Clubhouse: We enjoy one of the best possible venues for our club meetings: **The Canada Aviation and Space Museum!** Meetings are held in the Bush Theatre on the last Tuesday of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan. Feb. March, April and May. Meet and greet starts at 7:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM and go to about 9:30 PM depending on the session held after the business meeting. Parking fees are \$3.00.



2014 Events

We have several organized events during the year with a goal of providing something for everyone. Saturday flying dates have Sunday as the Rain Date.

January 1: First Flight Contest

March 1: Winter Fun Fly

May 4: Field Clean Up

June 7-8: Ed Rae Memorial Fun Fly

July 1: Display at Canada Aviation Museum

July 5-6: IMAC Event

July 19-20: Scale Over Ottawa

August 23: Heli Fun Fly

September 6-7: IMAA-Giant Scale

September 28: New Flyers Fun Fly

Winter: Stetson members frequently fly during winter months. Please check our web site at www.stetsonflyers.com for up to date information on these and other events.



Stetson Field



The Stetson Flying Field is located at 5800 Frontier Road, Ottawa, just south of Hwy 417. Take Boundary Road Exit 96 South, turn left on Devine and left on Frontier. We have lots of open space and parking.

There are two grass runways, each with a barrier fence to protect pilots and designated pilot stations. As a MAAC registered flying site we meet all current MAAC safety regulations. Our Pit area contains several assembly tables and a transmitter impound area, plus loads of room. We have a sizeable shelter to keep you out of the sun on hot days with picnic tables for socializing. A separate sheltered area is used for the BBQs during events and yes, there is a Porta-Potty.

Please note: Our field is locked when not in use. Members have the combination, but if there are no members flying we ask that visitors not access the field for safety reasons.

The only thing you will not find at our flying field are garbage cans—we ask everyone to bring any garbage items home with them!

Wings Program

Before a student or a new member from other clubs can fly on their own at the field, they must demonstrate safety and proficiency to the Chief Flying Instructor, who will then grant them their 'wings'.

There is a one-time fee of \$20 to join our Wings Program. The instructors will meet with the students in the spring at workshops where theory and safety are discussed and the student planes can be inspected. This makes sure the plane is ready to fly when you first show up for a flying lesson.

We reserve one night a week (Tuesdays) for students at the field. For more details on dates, times and a list of instructors, please visit the Wings Program area on our web site: http://stetsonflyers.com/flight_school.html

If you are building a plane and need some advice, bring your project out to the next meeting where club members will be happy to offer you advice, suggestions, and perhaps a personal anecdote or two.



Insurance

All people wishing to fly at our flying field must be able to prove they have a current membership with Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) at www.MAAC.ca. Among other things, membership in MAAC gives you liability protection should your plane get into an accident that causes injury or property damage. Please note, visiting guest(s) from south of the border holding a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership, are most welcome, as well.

