



Well, here we are, spring has officially sprung. We have had some mild weather but it is still quite damp and we can expect those annual April showers to keep it that way for a while. I stopped at the field last Saturday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) and the road repairs we did last summer look to have held up fairly well, that's good. There is not a lot to report on other than to summarize the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and to hear from the Club President, so here goes.

## **President's Message**

First I want to thank all the Heydenshore volunteers for their service. The club puts on the best show in the area, and it's been a club tradition for around twenty years. It takes planning and effort, and the crew who volunteered this year did a magnificent job, as usual. Special mention must go to Marlene Coulby, who organizes and sells tables and runs the canteen. See Don Cavanaugh's article in last months' newsletter for the details.

A recent change in MAAC policy requires us to adhere to rules as soon as MAAC puts them on their website, so it's a good idea to check there periodically. A couple of March additions to the General News section are worth reading: "Urgent Insurance Information" and "Crash Videos."

The approach of flying season requires me to give a safety reminder. Please review the club rules, which are found on the club website. It wouldn't hurt to check the Safety Code on the MAAC website. It's under Forms & Documents, Main MAAC Documents. You're responsible for knowing the rules; if you follow them it helps keep our insurance in effect.

Be sure to secure your plane from moving in the pits, carry it out and back, and keep your fingers out of the prop. Call when you're taking off and landing. Check for damage before flying again after an upset. Avoid flying over hikers, people on horseback, and park employees and vehicles. Use a spotter to alert you to pedestrians on the field.

Let's maintain an awareness of full-size aircraft too. The on-course from Oshawa Airport's runway extends right over our neck of the woods, and Brooklin is a checkpoint for traffic arriving from the training area north of us.

We are inside the Oshawa Control Zone, protected airspace which extends from the ground to 3000 feet above sea level. Helicopters and ultralites cruise at the same height as our models!

Let's also do what we can to limit noise and prolong our welcome in the neighbourhood.

Have another great flying season!

Best Regards

John Alford - President

## **MEETING TIDBITS**

There were 25 members in attendance including the 3 directors of our little corporation.

There were no new members to be introduced or wings to be presented.

A brief review of the minutes of the previous meeting was received from the secretary

A brief summary of Heydenshore and the status of membership was received from the treasurer. We currently have 35 paid up members.

Ken Currell displayed and discussed the component pieces of a computer controlled foam cutting system he is building. Very interesting stuff.

Ralph Trauzzi demonstrated an electric motor test stand and computer program which enables the collection of accurate performance figures for the operation of electric powered aircraft and allows for tuning and propeller selection. He also brought along some video clips including footage of the world champion indoor pilot. Amazing flying.

Bob Byrnes showed a WW II era film documenting the field assembly of a P-47 fighter. It was kind of like a full scale ARF going together. I think the warbird fans found it interesting.

Show and Tell featured a beautiful KMP ARF model of the well known CL-215 water bomber. Ken Parton displayed this fine model which is electric powered.

Don Cavanaugh reported on the pylon racers building sessions he has hosted at his home over the last several weeks. There were 21 new kits put together and with the recovery of some from last year that were never built there is a

ready stock of airframe kits. The paltry sum of \$20.00 gets you a kit and with the simple addition of a .25 motor you have a racer. The guys will help you get it set up and dialed in and you could be in the air and having some fun very cheaply. Come on out on a Tuesday race night and watch. You might get bitten by the bug.

Our fellow club member, Eric Dizenbach, was in attendance despite his recent brush with ill health in the form of a detached retina. He has had the repair surgery and has been advised he is in for a prolonged recovery. I know we all join in best wishes for a complete return to good health in time to get flying.

That's about it for now. Don't forget the next meeting is on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. I urge all to attend. Bring along your winter project to display, bring along something to offer in a Trash and Treasures auction, bring along anything you might want to sell or give away, bring along a thirst for coffee or just bring along yourself to share the blather. It's all good stuff

Best Regards to all – Bob Byrnes, secretary