



## **Whitby Aeromodellers Newsletter April 2010**

Hello WAM members and other guests of the Club Website. I think we are truly “in the doldrums” at this time of year. I have accomplished virtually nothing in terms of winter project construction and I am very much looking forward to Spring arriving to get restarted. The recent warm weather makes me hopeful. Attendance at the March meeting indicated to me that many more of you must be similarly disinterested in R/C right now. I know there will be a general recovery once flying resumes. The minutes of the March Meeting will be reported upon with appropriate deletions.

### **HERE WE GO**

The meeting convened at 7:05 PM with 13 members in attendance including the three directors of the corporation

The Trash and Treasures was a non event, there having been nobody who brought anything in to donate or sell.

The Show and Tell portion was similarly underwhelming. Don Cavanaugh reported that the intention to sell the overstock supply of the delta coroplast pylon racers at Heydenshore was a bust, there having been no tables available to do this. Kelly Curl says he will expose them at his shop in an effort to sell them to recoup some club expenses. They really are a good flying almost indestructible CHEAP little plane.

The Heydenshore Show and Sale was addressed by President Alford by way of thanking all who volunteered and those who donated prizes, namely Kelly Curl’s Flying Stuff Hobbies, Parker Leung, Pinnacle Hobbies, Peter Hill and the WAM’s. John Alford indicated that there would be no Marlene COULBY next year with her friends and Family who have always been vital to the functioning of the event. She was Thanked by John . Next Year a much greater role will have to be filled by the club if the Show and Sale is to continue and flourish. The date has been secured and allowance around the proposed dates of other similar events has been made.

Secretary Bob Byrnes then reported upon the minutes of the previous meeting from February.

There was no Wings Program report, the C.F.I., not being in attendance. There was one student member present who was advised how to contact Dave Parton.

A brief field report indicated the need for a new windsock. John Alford has ordered one. Ed Tureski reports the gate requires repair. It scrapes excessively on the ground. The cure may be digging down the driveway a bit.

There was a reminder that Club Shirts may be ordered through Kelly Curl at his shop and Howard advised that 10 shirts have been purchased by the club for use as giveaways.

Proposed Combat rules were discussed.

Howard advised that a report on the Heydenshore event is available to members on the members only section of the club website. The date is the weekend of February 27-28 next year. There was a general discussion around a potential change of venue due to the event having been completely sold out vendor wise this year. Some comments were to the effect that the General Sikorski Hall is too expensive and that a high school gym, although cheaper, might not provide the tables etc., and, be more expensive in the end and require much more work.

Treasurer Howard gave a brief summary of club finances, details available on website. The figures not reported here since this is a public forum. There were 38 members at this time last year with an eventual total of 72. We have 58 at present.

Kelly Curl provided a list of proposed variations on the theme of rules for Combat. The issue of scheduling was addressed and it was noted that the event would be hosted by the various participating clubs, these being Whitby, Ajax and Oshawa.

A Spring Fun Fly was discussed and Howard and Tom Ayling have started considering Dates and structure of the event. It was agreed that last Fall's event was a resounding success and that there was very little reason to do anything differently. Organization of this event will continue with Howard and Tom taking the lead.

Kelly Curl suggested that Howard, as the club's webmaster should be financially compensated. The feeling of those in attendance was that the club would have to pay for this service if Howard couldn't or wouldn't do it. Further discussions will take place. Howard excused himself from any discussion on the subject, but, the consensus seems to be that some form of payment is appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

## **Club Trainer – by Howard Smith**

It has been suggested several times in the past that the club should consider the purchase of a trainer type aircraft to have at events such as open-houses, fun-fly's etc to let prospective members take a demo-flight. Having an aircraft available to act in this capacity would be a great asset to the club. This would also help supplement the club's training activities by having a plane to offer to new students who haven't got their gear ready to fly yet or to the student who shows up on training night only to discover they've forgotten to charge their batteries or are having some other technical failure. The DX5e radio it's equipped with allows for buddy-box connections to any JR radio.

Responding to this suggestion, the club has purchased a new airplane for just these purposes. Specifications about the airplane are available below.



Airframe	Hobbico Avistar ARF
Radio	Spektrum DX5e with AR6200 receiver
Power	TR 42-40B Brushless Outrunner (600W)
Servos	3 X HXT 6.9kg .16sec Twin Bearing
Batteries	5-Cell Lithium Polymer 3000mAh (4 purchased)
Speed Control	Turnigy 85A with 4A BEC

The decision was made to convert this plane to electric based on safety, noise and reliability concerns. Having 4 oversize batteries on-hand should allow for approx 1-hour continuous flying time.

This aircraft is currently being assembled and will be presented at the May 30 spring fun fly. Hopefully we'll be able to do some demo-flights with it that day and generate some public interest in R/C Flight!

While we're on the topic of training, I'm trying to gather information about the club's training equipment. I'd like to have a complete inventory done of the equipment so we can see what we have and what we need. Following that, we will be serializing all the equipment and tracking who

has what, sign out and sign in for equipment on loan. If you have and know the location of any of the club's training equipment – please email me and let me know.

While we're on the subject of training... I'll be updating the calendar on the website soon to show the new training dates as well as the combat dates. Training will be Tuesday nights again, same as last year. I'm thinking we'll start earlier this year to take advantage of the good weather we've been having. We'll have to keep an eye on the sunset times, but I think in a couple of weeks we should be ready to start. Watch the website.

As always... if anyone needs anything, just send me an email and I'll try to get it done.

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## AND FINALLY

# SPRING FUN FLY 2010!

**MAY 30, 2010. DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

As noted elsewhere on this website, preparations for a club Funfly on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May are proceeding. Club Treasurer Howard Smith and Club Social Convener Tom Ayling are very much in the lead again and are owed a debt of Thanks for getting this club up off it's butts to have a couple of events. Last years Funfly was a great day with a lot of members attending. Please try to attend the meeting this month and add your voice to the discussions and make your offer of assistance. These guys shouldn't be expected to do it all.

Did you hear the one about the little old lady driving down the highway when she had a flat tire? She stopped on the shoulder and went into her trunk and took out two lifesize cardboard posters of men wearing trenchcoats held open to expose their private parts and placed them at the back of her car. She then proceeded to change the tire. Traffic of course slowed as drivers stared at the cardboard posters. A traffic cop arrived and said to the lady, "what are you doing"? She replied, "fixing a flat tire". He said, "what's with the posters"? The lady said, " why, those are my emergency flashers ".....

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