



Whitby Flyer



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December 2009

WOW, we made it to December without any snow, that is apparently the first time since the 1930's that that has happened. I hope that most of you guys are well and truly into your winter build projects. The November meeting was not quite so well attended as had been the case in October and I would like to join with John Alford in encouraging members to come out to the meetings. They sometimes get a little routine, but are an important part of belonging to a club, and with the more experienced guys sharing information are very useful to new modelers. I hope to see lots of you folks at the next scheduled meeting on January 17th in 2010. We don't meet in December because many folks are busy with the Christmas season. I find it is always fun, but, busy and never restful. The November meeting was highlighted by the annual election and in the interest of clarity and brevity I will copy the meeting minutes here.

Minutes of the November 15th, 2009 meeting

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm with 13 members in attendance at that time. The meeting was joined by Robert Byrnes, club secretary who arrived at about 7:30 pm. This meant that there were 14 members present including the 3 directors of the corporation. Notes were kept by Don Cavanaugh until the arrival of Byrnes.

Show and Tell

Kenny Parton had with him his 1/4 scale Fokker D-VII which he has partially completed. It is from the Balsa USA kit and will be about 20 pounds and is powered with a Brison gas engine. The plane will be covered in Sig Coverall and painted with Latex paint.

Don Mitchell advised that he has had success with Benjamin Moore Latex thinned with Blue windshield washer solvent and uses the blue tape for masking. He has tried the water based paint marketed by Canadian Tire and is not pleased with the slow drying when applied over primer. A further tip was to the effect that on the WW I models the wheels should both be affixed to the axle which then spins in the undercarriage. This improves ground handling.

Kelly Curl then spoke about the low cost foam aircraft he is selling that will be suitable for pylon or combat. He advised that 5 guys in Ajax and a similar number in Oshawa plan to meet once a month for informal combat matches at various fields.

General Discussion

Ed Tureski reported having heard "from a neighbour", that there are plans out there to build a large garbage incinerator in Durham that will end up with several former landfills being dug up in the interests of environmental concerns. This led to speculation amongst members in attendance about the level of jeopardy that our field might be in. There was further speculation about Highway 407 extensions and Highway 7 widening.

John Alford advised about trespassers skirting the gate by detouring through the corn field to the south and stressed the importance of lock and gate security.

ELECTION

The club secretary reviewed the minutes of the October meeting in so far as the matter of those standing for election was concerned. The minutes indicated that the 3 directors of the corporation were prepared to stand for another term and as well other incumbents were similarly disposed to remaining in their respective positions. There having been no information received that other club members were interested in holding executive or committee positions the election amounted to an acclamation process. There was a motion to accept the slate of candidates that was made by Gary Manning and seconded by Wayne Challis followed by a unanimous show of hands. The 3 directors announced their resignation and then upon being returned to office decided to retain their original positions as President, Treasurer and Secretary

The directors, executives and committee chairs are listed below for the 2010 season.

Directors of the corporation

John Alford	Club President
Howard Smith	Club Treasurer
Robert Byrnes	Club Secretary

Executive Positions

Wayne Challis	Vice President
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Committee Chairpersons

Chief Flying Instructor	Dave Parton
Field Chair	Ed Tureski
Racing chair	Kelly Curl
Noise/Safety Chair	Kelly Curl
Heydenshore Co- Chairs	Marlene Coulby and Martin Welby
Newsletter	Robert Byrnes
Website	Howard Smith

Club Secretary Bob Byrnes advised those in attendance that he would prepare the annual club Corporate report and have it available at the January Meeting.

Following the election the meeting was adjourned with the reminder that would be no meeting in December and the next scheduled meeting is January 17th in 2010.

SAFETY

John Alford directed this writer to the website of the Humber Valley Flyers where there is a significant safety reminder. The importance of remaining in the pattern direction when more than one plane is in the air was stressed as was the difference between normal aerobatics such as loops and rolls etc. which are OK in the pattern with proper care and 3D maneuvers which of course are something completely different.

OK - So then what is 3D?

Section 4.7 of the MAAC Safety Code defines 3D as any deliberate maneuver where the aircraft's flying surfaces are stalled and the airplane doesn't move in a normal flight path. (e.g. hovering, blender, harrier pass). The MAAC Safety Code goes on to say:

When operating any Radio Control model airplane performing 3D aerobatics MAAC members will adhere to the following:

- 1) I will not deliberately perform any 3D aerobatics without announcing my intentions to the other flying R/C Pilots.*
- 2) I will not perform low level (less than 10 metres) 3D airplane aerobatics along the flightline while other aircraft are airborne..*

Events

Well, it's winter. Cold... snowy... miserable. Must be time for the... (next page please...)

FROZEN FINGER FUNFLY 2010

Yes, it's that time of year again. WAM will be hosting its annual Frozen finger Funfly on January 1, 2010 starting at 10:00 AM. This event is always very popular and well attended. The event will take place at WAM's Brooklin flying field (directions on website – www.whitbyaeromodellers.com).

This event is open to all. The only requirement is that you **MUST HAVE YOUR 2010 MAAC** card to participate. Other than that... all regular WAM flying rules apply.

So, we'll supply the venue, coffee and donuts... you put something on skis and come out and have fun.



See? Kenny's having a good time. It hardly looks cold at all! (kinda)

Even if you don't have a plane that can fly off snow, come to just hang out with fellow RC pilots and get some fresh air in your lungs! Staying cooped up in the house for the long Canadian winter isn't good for you!

Membership Fees

You asked... we delivered. Several members have noted that other clubs in the region offer cheaper memberships to returning members etc and asked if we have plans to do the same. Well, we put our heads together and came up with a plan that should satisfy all.

If you purchase your 2010 WAM membership (any level except affiliate) before Feb 1, 2010, you can take 15% off the cost of the membership. That means that a regular 'Open' membership is now just \$85! And in case you didn't notice, we've also dropped the \$30 'New member' fee, making our club more attractive to people wanting to get into RC flying.

You're welcome. 😊

And Finally

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental hospital, I asked the director. "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?"

"Well"; said the director, "we fill up a bathtub with water and then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand", I said, "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup".

"No", said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug, would you like a bed near the window?"

I would like to, on behalf of all directors and executives of the club, extend sincere best wishes to you and yours for the Holiday Season and if I may be so bold in this enlightened age wish you personally a Very Merry Christmas.

Best Regards
Bob Byrnes
Secretary