



February 2009 Newsletter

Well, hello again. I hope everybody is busy with a winter build project of some kind or another. The snow shoveling has certainly cut into our workshop time so far in 2009. I'll begin this newsletter with a synopsis of the club meeting held on Sunday the 18th of January 2009.

Meeting Tidbits

The meeting was held at the usual place and time and 13 members were in attendance. Included in the attendees were the three directors of our corporation. A brief prize draw of Trash and Treasures was held and some members picked up small R/C equipment items and some donated plans.

Young Mr. Graham Anderson was awarded his MAAC Pilot wings. Congrats to him.

A discussion on the subject of pylon racing ensued; please see the material below, submitted by Don Cavanaugh.

Highlights of the minutes of the previous meeting were addressed by Bob Byrnes and adopted.

John Alford advises the field looked in pretty good shape on January 1st and that picnic tables had been repaired.

The Heydenshore event was discussed at some length. Please review the material submitted by Don Cavanaugh, later in the newsletter.

Wayne Challis spoke about indoor flying. He advises that real progress has been made a light weight planes and radio gear for this fun activity. You can fly each Sunday from 10 to 2 at the Clarington High School in west end Bowmanville.

The treasurer, Howard Smith reports a balance of about \$5,000.00 at the end of fiscal 2008 and that about 14 members have renewed with payment of dues so far this year. He has some snazzy new laminated membership cards when you pay up and reminds us all to have our MAAC cards with us when at the field.

Ed Tureski is going to build some new starting tables and has two benches to donate with the idea that flyers can have seating in the pits and be comfortable when members of the public are seated at the picnic benches. The other hope is that the picnic tables will be saved from oil residue when guys use them to run engines. Ed is a born again R/C modeler who is making his mark on the club with his grass cutting and now furnishing the pits. **Thank You Very Much Ed.**

Heydenshore

Well Marlene Coulby has graciously agreed to look after the Heydenshore Sale (Swap Meet) again this year. The sale will be held on Sunday March 1, 2009 in the Heydenshore Pavilion on the shores of Lake Ontario. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs through til 2:00 p.m. -- there is a drawing every hour for a door prize and there will be raffle tickets sold for the main prize (as yet to be determined). There are about 32 tables manned by vendors of all sorts including the more prominent hobby shops who can be counted on to offer outstanding bargains. So be sure to mark that date on your calendar - it's one of the premiere swap meets in the area - if not the whole world!!! I'm attaching a flyer as the last page of this newsletter - please print out a few copies and post them on bulletin boards where you shop, go to church, civic centers and whatever - it'll get the word out and help publicize the event and if you do that - as the king would say -- thankya! thankavurrmuch!!

There is also a real need as always for members to step up and help out at this event. -- you'll have a great time and get some great bargains at the same time. We need the following:--

- three people to sell admission tickets at the front door
- two people to sell raffle tickets
- three people to help in the kitchen/canteen
- three guys to set up tables and take them down afterwards (need to arrive by 7:30 am)

Volunteers are requested to contact :-

Marlene Coulby (905) 419-1605 or

John Alford (905) 721-2131 john_alford@rogers.com

Don Cavanaugh (905) 579-9907 dcavanaugh@rogers.com

An additional attraction offered by the canteen this year are peameal bacon sandwiches - the brainchild of our own culinary connoisseur, Mr Martin Welby who will be personally overseeing the serving of these sandwiches. I'm telling you - you won't be able to get enough of the stuff!! We'll need to boost security!

See you all there.

Don Cavanaugh

Pylon Racing

Everyone who wants to participate in the pylon racing should have expressed their intent to do so by this time. However, we have decided to extend the deadline for signing up to race until 7 Feb 2009.

As mentioned in our earlier message to the membership, it has been decided that the racers will be upgraded this year to use an OS 25FX engine. This will make taking off a lot easier than with the LA15 previously used which was problematic when the grass was a bit long or when it was necessary to take off downwind. Wayne Challis has made an agreement with Pinnacle Hobbies for bulk purchase of 25FX engines for a total cost of \$120.00 each - including all taxes. This is an outstanding buy and much thanks is due to Pinnacle for their continuing support.

To meet the anticipated need, we are planning to build 20 new ships in Oshawa starting as soon as we can. The ships are estimated to cost about \$20 each and most guys will want to buy two of

them so they'll have a spare. After delivery, three or four hours assembly time is needed to get a plane into the air. In-flight performance seems to be only a bit faster than with the LA15.

If you intend to race, please indicate the following:

1. How many racers do you want to buy. Payment for the racers must be made by 15 Feb 2009. (Please note that we are not interested in building airplanes for anybody who will not be racing).
2. Do you want to purchase a 25 FX engine as part of the bulk order. - if so full payment must be made to Wayne Challis by 15 Feb 2009
3. Would you be willing to help with the construction? – usually one evening a week from 7:00pm til 10:30pm in Oshawa. Maybe 6 sessions? Let us know as soon as you can.

For additional information - call/email:-

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2009 Frozen Finger Fun Fly

New Years Day 2009 dawned on the Heber Down flying field with a beautiful sunny and wind free day. The outside air temperature on the car's instrument panel registered -11 degrees C when I got to the field at 10:00 am – so it was a bit chilly but otherwise perfect for flying -- not a cloud in the sky. No wonder there were 16 cars in the parking lot!!! - more than I can remember at any time in the last year. It was an all-electric event this year as a nitro engine would be a tad difficult in such cold conditions. The field itself was partly covered in ice and a light wind-swept coating of snow so that skis were very handy but flying with wheels was also “doable”.

There were plenty of fliers – Wayne Challis, Barry Fletcher, Howard Smith, Eric Dizenbach, Kelly Curl, Don Cavanaugh, Tom Ayling –(my apologies if I've forgotten somebody). I didn't get there soon enough to see who flew first. Unfortunately Wayne Challis came to grief when he attempted to maneuver with not quite enough left in his batteries - but otherwise everything went well. Here's a shot of Wayne Challis adopting a somewhat philosophical attitude over the damage to his ship:---



Also here's a picture of Eric Dizenbach holding his very fast electric flying wing:--



Non-flying attendees numbered too many to really recount here but they again included Jack Mothersill, Ken & Dave Parton, Doug Wood, John Alford, Ed Tureski, John Gammon & Peter Gerlich (again apologies to anyone I forgot). In view of the great weather and the Season being what it is, there was a lot of kibitzing and plenty of free information spread around liberally by all in attendance - good fellowship at it's best!! To illustrate, here's a shot of Kelly Curl and Ed Tureski dispensing free advice to Barry Fletcher as he unloads his ship & gets ready for flight:--



To add to the festivities, Tom Ayling turned up with his truck containing many large cups of piping hot Tim Horton's coffee and a bunch of "Tim-Bits", all of which went down very nicely – Tom left his truck & heater running so you could warm your hands and grab a coffee at the same time. - so much thanks to Tom for going to the trouble of arranging for the hot refreshments. Tom also did a lot of flying and is pictured here holding his ship which sported leading edge slats:-



While on the subject of going to a lot of trouble,--, yiz should all know that our president, John Alford had come out to the field the day before and found that snow plow had left a huge icy windrow blocking the gateway to the field – so he took out his shovel and single-handedly chopped & shoveled almost all the ice & snow away so that there was only a little bit of clean-up shoveling to do on New Years Day. You'll all remember that the 31st Dec was very windy and as cold as a witches ear -- with windchill factors way down there, so this was truly a Herculean effort!! -- so hats off to John Alford for being there in spades!! -- as usual!!

We were visited at the field by two coyotes who came within about 200 meters of the field into the area just east of the field along the roadway in the valley below the parking lot. It was speculated that they were attracted by the smell of Timbits or the possibility that these birds flying around might be edible. Their presence gave rise to a discussion as to how to pronounce the word “coyote” - specifically, whether one should pronounce the final “e” or not. Although there were strong opinions, this issue was never resolved!

The FFFF2009 was one of those events that one goes to not expecting much, but which turned out to be a real barrel of fun – anybody that missed it missed a great time!!!

(Much thanks to Wayne Challis for supplying the photos)

Whitby Aeromodellers Radio Control Aircraft Show and Sale

March 1, 2009

Be sure to take advantage of the dozens of great bargain tables of RC planes, equipment and accessories offered just in time for the flying season!

Show hours from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come early so you won't miss out on the hourly door prizes!

Take the Brock Street exit south off the 401 in Whitby (not Brock Road in Pickering) and follow it down to the Heydenshore Pavillion located on the south (right) side of Water Street.

For vendor tables, contact Marlene 905-419-1605

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