



Well, here we go again. A New Year has begun. I hope each and every member of our club got through the annual madness with Good times and with some money left in the bank. The Holidays are always enjoyable, but, almost never restful. The visits with family and friends are what the season is supposed to be about and that is nice and also nice when it's over. Anyway, I waited until after the first of the month in order that this month's newsletter could be pretty much a report on the annual "Frozen Finger Funfly". So, here goes.

## **Frozen Finger Funfly Report**

The day dawned bright and clear, with mostly overcast skies that looked like there was snow in the offing. Your intrepid reporter arrived at the field at about 9:00 am and opened the gate, blissfully unaware that the appointed start time was actually 10:00 am. I sat around for about 35 minutes and thankfully Wayne Challis arrived. I had brought no planes so Wayne was the first person at the field prepared to fly. This he did shortly after his arrival and to him go the bragging rights for the first flight of 2010.

Other people started to show up and the ranks of those in attendance swelled quickly to about 20 or so, most of whom had one or more various aircraft to fly. Tom Ayling and his good lady wife saved the day with their supply of Tim Horton's coffee and Do-Nuts. This would prove to be scant consolation for Tom when his nice P-51 Mustang was lost to the frozen earth in a one point nose first crash. He won the coveted Certificate of Excellence for most spectacular crash of the day.

Jim Moss and son Cody proved the viability of glow engine operation in cold weather when Cody got in a very long flight with his drain pipe coroplast SPAD Debonair. It was obvious a good electric starter and battery were crucial to start up procedures.

Kelly Curl had his usual several electric motored craft there and almost certainly made the greatest number of flights. He, and a couple of other fliers, had their foamie combat planes with them and did some demo flights. It looked to this writer like a source of a lot of fun. Kelly has sold about 18 or so and is expecting a further supply to his shop in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing the guys get involved in the informal combat sessions which have been discussed at our meetings. He also brought along a miniature R/C motorcycle dirt bike that worked very well and looked most realistic charging around through the snow.

Speaking of snow, it came down on and off, in flurries, and the wind came up, although not enough to stop proceedings. Several other fliers did well with an assortment of electric powered craft. There were at least two electric planes on floats that flew really well and had zero difficulty with take offs and landings.

Our President, John, and Treasurer, Howard, had little hydroplane boat looking craft that flew, although, both came to grief.

Don Cavanaugh knocked the landing gear from his plane in an effort to wrest away the certificate for best crash, but it remained with Tom. I hung around for about two hours and then my frigid feet got the better of me. Note to self: woolen socks and better boots next year.

Activities were still proceeding full throttle when Kenny Parton and I adjourned to the local Tim Horton's and had coffee and a good old windbag session about all things R/C and I am sure others must have followed in our wake later on.

There were several cameras clicking away and I think webmaster Howard will have photo's posted to the club site ASAP. I have never really considered the hobby to be anything other than a summertime activity, but with great days like this to be had in the winter I have obviously been wrong. The improvement in electric power makes winter flying very viable. I'll be ready next New Years.

## **A Reminder or two**

The monthly meeting will be Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend. I'm sure discussions will be necessary as regards the Heydenshore show and sale, and, as we know, this event doesn't just happen. It requires us to step up to the plate to organize and operate in order to make it the success it has been over the years. Numerous other R/C hobbyists attend annually and it reflects credit upon our club when folks attend and enjoy the day.

Don't forget to save some money by paying your club dues prior to February's meeting. As indicated in the website announcement there are savings to be had with early payment. This is in response to member suggestions that dues might be trimmed a bit. So, bring along your dues at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, I hope to see a lot of you there.

Best Regards  
Bob Byrnes  
Secretary.