



Hey everybody... Howard here...

The newsletter is VERY late. This is my fault. Bob had his stuff sent to me in plenty of time to get it published... but I wanted to wait until after Heydenshore to send it out so we could include those highlights as well. Sorry everyone! And now...

Greetings and salutations to one and all. I once again start off with a minor apology for late publication this month. I got caught up in all the Olympics coverage a whole lot more than ever before and am only now getting around to this task on March 1st. In any case, as usual, the newsletter will be pretty much a copy of the minutes of the February 21st monthly meeting for the information of members unable to attend.

HERE WE GO

The meeting convened at 7:05 PM, with 16 members in attendance including the three directors of the corporation.

There were no submissions for Show and tell and also nothing on offer in the Trash and Treasures portion of the meeting.

Kelly Curl was in attendance and had brought along some of the combat foamies he is selling. He then spoke at some length about a new line of LiPo batteries he has for sale at his shop. This is a new technology and they are said to be much safer than the first generation of Lipo's. They charge safely at as much as a 5C rate and have none of the fire concerns reported in the past. They can be discharged at various fast rates up to about 25 – 35C and most significantly, they are somewhat cheaper to buy than previous brands. Kelly went on to explain that the proposed combat matches with these little electric planes would be a Spec. class. That meaning that all planes would be the same as regards airframe and motor to keep a level playing field and reduced costs. He encouraged all potential participants to think about rules for the events while bearing in mind the idea is to keep it simple and fun.

The annual Heydenshore event was discussed at length and again volunteers were solicited. There will be a requirement for ticket sales, admission people and Martin may need some help in the kitchen. As usual if we have many helpers, the workload will be reduced for all involved. There will be the great tasting "Back bacon on a Bun" sandwiches on offer.

Secretary Bob Byrnes reviewed the minutes of the January meeting.

Safety and Noise were discussed briefly, all members being reminded that we need to be self policing, in so far as a friendly reminder to our fellow members at the field from time to time serves to hold back complacency about safety.

Ed Tureski says it has been too cold to be at the field much, but, he noticed the pole that secures the gate in the open position is still missing. This has been reported to C.L.O.C.A. This may be a springtime repair.

Club shirts were referred to and members reminded that these items can be ordered at Kelly Curl's shop.

Treasurer, Howard Smith gave a brief overview of the treasury. I won't quote figures here in this public forum. We are in good shape bearing in mind that the annual big ticket items have yet to be paid for this year. We have 47 paid up members so far this year, which is ahead of the same time last year. The feeling is the discounted rates for early payment has spurred some fellows on to join sooner rather than later.

Howard discussed the "members only" section on our website and explained how to access it. The instructions are also on the site. This will allow members a portion of the site that is private to communicate information for other members.

There was no new business arising from the previous meetings minutes.

John Alford spoke at some length about the recent Zone meeting which involved club presidents and chief flying instructors. It was held in Richmond Hill and 40 people attended from Clubs all across the Zone. The focus was on Safety and there was a talk from a Chief Flying Instructor from a club that has 25-30 students at any one time. A man named Mike McDermott, a member of the MAAC advisory insurance group indicated there was some jeopardy attached to getting insurance coverage. The company from last year wanted to have a clause that stated that a claim arising out of an incident where there had been a violation of MAAC or club rules would mean a loss of coverage. There is apparently a West Coast company that may be an alternative, but, they will probably require a minimum \$2,500.00 deductible. The suggestion was offered that if we travel to the United States to fly, a consultation with our home insurance provider may be a good thing. In any case, good safety practices will go a long way to preventing claims.

John Alford reminded members that the MAAC Annual General Meeting is to be held March 21st at Niagara on the Lake at 1:00 PM .

John Alford mentioned having been at a recent meeting of the Ajax club and that one of their members has a battery shop located on Brock Road north of Bayly and may be a resource for our battery needs as regards custom packs etc. Check him out at batteriesexpert.com

(below is the stuff added by Howard. Bob resumes at the end...)

Heydenshore

The Heydenshore RC Show and Sale was held on March 7, 2010. We owe a big thank you to all who attended and especially to those who volunteered their services. The day was a tremendous success once again. In total, 171 visitors paid their \$4 to peruse the awesome collection of items for sale. 35 tables were sold to 21 vendors. Hourly door prizes we donated by various vendors and two grand prize raffle draws were held at the end of the event featuring a 9 Eagles RC Micro Helicopter donated by Flying Stuff hobbies and a Hangar 9 Pulse XT 40 aircraft donated by Whitby Aero Modellers.



At the end of the day, Whitby Aero Modellers generated a little over \$1300 for the club. This includes 7 memberships sold at the event. Congratulations everyone!

FIELD HAPPENINGS

I've heard reports of some joyriders on 4-wheelers tearing up the field recently. While I haven't been up there to check it out, the reports are that there was not-too-much damage caused. Just some tire tracks on the grass. I know it doesn't need to be said, but if anyone sees or hears of anyone engaging in these activities, please notify the executive. These people are engaging in illegal activities and can/should be charged.

Also, it has come to my attention that one of the posts that secure the gate at the entrance to the field has been damaged. I have spoken to our Field Chairman and arrangements have been made to carry out the repair. Costs should be minimal. The plan is to set a new steel post in concrete at the site of the old post.

As of yesterday (March 8, 2010), we have made arrangements with a local lawn care company to handle our grass cutting for 2010. The vendor has offered is rates competitive with what we paid last year. The current plan is to have field maintenance carried out early in the morning, once a week. Depending on how it goes, this could mean a 1-hour window (7AM – 8AM) could be required by the company to carry out their duties. I'd like to stress once again that during field maintenance activities, **ALL FLYING ACTIVITIES MUST CEASE**. This not only ensures the safety of the people cutting the grass, but it allows them to get on with their job and get off the field sooner. The lawn care company has also stated that they will drag our roller behind the tractor during every cut, ensuring a nice smooth lawn, perfect for small wheels. More details about lawn cutting will be made available as they are finalized.

Kelly Curl now has combat planes in his shop available for purchase. These are the foam planes that will be used for Air Combat that Kelly has spoken of at the last couple of club meetings. Rules for combat will be published as soon as everything's finalized. Cost of these planes with motor is \$70. www.flyingstuffhobbies.com



AND FINALLY

I will be unable to join in the Heydenshore event this year. A previous family event precludes my attendance. I hope all attendees have a great time, find a bargain or two and get in some great windbag sessions with guys you may not have seen in a while. Don Cavanaugh may be there selling off the Pylon Racers that are left over from the racing series. These are good little fliers that are virtually indestructible and would make a great little sport plane at low cost

Did you hear about the Traffic Cop that stopped an elderly man for speeding. The officer said, "you were going too fast sir"

The man's wife leaned forward from the passenger side and said, "I told him to slow down Officer".

The driver told his wife to be quiet.

The officer then said, "sir, I notice you are not wearing your seat belt".

The wife leaned forward and said, "officer, I told him to put it on".

The driver told his wife to SHUT UP.

The officer then said," Sir, you shouldn't shout at your wife".

The wife leaned forward and said," He only talks to me like that when he's been drinking".

Best Regards

Bob Byrnes- Secretary