

Whitby Aero Modellers



Whitby Flyer

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Greetings to one and all. I hope that most of you club members are all ready to get this flying season started. I know that several of the "keeners" have already been out to the field and gotten "into the air". I admire their eagerness, but, sadly confess I am not ready yet. We'll be away the first week in May and I hope to get busy after that. The newsletter this month will not be much more than a summary of the April 19th club meeting. This was the last formal meeting of the winter, meeting season having been replaced by flying season. The club directors and executive extend best wishes to all members for a fun and safe season. See you at the field.

Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, there being 16 members in attendance including the 3 directors of the corporation.

There 3 new members in attendance who were introduced, these being Scott SUTTON, Paul NEWBAUER and Steve SMITH. A **heartly** welcome to these fellows.

Bob Byrnes reported briefly on the minutes of last months meeting.

Pylon racing was addressed briefly. The pylons have been relocated and some of the racers have already been out to shake down the new planes. The schedule is expected to start in early May.

Howard Smith reported on upgrades to our website which is now hosted by "Go Daddy". Howard further reports that the treasury is in good shape. We have 50 paid up members as at the time of the meeting.

Two members advise they may know the whereabouts of the missing club buddy boxes and the recovery of these items is expected.

Club President John Alford spoke at some length in his capacity as safety monitor and made reference to the below listed important points.

- 2.4 radios must be pined. An addition to the frequency board will enable this.
- If 3 or more transmitters are present. The impound MUST be used
- Secure models before engine start up
- Announce intention to taxi, take off or land
- Use pilot stations
- Spectators in pits only under direct supervision
- Air worthiness is the responsibility of the pilot. Novice members should seek assistance from more experienced members.
- Don't taxi in the pits
- Don't smoke in the pits.
- Don't hog air time
- Don't spoil the fun
- Announce intention to do 3D maneuvers
- Members should review the MAAC Safety Code and read the article on insurance

John then reminded members to think about next season's elections and consider if they might like to run for an office in the club executive.

Club Member Ralph TRAUZZI, who is an instructor at the college then screened a video dealing with soldering techniques which was very useful and which was well received and appreciated by those in attendance. Thank You Ralph.

President's Message

I heartily endorse Bob's recommendation that you visit the Toronto Wings And Wheels Heritage Festival. I will be there this year again for sure.

Why? Well, merely the setting for the event puts it in a special category for aviation enthusiasts. The Downsview former de Havilland Canada factory is where such historic aircraft as the Mosquito and the Beaver were built. Bombardier makes the Dash 8 and finishes the Canadair Regional Jets at Downsview, and these planes frequently fly at Downsview, even on weekends.

And you're sure to see some sights that are dear to the hearts of those who follow Canada's aviation history, such as the Avro Lancaster under restoration (maybe you remember seeing it on a pedestal at the Toronto waterfront) and the Avro Canada Arrow replica displayed beside the Canadian Forces CF-18.

There's even an indoor electric flying site in an airplane hangar! You could fit a few high school triple gyms inside it.

That's Wings. Now to Wheels: Being next door to Oshawa, we're constantly aware of the part General Motors has played in the history of transportation in Canada, including the manufacture of military vehicles and Mosquito bombers. You'll see some restored antiques and classic cars at the Heritage Festival. And here's a plug for the Canadian Automotive Museum in Oshawa. Have you visited it lately?

http://www.city.oshawa.on.ca/tourism/can_mus.asp

Anyway, that's my rant.

Please consider submitting your rant to our newsletter editor for the next issue.

John Alford, President

SO, there we have it. Lets get airborne. One last thing, I volunteer at the Canadian Air and Space Museum which is at Downsview Park in Toronto. They are holding their annual **Wings and Wheels Heritage Festival** on the weekend of May 22,23 and 24th. The commemorative F-86 in Golden Hawks livery will be there and also the centennial CF-18. There will be numerous displays and other fly-in aircraft as well as antique cars. If you have never seen the full scale replica of the Avro Arrow, it is well worth the drive. I think any aviation buff would enjoy this show

Best Regards to all
Respectfully
Bob Byrnes.