



Hello again, it's November and I suppose that means the summer is well and truly over. I didn't manage to be nearly as active at the hobby this summer as I had hoped, maybe next year? I hope everybody had a good time this past flying season and are looking forward to attending a FROZEN FINGER FLYING DAY at New Years.

## **President's Message**

After seven months of interesting weather, flying season is drawing to a close. That's Outdoor Flying Season. Now we can look forward to a season of climate-controlled Indoor Flying. The challenges are different but flying too high still causes serious problems for the pilot. Our mixed traffic pattern at the field of three or four electric, glow, or gas aircraft of varying performance is replaced by flights when only one category of aircraft, but eight or ten of them (high performance heli, basic heli, fixed wing foamie 3-D) is flying in the gym. The walk from the car is longer but the pilot station is right beside your flightbox, and there's a real washroom and a pop machine.

Here are links to two indoor clubs in Durham:

<http://www.aerochoppers.ca/>

<http://www.rcmodelersofajax.com/>

Again a reminder to join your fellow fliers at the monthly meeting. This month we will be electing the 2009 directors and executive. Please consider volunteering for a position as a committee member or chairman or instructor to help make our flying experience a rewarding one.

Join us Sunday, November 16 for discussion, the election, and coffee and Timbits. We're in Room 1-10, in the south-west corner, a few doors past last year's classroom.

John Alford

## **Indoor Flying is Coming Soon!!**

Have you noticed that when spring arrives and we all make our way out to the field - invariably bringing our oldest or least valuable model because we lack the confidence that we've retained enough flying skill to get through that first flying session without looking like an idiot - - and when we arrive at the field and start to set up - we notice that some

guys are actually flying better than they were last fall!! The reason is that these guys have been flying indoors all winter - and having a ball doing it!

Flying indoors is highly practical these days -- there are many small ships available for not too much cash - they're easy to assemble and can take a reasonable amount of punishment - and if you do damage them they are generally easy to repair -- and on calm days or evenings they can be flown outdoors all year around.

I recall watching Wayne Challis at the field this spring - doing rolling circles with his nitro ship -- he learned how to do it flying in the gymnasium last winter. Kevin Ward is another guy who has really honed his skills flying indoor -there's also Kelly Curl and everyone admires the skill demonstrated by Parker Leung who does unbelievable things with his electric ships at the field.

The best part of it is that we have at least two gymnasiums conveniently available to us through the winter - one organized by Kelly Curl (905-619-3768) who rents a gym at Donevan Collegiate Institute in Oshawa and another gym rented by Wayne Challis (905-420-2030) out in Bowmanville. Why not give them a call & find out the details. I should note in passing that these facilities are run entirely separately from the Whitby Aeromodellers club.

November is here already guys and nitro flying is about done - indoor flying in Bowmanville is scheduled to start this month so it's time to put together a ship for this winter - you won't regret it. A great place to start is with a visit to Flying Stuff Hobbies in Ajax -- run by Kelly Curl who specializes strictly in electrics; or with a visit to Pinnacle Hobby in Markham who sponsor the <http://www.aerochoppers.ca> indoor club in Bowmanville. Either of these folks can put you on the right path to a winter full of flying fun.

### **Ed Tureski is Our New Guru of Grass (Cutting)**

Several weeks ago - a beautiful new shiny GM pickup truck arrived unheralded at the field towing a small trailer on top of which was chained a new Toro ride-on mower. The driver got out, unloaded the mower, started it up and spent the next two hours or so cutting the grass on the field.--- and THE FIELD WAS TRANSFORMED !!!

I venture to say there has not been such a transformation since Moses parted the Red Sea whilst leading the Israelites out of Egypt, and who was the guy who did all this? It was none other than Ed Tureski - a recently returning member of the club although Ed had been involved in starting up the Whitby Aeromodellers some years ago. Ed is an accomplished flier himself and knows how the grass needs to be cut in order to provide for maximum enjoyment of all of us who fly there.

Several days after the above cutting Ed explained to me that he did it because it badly needed to be cut properly and he had the skill and the equipment to do it - so he just stepped up and did it!! -- He was not asked -- he just saw what needed to be done and did it!! Now here is a guy who obviously has his heart in the right place. Moreover it is

certainly true that the field has never looked so good. What an enormous improvement!! You can see it in the eyes of all the members who fly there - their faces are all smiles!! - it's like somebody suddenly turned the lights on!!

Of course news of that first cutting rapidly traveled to the club executive -- who has moved quickly to secure Ed's services on a permanent basis -- which is going to make a big improvement for all of us who fly there. So a tip of the hat and a huge thank-you and to Ed Tureski for developing the full potential of our flying field!  
OH, the Promised Land!!

Don Cavanaugh

### **INFORMATION FROM OCTOBER MEETING**

In accordance with the established policy the first meeting of the off season was held on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. There were 15 members in attendance. The club meets on the third Sunday of each month over the winter. The highlights are noted as follows.

There was no participation in the usual Trash and Treasures part of the meeting. Members are reminded and encouraged to bring along anything R/C related they would like to pass along to other members.

There was mention and congratulations extended to those members who got their wings. Graham Anderson and Tom Ayling – Good going guys.

It was reported that we have 17 new members, one of whom, “Ralph Trauzzi”, who is a professor of electrical trades at the college, and due to his sponsorship we get a break on fees for use of the meeting room. A BIG Thank You to him.

Pylon racing was discussed as far as who were the winners. I think this was noted in an earlier edition. Congrat's to those who participated in that fun club activity.

The Show and Tell portion of the meeting can be fun and members are encouraged to bring along their various projects as they work on them over the winter. A chance to brag and to show off. We all like that from time to time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were spoken to.

The wings program was discussed, in particular the issue of buddy box and instructor availability.

On the subject of safety, there were discussions around the issue of the dog walkers coming too near to our field while flying is taking place. This is for certain an extra concern we must consider when deciding whether or not it is safe to fly at any particular time. The use of the radio impound was mentioned and the importance of remaining vigilant around frequency control.

We have had some vandalism at the field; apparently the pilot stations were damaged. The job done by Ed Tureski as regards grass cutting was praised. Please see the article by Don Cavanaugh elsewhere in this issue.

The Heydenshore event was spoken to and it was agreed that a huge vote of Thanks is due to Marlene COULBY for her great work on our behalf. This event is considered to be “the Event “ to attend in the east end in the winter and it would not happen without Marlene. Don Cavanaugh is also a prime mover in keeping this event on the rails. It is really the only organized event our club hosts annually and deserves the support of all members.

There was significant discussion as regards the upcoming election for club executive positions. I will relate my understanding of this important issue. Our club is constituted as a Limited Liability Corporation. In that regard we have three directors of the corporation. These people also hold the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer in the club. The policy is that all 3 directors resign each year and then nominations are made and an election held. All three of our directors indicated their willingness to stand for nomination again. In addition to the above noted three positions other members hold positions on the executive. These being the vice president, safety chairman, chief flying instructor and the field chair. Various other positions are created by club necessity such as the chairpersons of committees, webmaster etc. The single most important meeting of the season is perhaps the one which will be held this month on November 16<sup>th</sup>. It is your chance to be involved in the process of selecting a club executive and to stand for nomination if you choose. Please try to attend.

The issue of Public Relations was discussed and ideas for signage and membership recruitment are most welcome.

The treasurer reported that he now will issue statements of the club treasury in line with the timing of the receipt of bank statements in order to have an accurate representation of what's on hand at any given time. He reports that there is a little over \$6,000.00 in the treasury at this time with Heydenshore and the field rental being the most important big tickets items yet to be paid for the upcoming season.

Nobody attended the Zone meeting in Barrie, so there was no news from that event.

John Alford reported that we enjoyed another season of co-operation with our generous landlords, the good people at C.L.O.C.A.

The indoor flying season is upon us and there are two venues available to members. These are, of course, separate clubs from our own and in each case involves a reasonable fee for participation.

Kelly Curl runs a club that goes on Fridays in Oshawa at a \$65.00 fee for the season.

Our own Wayne Challis and Neil Benjamin are involved with the Whitby Aerochoppers that runs on Wednesdays and Sundays at Clarington District High School at a fee that will be less than \$100.00.

Speak to any of these fine chaps if you have an interest in flying indoors over the winter.

In other news, Tried and True Hobbies will be moving in November to a new location at 576 Ritson Road South in Oshawa. Pickering Hobbies has closed.

A new hobby shop has opened. It is apparently "Keith's Hobby Shop", which many of us will recall from their years of operation on Yonge Street in the North York/Willowdale area. The shop is located at 200 Carnwith Drive East in Brooklin, L1M 0A1, and is open Tuesday and Wednesday 10-6, Thursday and Friday 10-8, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 12-5 and can be reached by phone at (905) 655-5315 and Fax at (905) 655-9305. If you happen to visit to do some Christmas shopping, mention that you are an R/C flier and it may help with their consideration of what products to stock.

I have not bothered with my usual brief story related to Canadian aviation, nor will I henceforth. It seems to me that most members probably know more on these subjects than I do and it is really a futile gesture on my part and likely unnecessary in a newsletter that exists to keep members informed on club matters. I hope to see a lot of you fellows over the winter at the meetings. Bring out your projects so we can have something to blather about.

Best Regards to all  
Bob Byrnes.