

Whitby Aero Modellers



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Well Hello again fellow members. Halloween is over and we can now start the annual countdown to Christmas. I say to Heck with the children, lets all hope that Santa has some R/C goodies for us older kids.

The newsletter this month will be a few words from our president, John Alford and then pretty much a re-cap of the October meeting for those of you who could not attend.

President's message

Thinking of sending an acquaintance to the field? Maybe a possible new flier? Here's the address to get a GPS to take someone to our gate: 5040 Cochrane Street, Whitby. The same address might get the ambulance, fire truck or police to our field in a hurry.

On the topic of our gate, please spin the tumblers when you lock up. The hikers and vandals are clever. We don't want the expense and scorn from CLOCA should there be a breach of security.

Still on the topic of our gate, I want to thank Don Cavanaugh for again installing a new sign (vandals) which has to be in place for our site to meet MAAC's field regulations.

Speaking of vandals, if you see any in action, and that includes hikers trespassing to the north of the runway, you can call Enforcement at CLOCA. Harry Hirschfeld is the Resource Technician - Enforcement Officer. Look for his phone number posted in the frequency enclosure.

What are your feelings about the \$50 Affiliate Membership category? Do we need to fine-tune it? Have you noticed new faces at the field occasionally due to this new category of membership? Let your executive know.

When you're at the field, you might let Ed Tureski know how much you appreciate the terrific job he does cutting the grass. Visitors tell me their runway is no better than our pits. You can show your appreciation to Ed by remembering our club rules and MAAC Safety Rules which ban flying during maintenance. That means weed-trimming too.

Also help Ed keep our field tidy by taking your garbage home. Especially fuel jugs!

Road Construction - if you hear anything about widening of Highway 7, please bring it to our attention.

Finally, we are giving thought to getting a used shipping container to use as a storage shed. If you

have any expertise on the subject of shipping containers, please step forward. (No, you won't be appointed Club Shipper.)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was held at the usual place except we are now in room 1-6. The meeting was fairly well attended with 20 members being there including the three officers of our corporation.

President Alford convened the meeting and spoke briefly to encourage participation in the Annual General meeting, which is this month on the 15th, particularly important since the annual election to the executive and committee positions will be held.

John then spoke at some length and gave highlights of the zone meeting which was held October 3rd in Streetsville. He advised that there was significant dialogue on insurance. Some attendees were quite outspoken in their desire that MAAC would be more forthcoming with insurance information, especially details of claims. The idea being that armed with more information hobbyists might be better able to avoid problems. John also offered congratulations to two local hobbyists, Howard Tauss and Ted Snook who were made Leader Members in MAAC.

Don Cavanaugh and Mr. Randy Hind spoke about and displayed some items of clothing marketed by Mr. Hind that featured the club logo embroidered on them. They are quite sharp and reasonably priced. Check the club website and you could look quite fashionable for next flying season.

There was discussion about a small electric plane being marketed by Kelly Curl. The idea is that it would be a one design craft suitable for club pylon racing and/or combat. Ed Tureski and two other chaps were quite effusive in their remarks about the amount of fun to be had. Kelly Curl of Flying Stuff Hobbys was ill and could not attend, but, the hope is he will be able to come to the November meeting and follow up with more information.

Ralph Trauzzi presented a short instructional video on the assembly of a brushless electric motor from a kit.

Bob Byrnes presented a slide show highlighting his visit to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome this past summer.

Dave Parton had the partially repaired fuselage of his 1/3 scale Piper Cub with him. It was presented to encourage fliers who have a dumb thumb experience to keep all the bits because a little work and a bunch of determination can make our planes recover from even quite serious crashes.

Jack Mothersill spoke about some aviation history. Personal History. Jack recalled having been a brand new youthful private pilot the night the "Noronic" burned in Toronto harbor. He actually saw the fire from the air having taken a flight from Oshawa to Toronto and return. He advised the flight took about 50 minutes and cost about \$5.00 given the \$6.00 per hour rate of aircraft rentals in those days. Jack described his test for his license and that the man from the ministry stayed on

the ground while Jack showed him he could indeed fly. Very interesting memories. Thank You Jack.

There was then a discussion about the election and the three executives of the corporation are prepared to stand again, that of course does not preclude anybody else being nominated. Members were and are encouraged to attend on the 15th and be prepared to offer their name for executive or committee membership. It's important to take part in the process guys so here's hoping some fellows who have not yet been involved will step up.

John Alford extended a big Thank You to Ed Tureski for the fine job done this year on grass cutting at the field and to Don Cavanaugh for replacing a sign wrecked by vandals.

There followed a broad general discussion on the construction of a sunshade and/or a storage container at the field. The concerns are of course what about vandals and what will CLOCA allow. Explorations in the areas of permission and costs are being undertaken.

The meeting concluded with a very nice video presentation by Ed Vogrinc on the construction of his giant scale Corsair. Ed did a great job scaling up the plans, building the plane and putting together his DVD complete with accompanying music. Good Work on all fronts. The plane flew at our funfly and looked terrific in the air.

OK, did you hear the one about the R/C Pilot who went to the Doctor because he was not feeling well. The Doctor said, "you have the BIRD FLU, but don't worry you'll be fine with a little TWEETMENT."

The flier went back a few months later and the doctor said, "you have the SWINE FLU, but don't worry I'll give you some OINKMENT".

See you on the 15th
Best Regards to all
Bob Byrnes.