

Whitby Aero Modellers



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Hello again, time for the monthly newsletter. Not a great deal to comment upon at this time of the year. I suppose many of us are concluding flying activities for the most part, while at the same time keeping an eye out for the occasional mild, wind free day. These tend to be few and far between now that autumn is officially here. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. As for me, I flew more than I had in the last several years, having probably been out to the field a dozen times or so. That's not much in comparison with some of you much more dedicated types, but, in my case may have signalled the start of a return to interest in the hobby. I have been in the doldrums for a few years and hope to be more active.

Winter Meeting Season

President John Alford has supplied the below listed dates for the upcoming winter meetings. On John's behalf, I would like to encourage members to do their best to attend as often as they can. The meetings keep us connected through the winter and provide a forum for member input. The important matters such as discussion about club events and the election of officers takes place at these meetings and to feel properly involved in the club, you should try to participate. You might even get inspired to run for one of the executive positions. The other benefit is that the newer members have a chance to pick the brains of the more experienced members. A lot of practical information about building and flying is free for the asking. You can also have coffee, which is always a good thing. The meetings are held at the college on Champlain Drive in Oshawa at 7:00 pm, the third Sunday each month.

The dates are:

October 18th

November 15th

No Meeting in December – Too busy at Christmas time

January 17th

February 21st

March 21st

April 18th.

Elections

As mentioned above the election of officers takes place at the winter meetings, specifically at the November meeting. You might want to start thinking about who you could nominate for office and whether or not you would like to give it a try. The first meeting later this month will give us a chance to perhaps have a preliminary round of nominations to see what interest there is. You can speak with your particular flying buddies to see who would like to be considered and then nominate them. This is an important annual component of having a club and operating our corporation. Please give it some thought. The current executive and committee members are listed below.

President	John Alford
Vice President	Wayne Challis
Treasurer/Website	Howard Smith
Secretary/Newsletter	Bob Byrnes
Chief Flying Instructor	Dave Parton
Safety	Neil Benjamin
Events/Social	Tom Ayling
Heydenshore	Marlene Coulby
Pylon Racing	Kevin Ward
Field Maintenance	Ed Tureski/Wayne Challis

Club T-Shirts

Hey Guys the club is offering club shirts to anybody who wants to buy oneThey are put out by Randy Hind who is a club member and the proprietor of Tugboat Promotional Services. These beautiful shirts come in two styles:

GOLF STYLE SHIRTS: Made of finely knit 100% cotton washable fabric, come in sizes S, M, L and XL, and sell for \$28. They come in three colors – Buff., Grey or white with red trim (not pictured, but the buff & Grey shirts are shown below.) They come with the club logo stitched on the left chest and a beautifully stitched picture of either a Stearman or a Spitfire on the right sleeve.



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Club Events

Our club recently has not been noted for holding events. The Heydenshore swap meet and sale is a longstanding tradition. I understand that there has been a "frozen finger day" on New Year's day for the last few years, and the pylon racing group, but beyond that, nothing too organized. This past summer saw a Funfly that was put together by Howard with the assistance of some other members. This was a terrific day at the field and illustrated what can be done, if somebody just takes the lead and gets on with it. You may have an opinion on what could be included in similar events next year. Let's get out to a meeting and kick it around. Howard has gotten us off the mark, so let's keep running with the idea. I hope I have not given offence by blathering too much, but, I sure hope we can have more days like that one.

In Conclusion.

I look forward to joining you all over the winter and to hearing about your various winter build projects. I have not developed into much of a builder myself, so, this winter I plan to try a kit build of a WW 1 Sopwith Pup in quarter scale. I went to Rhinebeck New York over the summer and kind of got bitten by the biplane bug. I have always had an interest in the history of the World Wars and would like to try to make a decent job of building this plane.

Best Regards to All
Bob Byrnes