

CORNWALL AERO MODELLERS

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Upcoming Meeting

Monday
May 11th, 2009
@7:30 p.m.
In
The Royal Canadian
Legion Basement



Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The President, Karl opened the meeting at 7:45. There were 13 members present with no guests.

Two new members have joined the Club this month and they are Robert Sonnel and John Curran.

New members so far this season are:

Garry Kennedy, Martintown.

Stéphane Claude, Cornwall.

Marc Gagnon from Cornwall.

Andre Lavallée from Cornwall.

Robert Sonnel is a newer member from Alexandria.

Ken Cox is from Cornwall.

David Brodie from Cornwall.

John Curran a new member from Cornwall.

Old Business

Karl stated that during the recent Sunday night of indoor flying there was a group of Air Cadets who were arriving back from a field trip and they were very intent in watching the flying proceedings. A request was made by them to somehow get involved in both building and flying these indoor activities as there was a tremendous amount of interest generated. Karl to follow up on the ins and outs of arranging this.

An offshoot of the Air Cadets involvement might be that possibly the rental could fee would be lifted. This would be to our benefit as well as assisting the Air Cadets.

The next flying date for Indoor flying at the Armory would be Sunday April 19, 2009

May 2, 2009 will be the last date that indoor flying will be held until next fall.

Karl suggested that a little competition be held on this date to both build and compete with an Airplane called the "Parlor Fly". Everyone received a copy of the plans and all that is needed is 1/16 thick balsa for construction.

The "Float Fly" date is Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Guindon Park.

The Club "Fun Fly" will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 with a rain date of Sunday, August 9, 2009 at the Club field.

Old Business

Karl thanked Roger Bélanger for his fine effort on the Club Web page. He pointed out that the Web page is informative, timely and very well maintained, and the envy of other Clubs.

Karl also thanked Cliff Merpaw for the Newsletter and most recently the article printed on the History of the Cornwall Aero Modellers, going back to the beginning. This Club has had quite a history for sure! The Club will soon be 40 years old!

Doug pointed out that the MAAC insurance will only cover MAAC sanctioned events. This means no more flying in the park for if you have an accident you are not covered and you will have your house insurance only to rely on?

The Club would like to have a practice date for float flying on May 16, 2009 at Guindon Park with a rain date of May 17, 2009. Cliff was asked to make these

arrangements, with the Parks Department.

Cliff noted the fact that Cable 11 Cogeco Cablevision would be video taping the Mall Show on Saturday morning. They would also like to video tape some flying sequences down at the field on a Tuesday night flying session soon.

The next Club "Chili Fly" will be held on Saturday April 26, 2009. This will be the last one of this winter season but will resume in the fall. The Chili will be prepared this time by Michel Joannette, so come on down and fly and enjoy.

Doug showed a Digital Camera for \$9.95 that will be given out as prizes at the Club "Fun Fly".

Cliff was asked to find out if the City could supply us with a grass cutter of some sort so we could cut our own grass which is actually their property. Doesn't hurt to ask?

A further discussion took place on the changes in MAAC insurance and it's implications to the average modeller. There is a new MAAC sign that must be visible at all MAAC sanctioned events.

Karl is looking for Styrofoam buoys for use at the Float Fly in July. Stéphane Claude stated that he had three buoys that he would provide.

Dean Sturkenboom our amicable Vice President brought his heavy roller (used to flatten out the field) down to the field and this was discussed, like what to use to pull

the roller and who would do the pulling? In any eventuality the field has to be rolled soon before it dries out and gets too hard to be effectively rolled.

Our genial and much liked Wayne Porter informed us that he would not be available to look after the grass cutting this summer as prior commitments will be keeping him busy, like taking in hay and other chores. Wayne was congratulated on all the effort that he put in, in keeping the condition of the club field perfect for takeoffs and landings. I am sure everyone appreciated your fine effort Wayne!

Since Wayne will not be cutting the grass this summer the Club will be setting up a rotation system for members to work in pairs (for safety's sake) in mowing the grass on a weekly basis or twice a week if required.

Karl was concerned about the safety and welfare of some of our older members in the process of cutting the grass but if a member wishes to be involved than arrangements should be made to accommodate him. There will be two grass mowers in use this year and it is felt that they should be maintained in good running order so that the grass cutting will go smoothly.

It was pointed out that members or people planning to display models should be at Cornwall Square by 8:00 a.m. to help set up and should stay until the end of the show at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 on a motion by Ed Renaud. Carried

This and That

Please note the up to date membership list that is included in the newsletter! Not included on the list are members who have not gotten around to paying their annual dues as of the April meeting. The Treasurer says that there are several members who are flying but are delinquent in paying their dues for 2009. The annual Club and MAAC dues should have been paid before now. The Club constitution notes that membership dues are to be paid by the March meeting. Members who use the Club facilities and who are in arrears are in direct violation of Club and MAAC rules. If your name is not on the list then you haven't paid, so get with it!

From what I can see it would appear that the Club now has eight new members. It pays to sell the advantages of being a Club member and all that entails. Great field, fine Club House and superb members.

During a recent conversation a point was brought up about the fact that not much is written when one of our members passes away and not much is known about our existing members, other their names. We will try and write up a bit about our members in up-coming newsletters.

Well I guess Cogeco did do some videotaping at the Mall Show and flying sequences down at the field although I wasn't there to see it.

Jack Mott one of the Club's old time Life members showed up at the field at the

“Chili Fly” as well as about twenty other flyers to enjoy the Chili prepared by Michel Joannette which was quite good from all accounts although again I was a little late arriving and the Chili had disappeared by noon hour.

I was wondering why when a new member joins the Club he is not given a key to the club house, the combination of the lock on the gate and a frequency pin with his name on it. I guess since the Club has had so few new members joining up in the last several years that 8 new members could be considered overwhelming.

The pins that are on the frequency board are really pitiful. I guess it is time for some looking after, of these small items.

The Mall show at Cornwall Square was successful with a lot of nice models on display. Roger Forques was showing a very large 1/3 scale and a 1/4 scale aircraft that really impressed the crowd.

Jeb Ward was demonstrating a stick model rubber powered aircraft from way back in the 1930 era called the Korda Powerhouse, correct me if I got the name wrong.

Roger brought along a flight simulator, there was a t/v showing video tapes, and there was a great assortment of aircraft on display for spectator viewing. The management even had an advert in both of the local newspapers as well as blurbs on the three Radio Stations all promoting the Mall Show at no cost to us. Karen Burns at the Mall office outdid herself in

promoting both the Cornwall Aero Modellers, and the Mall Show again this year.

Some of the snow birds were back like J.C. Séguin who everybody was glad to see back but Robert Mondoux is not back yet. J. C. said that he had received the newsletters all winter long in Port Charlotte, Florida via the email and liked the fact that he was kept informed on the club activities.

The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in May namely May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Legion located at the corner of Second Street and Cumberland.

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