

CORNWALL AERO MODELLERS

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Upcoming Meeting

Monday
February 8, 2010
@7:30 p.m.

The Royal Canadian
Legion Basement

“Jacques Desbecquets”

Alias (The Translator)
Saying “now hear this”



Minutes of Previous Meeting

The President, Karl opened the meeting at 7:30. There were 16 members present with no guests.

1- Treasurer's Report:

Richard gave the Financial report:

Income:

Indoor Entry Fees.....\$
4 Membership Dues.....\$
Interest.....
7 Membership Dues.....\$
2 Sheets Foam.....\$

Total Income: \$

Expenses:

Video Card\$
MAAC Insurance\$
Foam Sheets.....\$
Flight Simulator.....\$
Gas for Snow Blower.....\$

Total Expenses:\$

Bank Balance.....\$

Motion made by John Curran to adopt the Treasurer's report as given. Seconded by Jeb Ward.
CARRIED.

2- Club Annual Dues:

As of 19 of January a total of 14 membership fees were collected for the 2010 season.

3- Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were adopted without discussion.

4- Air Cadet Training Program:

The Air Cadet program is starting out well with 7 Cadets signed up for training.

6- New Business:

The old computer power supplies were donated to the Club by Marc Gagnon.

These are to be modified by Wayne Porter to become charger stations for Indoor flying at the Armory. The cost for supplies to convert 5 of these kits is \$60.00.

Motioned by John Curran for the Club to purchase the conversion kits at a cost of \$60.00. Seconded by Dean Sturkenboom. CARRIED.

Note: These power supplies are now to become Club property!

Karl Kingston recommended that the last "Indoor" flying day on April 18, 2010 be made a Fun Fly.

Please put forward your suggestions for events for the day!

As discussed at previous meetings, several members are planning to organize an IMAC Aerobatic Training Program for next summer.

A sign up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting to collect names of interested pilots. A ground school day will be held in May to kick off the program.

A new Field Manager was appointed at the meeting. Stephane Claude accepted this position with a great deal of enthusiasm as everyone thought he was a perfect person for the job.

The Secretary Roger was asked to obtain proof of insurance for the Armory, Leger Landing and for the Mall Show at Cornwall Square.

(Note: these proof of insurance forms were received on January 19, 2019)

It was suggested by some of our members that we plan to reserve a day each month for "Float Flying" at Guindon Park.

The dates to be reserved are:

Practice Date May 16, June 13,

July 3, Annual Ottawa Valley
Zone Float Fly.

Practice Date Aug.15, Sept. 19, 2010.

Action: Cliff Merpaw to contact the City, to confirm the dates requested and advise on paper work required.

It was also recommended by several members to go over the arrangements with Claude Melbourne (MAAC Zone Director) to review the Float Fly set up relevant to safety precautions.

7- Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cliff Merpaw at 9:00 p.m.

8- Show and Tell:

Karl Kingston brought the donated in the Computer and supplies to be modified by Wayne Porter and used as a 12 Volt field battery replacement when flying indoors.

Marc Gagnon brought two small “Electric Helicopters” for indoor flying which were very successfully flown by both Stephan Claude and Marc Gagnon. Everyone seemed quite interested.

Jeb Ward brought in a gigantic 1930 era type, free flight all built up from Balsa and was around 7 foot wingspan. It will be covered in Sig “Coverall” and Doped (painted) with Butyrate Dope. This took several months to build and Jeb has converted it to Radio Control. Now this will be something to see next summer. Very impressive Jeb.

This and That:

This was another good meeting with lots of good information and activity. Great job being done by our Executive members. Terrific input by our membership. Great minutes and a really great Financial Report. In general, a lot of interest being showed by all our members which makes for a great Club.

New Field Manager:

Getting Stephan to take on the job as Field Manager was a great step forward for the Club as well as our members. The last person to do the Field Manager’s job was Wayne Porter. He did a wonderful job. Wayne drove in from Williamsburg twice a

week to keep the grass on the field short enough so everyone could fly. I guess we never thanked him enough but I know we all appreciated the effort he put in at the field. Wayne made the field a truly beautiful place to spend our leisurely hours. I am sure that if we all co-operate with Stephane the field will be a place of beauty the way it was when Wayne looked after it. So let’s all work together and support Stephane as much as we can.

About our Members:

Rod Elliot: Rod is a relatively new member of our Club having only joined a year ago. When I asked Rod if he would care to give us some background about himself, he responded with a very entertaining little story. Here is what he said:

Rod Elliot MAAC 15489

My interest in models began at age 5, when my dad took me to watch a gassie free flight event in Ottawa. Some years later he gave me a Forster G-29 glow engine for Christmas. I built a ukie (controline) around it. With zero flying experience, I simply assumed that if “up” elevator was good, full “up” must better. So on first take off it did a blazing wing over and smashed to bits behind me. More years later, I tried again with .049 ukies and learned to fly them reasonably well.

For the next fifteen years between University, Marriage and Career they kept me grounded. Then, one Saturday in 1978, my wife Bonnie and I were out driving. Somewhere near St. Clet P.Q. we saw a sign about a model aircraft contest. We stopped and watched Warren Hitchcox and others fly in an R/C pattern contest at that wonderful Montreal RC field near Ste Marthe. I was instantly hooked on R/C. It wasn't long after that I finished a Sterling Fledgling powered by an 0.29 Super Tigre and controlled by a Kraft radio. Two sticks, four trims, and an on / off switch, seemed complex at the time.

I joined the Oakville club and was fortunate to have Warren Hitchcox as my R/C instructor. He was President of MAAC and Canadian Pattern Champion at the time. Warren influenced me strongly toward safety and precision flying. Bonnie also got her wings and started calling pattern maneuvers for me. It was not long before I was flying the contest circuit. Eventually winning advanced pattern at the 1991 Nationals. That same year I was part of the Canadian Team at the world Pattern Championships in Acapulco, Mexico where I called for Greg Marsden

During the 80's I did a lot of instructing and ran a number of Zone Contests at Oakville

I also organized several pattern clinics which were training weekends featuring world class instructors like Ivan

Kristensen and Dave Brown, the long time USA Pattern Champion. I was also privileged to serve as Ivan's caller at the 1988 Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Somewhere in there, I served one term as the Southeast Zone Director and learned that going flying is much more fun than being Zone Director.

Later in the 80's we moved to London and then Cambridge, Ontario where I spent a lot of time instructing. In 1992, we moved to Goderich where there was no field nearby. So I packed away my planes and did no flying for the next 15 years.

Then one day last May, my wife Bonnie and I were enjoying a late breakfast at Bruyere's Restaurant here in Cornwall. I had seen some news about the Cornwall Aero Modellers so on the spur of the moment we decided to go and find the field. We did and despite the hill and that menacing magnet of a rock, it still felt and looked good to me. Cliff Merpaw happened to be there and gave me a pep talk about the Club and the flying activities so I decided to join and started flying again.

Got the planes out of their boxes that same day. Despite being in there for 15 years, they were in excellent condition. I had done nothing to the engines before boxing them up. They had simply been run dry after their last flights. Amazingly there was no rust, no gum, no problem. They were so clean the pistons still dropped to the bottom by their own weight. Says to me that good quality fuel is worth every cent!

Anyway, I bought and installed new batteries

and charged them and did a very detailed pre-flight check. One nasty blustery afternoon in late June it was time and I did my first 21st Century flight in the Eagle. Not pretty but no damage. Went back next evening felt smoother but got disoriented over the Western trees and pulled an inside loop from the top. Karl was at my side instantly and as the plane disappeared into the trees he spoke a magic word which I can't remember. Whatever, I held on to the loop and after what felt like minutes the plane flew back up out of the trees. Scariest loop I have ever done. Thanks to Karl for saving me!

Since then I have done lots of flying. Some, but not all of the rust has fallen off. Still see pretty well but my reaction time is slower than what I remembered. Hopefully practice will fix that. I have been playing with a new Futaba 12 SGA 2.4 Ghz Tx. which has more computing power than some PCs. It has probably distracted me from the basics but I love it!

And best of all no frequency conflicts! This winter I am working with a Flight Simulator to smooth out the kinks in the maneuvers, I am too chicken to try with a real plane. Also my son and I have bought a pair of those tiny R/C Choppers which are real fun and scare the hell out of the cats. In my spare time I still chase DX with my Amateur Radio station Call Sign (VE3UW) which has been another life long passion.

So all is wellsee you in the Spring... looking forward to doing some IMAC this summer.

Rod. Elliot

Chili Flys:

Please note that the next one will be on February 20th and will be catered by Jeb Ward. Should be good as I bet Betty is cooking it! Jeb probably buys the rolls? In any event it should be good as the weather forecast is mild temps and low winds, and a lot of hot air (in the Club House that is).

Indoor Flying:

The indoor flying this season at the Cornwall Armories is going real well. I say this because I asked Wayne by e-mail how the last flying session went and his response was:

Hi Cliff! As always it was a hoot! Did you know that a wire is stretched across the West end of the hall way up high. No? Well neither did I! That was until Stephane pointed it out by hanging his foamy up on it. There it was spinning around like a fly in a spider web. Someone suggested shooting it down with that big gun.

Were there any crashes you ask? Well of course, mostly mid-air!!!Foam particles were falling down like snow. It was a wonderful sight to behold. I almost cried.

God I love this hobby!!!!

About 11 people brought something to fly while 5 or 6 others contented themselves by ducking from the first 11. Strangely enough it seems safer to fly than to sit on one's butt and only watch. I guess the safest person of all was a rather tall fellow, who spent most of the evening hiding behind a Video Camera.

He's a Dirty Birdy Films Producer.

Film @ 11:00 or on our Web Page

Cheers Wayne Porter

Well I have run out of things to say now so until next month I shall see you at the meeting and have fun as "Wayne Porter" says

"God I love this hobby".

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Second Street at 7:30 p.m. on Monday February 8, 2010.

See you there. Cliff Merpaw