

# “Cornwall Aero Modellers”

Monthly Newsletter

Oct 2011

## Next Club Meeting

Mon. Oct 17, 2011  
@ the Legion @ 7:30  
in the basement

[cornwallaeromodellers.ca](http://cornwallaeromodellers.ca)

## Executive:

**President:** Karl Kingston @ 938-9573  
**V-President:** Richard Besner @ 527-3398  
**Secretary:** Roger Belanger @ 931-9524  
**Treasurer:** Richard Besner @ 527-3398  
**Field Mgr.** John Curran @ 933-4175  
**Flight Inst.** Karl Kingston @ 938-9573

## Sponsors:

MiniMax Transportation  
J-Tec Distribution Inc.  
Ted's Hobby Shop

Multi Doors & Windows  
Leading Edge Hobby Shop  
Cornwall Roof Truss

## Upcoming Events:

**The Christmas Dinner @the Legion in  
the Glens Lounge on  
December 17, 2011.  
\$20.00 ea.**

## Minutes of the Last Meeting:

There are no minutes to report as the summer meetings were held at the field so as to prepare for the up-coming Float Fly and the Club Fun Fly.

## Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's report submitted by the Treasurer.

Last Bank statement.....  
Income.....  
Expenses.....  
Bank Balance.....

An up to date Financial Statement and a Report on both the Float Fly and the Fun Fly will be given by the Treasurer at the October meeting.

## This and That:

This past Summer has been just about the nicest flying weather ever. Light winds and warm, (at some times HOT ) the field has been just great, with well cut grass, very flat & smooth, and a good turnout of members at the Tuesday night and Saturday morning sessions. Rachel was happy to get presented with her Wings and Nick is very close to having his Wings presented to him.

The Fun Fly events that were held this year went very well from both the standpoint of contestant involvement, enjoyment that they produced for the Flyers involved and the good Financial benefits that were reaped by our Club. It certainly was well worth the effort put in by our Club members.

A lot of nice things were said about the Cornwall Club in how well our guests were treated, the fun they had flying at our field, the great prizes to every flyer, the great food they ate at our food concession (several people stated that it was the first time they ever had French Fries at a Fun Fly and told us how much they enjoyed them), and how they were looking forward to next year's event and more good food.

If the Cornwall Aero Modellers keeps putting on events like those held here this past summer than the Club cannot go wrong.

### **Plane/Engine Raffle**

The winners of the plane/engine raffles were quite delighted to win their prizes judging by the smiles on their faces. A gent from the Williamstown area won the Float Fly raffle and our own Secretary Roger Belanger won the Fun Fly raffle. Roger was really happy as he had just had his regular airplane crash in a training accident ( he applied up elevator when it should have been down). It pays to buy tickets. Remember that the aircraft that were raffled were supplied to us by Peter Grant at Ted's Hobby Shop in the Point Clair Shopping Center. It would sure help if we all tried our best to throw our support and business to Peter at the Hobby Shop. Peter is a really good supporter of the Cornwall Aero Modellers and this is a way to pay him back.

### **Jack Mott Hon. Member**

It was nice to see one of our Life members Jack Mott who showed up briefly at the Club Fun Fly. Jack was the person responsible for the formal start of the Cornwall Aero Modellers Club and for this he was recognized and given a Life membership. Jack really enjoyed himself as it brought back a lot of memories of the good old days when he was active. Jack always seemed to associate himself with the Stearman Biplane that he loved so well especially in the colors of blue and yellow which he also loved. Jack was quoted as saying "it's no hell getting old and not being able to fly these things anymore". Jack was and is a great person to see and talk to so if you get a chance to drop in at Long Sault Villa say hello as he would love it.

### **Jacques DesBecquets**

Jacques: who by the way is the official interpreter for MAAC and their Magazine, had a story in the last issue of MAAC Mag on Gliders. It was well done and the Club's compliments on a job well done. Who said he was just another pretty face?

### **First-aid Box**

A thank you to Claude Desjardins for getting us the First Aid Kit as it came in handy a while ago when I got too close to the prop and got cut several times while

reaching in under to grab the Transmitter. Cut three times in a split second and the engine was at idle???. The point of it all is that the new bandages are the correct and good size as they completely covered the wound. Remember that those little band aids are hard to open when you are shaking after getting cut. Thanks Claude for thinking of us your fellow members. Too bad we all weren't in the medical field like you.

### **Indoor Flying**

The indoor flying time of the year is rapidly approaching and several members have mentioned how much they are looking forward to more indoor flying of foamies again this year. Doug, Nick and Terry said that they enjoy indoor flying just as much or more than outdoor flying! What they would like are more flying dates and an earlier start to the Flying Season. My answer is why not! What our members support is what our members shall get! And just remember the low cost that is worked out enabling our members to fly more often and at an economical price.

### **Outdoor Toilets**

There were a lot of complaints this year about the outdoor toilet supplied to us by Bumsteads Toilets and yes it wasn't the greatest but it was inexpensive (\$170.00) for the whole summer and being cleaned at no charge; is I think a great deal. A decision will have to be made as to whether or not we continue with a Toilet from Bumsteads for the whole season and rent a better one for our Club Fun Fly. Remember the other Companies are asking \$185.00 per month and \$35.00 each time it is emptied.

### **Financial Position**

I sure hope everyone takes note of the Club's great Financial position as to which will be alluded to by our Treasurer at the up-coming meeting. It sure makes things easier for the Executive when the Finances are healthy and secure. A credit to the Executive for a job well done! Good planning and good control of the spending.

John Curran was the Field Manager this past year and certainly deserves our thanks for looking after the field in a professional manner.

You have to admit that we do have a great Treasurer in Richard Besner and the great job that he has done in keeping a record of the Finances.

Roger Belanger who is the best Secretary that this Club has seen in a long time, doing everything that a Secretary should do and more. What about the Club Web page, that he keeps up and running, informative, timely and an absolute great all around effort.

Karl Kingston who sure has spent a lot of his personal time training new members when I am sure he would have preferred flying his own planes. Karl has done a great job of guiding the Club over the past several years and has never complained and was always there to help each and everyone of us with very little thanks accorded him. The heart and soul of the Club for sure!

### **Election of the New Executive**

This meeting is the night that a new slate of officers is nominated for the various Executive positions such as:

President,

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Immediate Past President is automatic.

The positions of:

-Field Manager

-Safety Officer

-Flight Instructors - are usually appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the membership.

#### **Just remember:**

The purpose of an Executive is to carry out the wishes of its members and to guide and lead the way.

#### **New Ideas**

If you get involved in discussions with the various members you cannot help but be impressed by the fantastic interest that a lot of our members have in the Club. Be it ideas in ways of raising funds through a variety of projects, or the new things they would like to see put into practice.

More flight training to even more show and tell at our Club meetings.

There was even a discussion on improving the Club House like cleaning and finishing it up and adding a sun shelter like the one the Club had before it burned down.

Lots of great interest in the Club in general because this Club is the member's Club. A home away from home. A place for enjoying this great hobby and a place to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

Members have a lot to give if only given a chance to express how they feel and what it is they want and would like to do, to make the Club the very best!

#### **Full Size Propeller**

The Legion has donated a full size (8-10feet long ) propeller to the Club if we want it, for our own use? It could be mounted inside or outside of the Club house. It looks good and would be a nice addition to the Club house's decor. There is no historical significance attached to this propeller, just that it looks new and could probably still be used!

#### **Bulletin Board**

The Legion has also donated a very nice glass encased show case style bulletin board made of Aluminum and comes with a key so that it can be locked. It is waterproof and could be mounted outside of the Club house. It is a good size (2 feet x 4 feet) Again it is available if the Club wants it?

### New Members

How about those new members that have joined the Club in recent months. When you see their MAAC numbers you know that they have been around for a while and probably bring with them a lot of experience. This Club is glad to welcome you to the friendly City of Cornwall and we hope you remain members for ever.

I hope to do profiles on them in the near future so that we will all know a little more about them rather than just a name and MAAC number.

New member Chris Rebidoux is a good member to chum up to as he is a distributor of Model Products and a nice person. He was the fellow who set up a booth at the Club Fun Fly and demonstrated glues and other products that he distributes.

The Club members are all glad that you selected Cornwall to become a member of.

### Old Members

Just wondering where a lot of the other guys are hiding. These excellent members like Ken Cox, David Brodie, Ken Norris and Mathew Smerdon are lost from the flying activities and are sorely missed and each one of these members have made a contribution to the Club in one form or other.

Ken Norris is a Leader member of MAAC.

Mathew Smerdon has always been heavily involved in the Club activities and has always done a bang up job in everything that he was involved in.

How do we get them out and involved in the Club activities again?

The Club needs good members like these!

The lack of a day reserved only for the membership (Club Day) was a missed opportunity for everyone to get together for a least one day. Maybe next year?

### Christmas Dinner

The annual Club Christmas Dinner at the Legion is in the works, so if you are interested in coming to join your fellow members, then let it be known at the meeting as the more members, wives and friends of the Club who show up the better it is for the Club as well as for the Legion and a merry time will be had by all! Maybe the Legion Manager will donate a few bottles of wine to us in order to show his appreciation for our support! A large crowd would sure be nice and a sign of friendship and Christmas spirit! Inviting our Zone Rep. Claude Melbourne to the party to speak to us on MAAC would be a nice touch?

See you all at the meeting  
@ Legion on Monday  
October 17, 2011

Cliff Merpaw Editor.