

# CORNWALL AERO MODELLERS

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#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**APRIL 2012** 

# **Executive**

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# Club Sponsors

**Minimax Transportation** 

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**Cornwall Roof Truss** 

# **Upcoming Events:**

Indoor Flying on Sunday April 8, 2012

18:00 till 22:00

**Club Field off limits till further notice** 

due to soft field conditions

Fly at Upper Canada Strip on Saturday

Club Mall Show @Cornwall Square on

**April 28, 2012** 

# Next Club Meeting

Monday April 9th, 2012 @ 7:30

@ The Legion

In the Legion Basement

# **Minutes Of Meeting**

Venue: Legion, 415 2nd Street, Cornwall

Date: March 12th, 2012

Time: 7:30 pm

Present: 13 voting members

#### 1- Agenda:

Treasurer's report

Membership

Mall Show date

Float Fly event Status

Raffle Tickets

Road Trailer status

#### 2- Minutes of last meeting:

#### 3- Treasurer's Report:

Opening Bank Balance......\$1,468.79

Income.....\$880.00

Expenses.....\$109.73

Closing Bank Balance.....\$2234.06

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Treasurers report adopted without discussion.

#### 4- Old Business:

#### Membership:

A reminder that membership fees are due as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

To date 30 members have renewed their membership out of a potential of 45.

Just a reminder that as of March 1<sup>st</sup> the No Fly rule applies to any persons that has not paid his or her membership to the Club.

#### Road trailer:

Ready to be delivered when required.

Some discussion was held as to where the trailer should be located on the Club premises.

Location next to the Club house appears problematic as the tractor truck cannot drop the trailer closer than 20 feet from the clubhouse. In addition this space is needed for Fun Fly and other club events.

Location on the old road is not ideal as the trailer would be in the shade and would be exposed to rust and rot due to the lack of sun.

One possible location reconciling all options would be on the ditch on the North west side of the Club house. This would allow the trailer to be out the way for events. It would also position the trailer in a recessed location giving a better clearance to the flight line. This location would still allow for setting a deck in front with a good view to flight operations. The only issue to be resolved is to provide a sound base over the ditch

without interfering with the drainage of the ditch.

#### 5- New Business.

#### Mall Show Date

The 28<sup>th</sup> of April is confirmed with Cornwall Square

Cliff Merpaw to deliver Insurance certificate and make detailed set-up arrangements.

#### President's meeting:

A zone President's meeting was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Brockville

The purpose of this meeting had two main objectives. One to officially elect a Deputy Zone Director for the Ottawa Valley Zone for a two year period.

Chris Malcomson was elected.

The second objective will be to go over all the Resolutions and Recommendations that have come from the AZMs so that I can have your input before the AGM in March.

Karl Kingston represented CAM in the absence of our president.

Proxy forms were provided by several members to delegate their vote to Karl.

#### First Person View:

A lot of discussion was held as to whether the Club should procure an FPV system.

This represents a significant investment, over \$500.00

It would therefore be appropriate that such an investment be endorsed by a large majority of the members. It was November 2011 Page 3

clear from the discussions that a significant portion of the membership would not support such an investment.

However it may be that some members want to invest on their own and take upon themselves to introduce this technology to the membership.

Stay tuned!!!

#### 5- Show-and-Tell.

Jeb Ward brought a used Gloster Gladiator and donated it to John Curran.

This plane happened to be the last biplane fighter plane built by England

The Gladiator saw action in almost all theatres during the Second World War, with a large number of air forces, some of them on the Axis side. The RAF used it in France, Norway, Greece, the defence of Malta, and the brief Anglo-Iraqi War (in which the Royal Iraqi Air Force was similarly equipped). Other countries deploying the Gladiator included China against Japan, beginning in 1938; Finland (along with Swedish volunteers) against the Soviet Union in the Winter War and the Continuation War; and Norway, Belgium, and Greece resisting Axis invasion of their respective lands.

South African Marmaduke "Pat" Pattle was the top Gladiator ace with 15 victories over Italian aircraft.

### **6**- Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by Jeb Ward.

#### This and That

The last night of indoor flying is coming up on April 8, 2012 at the Armouries and everyone is invited out to fly. For anyone who comes out there will be Ham on a Kaiser Roll to eat and a can of Soda. Free to the Fliers and donated by myself as a gesture of good will. Remember Sunday April 8, at 6:00 or come down early and have a Snack and a Cola on me!



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Sometimes it pays to open up and let people know your feelings as when Jeb Ward asked if anyone was interested in the Gloster Gladiator that he had brought in to demo, only John Curran spoke up and because of this Jeb donated the Plane to him. It made John happy like as if it was a gift from Santa and Jeb was glad to find someone who was happy to get it. Very generous and thoughtful move on your part Jeb. Imagine a plane and an OS Max .60 engine!

There were two new members who joined the Club at this meeting and it is a healthy sign that new members are still out there wanting to get involved in this hobby all we have to do is get the word out to them to come and join up.

Most everyone that took in the display and demonstration of the FPV by our guest Richard Barlow, had to come away feeling impressed by the great hour of new innovations in this great hobby. Although our Club really can't afford to purchase one of these units maybe down the road it will become more affordable and feasible.

I received a call from a flier from Halifax asking permission to fly at our field while he is here visiting in Morrisburg. His name is John Fosse so if you meet him make him welcome! Yes he has his MAAC licence and is ready to fly.

The school break flying demos at the bird Sanctuary went over very well with ideal flying conditions and the children just loved it! Good public relations for our Club and the Hobby in general.

There was a healthy round of different opinions on the location that our members would like to see the Club storage trailer placed at. I am sure more discussions will be forthcoming before a final decision is made so stay tuned in for more info and if you have an opinion bring it forward we would love to hear it!

The raffle tickets for both the Float Fly and the Club Fun Fly have been made up and will probably be available for pick-up at the next meeting from our Treasurer Roger.

See all of you at the Legion
On Monday April 9, 2012 @7:30