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### Editorial

"If you have any ideas of getting into one of those forget it!". This was my wife's comment after watching a news item on the popularity of home built aircraft. Seeing an opportunity to gain favour for my aeromodelling hobby, I quickly responded, "I promise not to go up in one of those if you let me get any model stuff I want". Although my wife's response to that was not entirely positive, she did concede she would much rather I pilot radio-controlled aircraft than full-size aircraft.

This points out one of the advantages of this hobby - small scale versions of aircraft can be built and flown with a smaller investment of time, money, workshop space, and, perhaps, personal risk than with full size aircraft. We are able to build, duplicate, modify, customize, try-out, test and experiment our home built aircraft for mental stimulation, relaxation, social interaction and competition. It doesn't matter why you enjoy this hobby. What matters is that you do! (This probably keeps some of us from less desirable activities such as watching TV!)

Our hobby can be enhanced by sharing our experience with others. Clubs like ours improve the level of performance by providing resources for flight training, technical knowledge, flying sites and club competitions and other functions. I hope I can contribute as editor of this newsletter.

This is building season for most of us - time to construct this year's flying machine(s). I hope your home built aircraft flies as good as you hope. If it turns out that a sudden change in velocity alters its shape, look at the bright side - at least you weren't in it!

Thank-you David Woodhouse for this month's article on very early season flying! Thanks also to Fred Freeman for your help on this first issue.

Rob Campbell

## President's Choice

As we begin this new year of 1993, I'd like to extend my own very best wishes to our membership with the hope that this will be a year in which we can all realize our hopes of peace and prosperity.

As your president, it is my duty to keep the club running as smoothly as possible, and during the coming months I'd like to be able to reinforce some of the essential elements which go to make up the fabric of our club. I'll be saying more about that at the January meeting. Let me take this opportunity to invite every member to make an effort to attend the first meeting of the new year.

I'll also be asking for your suggestions at that meeting - suggestions for improving the way in which our meetings are conducted; we'll try to cut down on the time given over to business and take steps to make time for some form of "rap" session or "gabfest". We have on our membership roster plenty of knowledgeable and experienced people who are capable of talking for a few minutes on some of their pet subjects, and we should be using their talents to include in our meetings the kind of item that has been absent for some time.

I'd like you to think of this meeting as presenting the opportunity to put forward all those points about which you have been concerned during the year. I'd also like to think that you will all turn out - even if its only in order to heckle the executive! I hope to see you there.

'Till then don't forget to  
Drift with the Lift

Fred Freeman

## Winter Flying??

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993. While I was out walking the dog, I noticed a pair of hawks slowly circle from about 100 feet up to about 300 feet without moving their wings. It's WINTER! Everybody knows that it has to be warm to generate thermals... this can't be happening. Oh well, if they can do it, why can't I? I took the dog home, grabbed an airplane and went out to the park. Between my spotting the hawks and the first launch, two aspects of the weather had changed. It was now almost completely overcast and it had gotten very windy. Two short flights and a few blue fingers later, I had everything packed up and that was that. At least I can say that I have flown in 1993.

The thought of those soaring birds stayed with me and on Saturday, when the sun shone through some light haze and the flags barely moved, I decided to give it another try. Off to a different park; one with more open spaces and fewer people to watch this fiasco, my trusty Oly II and I went for another try at winter flying. It was great! Flights ranged from just under 2 minutes (I kinda screwed up the launch) to just over 9 minutes. I flew for about 2 hours and it was only hunger that forced me to quit. There really is lift in the winter. I looked in the normal places, over a small stand of trees, over the parking lot and there it was. These were not thermals of the "hat sucker" variety, but very workable. I intend to continue to brave the elements and fly as much as possible right up 'till the "real" flying season starts. I hope to see some of the Guelph flyers out at the field behind the curling club over the next few months. Misery loves company.

David Woodhouse

## Spring Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 1:00PM at the Rockton Town Hall on the third Sunday of each month.

The meetings dates are as follows:

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16 - this meeting may be outdoors at the flying field

## Minutes of Meeting held December 13, 1992.

This the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 1:35PM with 19 members and 2 guests present.

The Treasurer reported that we have a bank balance of \$968.33 with the gift for Rose Bandmann still outstanding as an approved expenditure.

The President suggested that we purchase two "flower of the month" cups and saucers at a cost of about \$50.00 as the present. Approved.

The minutes of the last meeting, October 4, 1992, were read. It was pointed out that there was an error in that Albert Fund had donated the 400 foot line for the winch and not Charlie Raider as stated. Moved by Bud Wallace that the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Fred Freeman. Passed.

Moved by Bud Wallace, seconded by Fred Freeman that the incorporation fee must be paid by renewing members before their new membership be renewed. Passed unanimously.

The Secretary gave a report on the progress of incorporating the club and read the proposed by-laws with a running discussion of each item as necessary.

Moved by David Woodhouse, seconded by Kurt Fritz, that the new class of associate member not have flying or voting rights. Passed.

Moved by Bud Wallace, seconded by Al Hilborn that the by-laws as presented and amended be accepted. Passed.

Stan Shaw moved a vote of thanks to the incorporating committee for a job well done.

Moved by Kurt Fritz, seconded by David Woodhouse that the 1993 membership fees remain the same as 1992 namely:

Open member	\$30.00
Senior member	\$20.00
Junior member	\$15.00

Motion passed.

Moved by Bud Wallace, seconded by Bill Moar that the Associate membership fee be set at \$10.00. This is deemed to be a fair cost recovery of the club publication.

MAAC is to be put on the mailing list for the club publication which should be sent to the associate editor Peter Perry at MAAC headquarters.

The contests for 1993 are set out as follows:

May 1 Novice day C.D. Bud Wallace Assistant C.D. Kurt Fritz Rain date May 2 Time 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Entry fee \$7.00 Open to novice flyers. There will be pilots and instructors available to help the contestants. This contest is to promote interest and familiarity to newcomers.

May 30 Electric Fun Fly C.D. Stan Shaw Assistant Bud Wallace. Time 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Fee \$7.00

June 13 Novathon C.D. Bill Moar Assistant Dave Woodhouse. Time 9:30 A.M. Fee \$7.00

June 19 Scale Contest Fee \$7.00 C.D. Bill Woodward Assistant Fred Freeman June 20 Rain Date Contest start time both days 12.00 Noon.

July 18 Triathlon Otto Bandmann club day. Start time 9.30 A.M. August 1 Rain date. C.D. Fred Freeman Assistant C.D. Bill Woodward. There is no entry fee and is restricted to club members only. Please let's have everybody enter this contest and really make this a fun and family day to remember. This contest has real memorable trophies. There will be more information on this contest to follow.

September 5 Big Bird contest Fee \$7.00 9:30 A.M. start. September 6 Rain date C.D. Werner Klebert Assistant C.D. Bill Moar and Stan Crha.

October 3 Lotto-Fly Fee \$7.00 Start 10.00 A.M. Cash prizes. C.D. Stan Shaw Assistant C.D. Bill Woodward. This is a good contest for all levels of flying skill as winning is based on the luck of the draw and your best bet placed by the amount of flying time you post in your allotted flying windows. Even a pop off can win.

The election of the new executive took place with the following results.  
For President Fred Freeman. Nominated by Bill Woodward. Elected.

For Vice-President standing from October meeting

Bill Moar  
Peter Ashton  
Bud Wallace  
Peter Ashton elected.

For Treasurer none of the October 4 nominees would stand.  
Bud Wallace nominated by Keith Armstrong. Elected.

For Secretary Al Hilborn withdrew his name. Keith Armstrong elected.

For Editor Rob Campbell elected.

Elections closed.

Moved by Stan Shaw, seconded by Bud Wallace that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.

## **R/C Sailplane Wings Program Status**

Kurt Fritz has supplied a summary of the SOGGI R/C Sailplane Wings Program. This list identifies the Instructors and Pilots. When flying season returns, non-pilots should contact an instructor for training and/or testing.

This program demonstrates our desire to reduce the risk of injury or property damage by promoting general flying knowledge and good flying habits.

## **Membership Note and Application Form**

It's that time again. An application for membership for 1993 is enclosed. You can mail in your application and membership fee or bring them to the next meeting.

Please be sure to include your MAAC No.

To ensure you remain on the mailing list, membership fees must be received by March 1, 1993.

