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If you want a quiet Christmas, go Flying:

If you want to be happy, save your money and go Flying

At the end of a year of strange weather, guess what we are getting – more strange weather. Thankfully the rain came before the snow and just after the heat wave.

Are you ready to build yet? Have you tried to get all that select balsa for that golden oldie you plan to fly next year? Good luck, it seems that strange market forces are at work – must be the weather! However, beware of the Nodding Dog Syndrome (NDS). Challenge the pundits, ask the pertinent questions and rationalize the answers. The real truth is often hidden under a pile of horse-feathers – and is, many times, stranger than fiction.

The second most important thing to do before Xmas is to update your Christmas Wish list. The rapid advance in electronics is fuelling all kinds of improvements in the equipment that we really need to maximize the enjoyment (and expense) of this great pastime of ours. If it advances much further we probably won't even need to go to the flying field – it can all be done from the comfort of your own home!

For those of you that are perhaps more low tech in your aspirations, check out the “For Sale” section of this newsletter – there are many planes and kits available and you may not have to max out the old CC. to get a good flyer.

Are your Battery Packs showing signs that they need some loving attention and car?

Here are the top five indicators that something is amiss:

(With apologies to Rabid Letterman)

1. The Kresge price sticker reads 25¢
2. The label says “Light Fuse and Retire”
3. The cell covering disintegrates from age and reveals that this pack was in fact fabricated by Thomas Alva Edison.
4. A recall notice was issued by the Marco Polo Trading Company (1593) Ltd.– and you have Pack Serial No 2.
5. The dendrites are so advanced that you mistake the pack for a block of ripe cheese and put it back in the fridge.

We take this opportunity to wish our readers, one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Safety Rules – think safety, be alert, and never assume anything.

Especially when opening Christmas presents!

President Speaks:

Here it is December again, and the Holiday Spirits are building up with the constant loud and obnoxious commercials especially on the TV! What is Santa Claus going to bring you for Christmas? Perhaps some time for personal reflection to gain some insight on our own lives? While charity lies at the heart of Christmas, children's wishes seem to overtake the true meaning of Christmas and cause us no end of fussing to get the "right" gift! My only wish is for each and everyone reading this message is quite simple. I wish that everyone enjoy a safe, warm and peaceful Christmas season, hopefully sharing it with family and friends. Be thankful for all we have enjoyed this year. For the New Year, make no resolutions but one! Like Dr. Phil says: "Doing what works, doing what Matters!"

The executive is continuing their efforts with the City of Hamilton to come to some agreement on the use of Beverly Center. At the moment, we have an offer to use the fields for six month next summer during the weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and possibly some weekends that are free of soccer games. Hopefully we can extend it for the whole year. We have met with the committee responsible for Beverly Centre's operations and hope to resolve the matter in the near future.

Another issue that our newly elected Zone Director may have to resolve concerns Bill Allemang , a MAAC member, who has been flying quarter scale gas-powered model on Mines Road , just north of Greens Road. This site is within one mile of our flying field! He observed our models during the Two Meter contest and phoned Werner Klebert. He uses channel 34 and 54. These channels are now blocked off on our board for time being. I spoke to him and indicated that the matter will be addressed and resolved. By the way the new Middle Zone Director is Roy Rymer, from St.Catharines. The Deputy Zone Director is Bill Woodward, from Cambridge. Congratulations to both of them for taking on these challenging and rewarding positions. They need our support!

Lastly, radio interference should be getting your attention. Most radio manufacturers recommend that owners return their TX's each year for servicing, which includes RF tuning. How often do you actually do this? We will do a survey next meeting!

In conclusion, please phone Becel's customer service number 1-800-563-5574 to tell the company that you object to the terrible commercial showing a father and son flying a radio- controlled gas-powered model in a park setting scaring and endangering other persons. This is illegal in most city jurisdictions and it does not represent the hobby in a safe and responsible manner. Also suggest that a representative from MAAC or a club be included on a focus group that reviews such commercials before they are broadcasted. You may even receive a voucher for their product for your trouble. They have a web site: www.becel.ca for your information.

MINUTES OF SOGGI MEETING October 15, 2006

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.25 PM. There were 10 members present.

Stan Shaw welcomed the members and reviewed the past year of flying.

Commenting on the poor weather and lack of flyers for the contests that were held. Stan reported on the Middle AZM that the new Zone Director is Roy Rymer and Bill Woodward was elected as the Deputy Zone Director.

Minutes of the April meeting were read by Cliff English.

Motion to accept minutes as read Derek Hartwell Seconded by Stu Watson.

Business arising from the minutes:

It was noted that the instructor's clinic and winch instruction was not held.

Bob Hammetts Free Flight Open House was a success with eight flyers and two guests attending. The weather was a tad windy but some flights were successful. Bob launched his plane into a thermal and lost it. Bob said he would like to run this event next year.

Treasures Report:

Derek Hartwell reported a balance of \$1924.00 as of October 1 2006. We had 36 paid up members in 2006.

Contests brought in \$75.00.

The estimated budget for 2007 is approximately \$1050.00.

New Business:

The topic of Mall shows was discussed, to generate interest in RC modeling. It was suggested that SOGGI brochures be placed in Hamilton War Plane Museum. Stu Watson was going to look into this.

Executive:

Stan asked about the executive for 2007. Stan said he would stand for president, Cliff said he would stand for secretary, Dick will still be the editor and Bob will carry on as the Web-master. Derek said he would not be running for treasurer next year.

This leaves nominations for vice-president and treasurer open.

Bill Woodward said that MAAC wants all RC Clubs to post a sign at each field:

(Model Aircraft Flying is Dangerous) - (Proceed at your own risk)

This idea came from the AMA in the states. An insurance company was behind this idea.

Frequencies:

Stan Shaw talked about two RC pilots flying at Greens Road and Mines Road. They fly on channel 34 and 54. Due to the nearness to Ben Shoutens field SOGGI flyers could encounter interference. Stan talked to the flyer who is the owner of the property. He belongs to MAAC and Stan invited him to join SOGGI. It was recommended that SOGGI members do not use channels 34 and 54.

Fields:

Fletcher field was stripped this year; flying there next year will probably not take place.

Rockton community centre field:

Stan met with the Rockton recreation committee the cost to rent the field at the community centre would be \$25.00 per month. Stan suggested we rent for six months May to October 2007. If we fly in the winter months we would have to negotiate a new agreement. Stan is to attend a meeting in November with the Rockton recreation committee.

The conditions under which we could fly are

1: Mondays to Friday 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

2: Up to 100 inch wing span

3: Only Gliders, Rubber powered and electrics

4: No gas engines allowed

A motion was put forth by Dick Colley to fly from the recreation centre for one year.

It was decided to table this motion to the next meeting in November.

The Seneca airport was discussed as a site for an aero tow. Chris McHugh was to be contacted. The Seneca airport could be a possible site for SOGGI in the future.

Meeting closed at 3.45 PM

MINUTES OF SOGGI MEETING November 12, 2006

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.10 PM. There were 17 members present and 1 guest.

Minutes of the October meeting were read by Stan Shaw. Motion to accept minutes as read by Derek Hartwell
Seconded by Werner Klebert.

Business arising from the minutes:

Seneca airport has a paved runway running North and South. Could be used by Electrics.

Beverly update:

Stan Shaw had a meeting with Alan Kerry and the committee in charge of park usage. The cost would be \$150.00 for six months May to October or \$300.00 for 12 months. As there is restricted flying at the Beverly Centre no flying when other events are taking place. The possibility of posting Beverly Centre events on the SOGGI web site was discussed.

Dick Colley made a motion to rent the Centre for six months May to October 2007. Seconded by Werner Klebert. This was amended to read January to June 2007 dawn to dusk.

All were in favor.

Al Dore is the chief administrator for the Beverly Centre.

New Business:

The Canadian War Plane Heritage Museum is holding an RC model show on November 23 2006.

The cost of Xmas gifts for Ben Schouten, Patrick McNally and Hamilton Sod was discussed.

Ben Schouten \$125.00 for a gift certificate, Patrick McNally and Hamilton Sod a gift basket valued at \$60.00 each. A limit of \$300.00 was put on the gifts in total.

Stu Watson motioned that the same cost as last year be used. Seconded by Cliff English All were in favor.

Executive:

Nomination for Vice President

Cliff English nominated Werner Klebert seconded by Derek Hartwell. Werner said he would stand.

Nomination for Treasurer.

Bob Hammett nominated Michael Kastelein, seconded by Werner Klebert. Michael said he would stand.

Contests:

The Speed 400 contests will not be held this year. A combination of bad weather and low interest was the reason.

An Electric Fun Fly event was discussed an open contest flying any Electric model with a handicap system to equalize scores. No disson was made on this event.

Prizes and trophies will be decided at the next meeting.

Contest Calendar:

Sat. June 16 2007 Buds Golden Oldies (RES)

Sun. June 17 2007 Rain Date

CD Dick Colley OPEN (Sanction)

Sun. July 15 2007 Club Day (Otto Bandmann)
CD ?

Sun. August 5 2007 2 Meter Contest
CD Werner Klebert OPEN (Sanction)

Sun. September 2 2007 Big Bird Bash
Mon. September 3 Rain Date
CD Dick Colley OPEN (Sanction)

Sun. September 16 2007 Free Flight Fun Fly
CD Bob Hammett OPEN (Sanction)

Sun. May 20 2007 Instructors and Winch clinic.

Fields:
Dick Colley spoke about a field off of Centre Road. Dick said it was too small for gliders but good enough for park flyers.

Werner Klebert will check with Hamilton Sod about flying at the Nebo Road and Chippewa Road field in 2007. Parking is limited and parking on Nebo or Chippewa roads would have to be used for parking. If the gate is open to the field a small parking area is available.

Meeting Closed 3.15 PM

You asked us...

A new column for those hard to answer questions...
Send in your questions and our team of experts will help you find the right answer!

Interesting Pictures: PLEASE send some in!



For Sale: Want Ads: Personals



▲ ProRunner 118" \$180

◀ Windrifter 111" \$150

All in good flying condition. All are contest winners! Werner Klebert 905-578-9431

1. Moto-Shop Dremel Jig-Saw, Good Condition, Model 57-2
Price \$40.00
2. Dremel Belt Sander, Good Condition
Price \$40.00
3. Astro DC/DC Digital Peak Charger, charges 1-18 cells, Model 110D,
Price \$45.00
4. Moto-Master Auto Battery Charger, can do 70/10/2 amps,
Price \$45.00

Call Stan Shaw, 519-763-7111 if interested in making a deal.

For sale.

Lumina 2M Sailplane - 6 servos

standard servos - 7

mini servos – 15

1 - Spirit 100 Kit

1 - Graupner Soft-fly Kit

1 - Graupner Beta Kit

1 – Kolibri, 60in with geared motor, aileron, rudder, elevator

1 - Prop Balancer

1 - Incidence meter

1 - Astro 112D charger

1 - Astro power supply

1 - Heat gun

1 - Sealing iron

1 - Building board

1 - Digital Tachometer

1 - X 250 plane - Ready to fly

1 - Sandpiper plane, 60 in, 4 servos, ESC, Motor, Receiver

1 - Dallaire Sportster, 52 in., Ready to fly

2 - Reisenauer ducted fans - with speed 500 motors

Make an offer if you are interested.

Albert Fund 519-658-9495 or e-mail albertfund@netscape.net



X250 - Ready to Fly

This could be your add here!

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- **We publish for free!**

Suggestions for a Winter Project

Tension Gauge for Hi-Starts

Foam Wing Cutter – Computer Driven

Aircraft Locator for Model Planes (ALMA Project)

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Deadline for September Issue of Task: August 22nd 2006

2006 Calendar of Events

2006

- December 10th Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm

2007

- January 14th Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- February 11th Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- March 11th Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- April 8th Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm