



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

June 2011



Capital Classic Wings and Wheels

In addition to our annual "Canada Day Event", the Canadian Aviation Museum have requested that the Stetson Flyers provide Radio Control Model Aircraft and helicopter display for this year Capital Classic Wings and Wheels event. Stetson Flyer members are therefore requested to provide RC aircraft of all types for static display and to help provide security and answer any visitor questions.

This cooperative event is the Stetson's way of saying THANK YOU to the Canadian Museum, for their generous support and use of their facilities for our monthly meeting. This is an important event for every member to participate in and show our gratitude. All aircraft will be displayed indoors, behind crowd barriers, and around the museum's display aircraft. Please plan on contributing to this important event.

Blank Display Cards (identifying the individual RC aircraft/helicopter, characteristics etc.) are available as a template from Dan Marcotte

Display hours are 9 AM to 4 PM.

Please email Daniel Marcotte and let him know if you intend to provide aircraft/helicopter and to help us support the Aviation Museum

Canada Day

On July 1st you are asked to bring your models to the Canada Aviation and Space Museum for static display. Drop off is around 8:30 am, pickup at 4:00 pm.

Again, this helps to secure our meeting space at the museum. It is also a great spot to spend Canada Day and who knows, you might even see the Snowbirds!

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th

**Regular Meeting
7:30 PM**

**Don't forget your
Bring and Brag!**

**Prize draw whenever there are 3 or
more bring and brag items.**

Coming Stetson Events...

June 18 th	Wheels & Wings Display
June 25 th	Classic & Warbird Fun Fly
July 1 st	Static Display at Aviation Museum
July 16-17 th	Zone Fun Fly—Smith Falls
July 30 th	Electric Fun Fly
August 6-7 th	IMAC Event
Sept 10 th —11 th	Giant Scale Fun Fly
Sept 24 th	New Flyers Fun Fly
Sept 27 th	Regular Meeting

Classic and Warbird Fun Fly

Keep your calendars open on June 25th for the Classic and Warbird fun fly. An email will be sent to all members before the event, but you can expect a great day of flying your Warbird or Classic models. The BBQ will be open and a great time will be had by all.

A Warbird is a plane which flew in a military role, which could be a WWI triplane or an F-18 jet. A Classic plane is generally defined as one built between 1945 and 1955. These can be either highly detailed scale models or "stand off scale".

Club Officials and Contacts

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There is always room to add your name here too!

Mailing Address: *new as of August 2010*

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Dues:

\$80.00 per calendar year;
\$40.00 for Juniors under 18
\$40.00 for Students under 21 attending full-time courses
\$130.00 for families—two adults plus youths/students

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

Our web site is hosted as a community service by



Newsletter Questions and Answers

I used to get emails about club events, but they stopped coming – what happened?

Most likely your email address changed or failed and we were not given a new one. When the electronic version is ready for download we send out a reminder as well as for important events and notices. To get back on our mailing list, send your email address to: contact@stetsonflyers.com

Meetings

The Stetson Flyers meet at 7:30 on the last Tuesday of each month, except for December, June, July or August. The meetings are held at the Canada Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

Bring and Brag

Each meeting we encourage members and guests to bring something of interest to show to the group. It could be a new plane, a build in progress, or a demo of a technique. Where there are three or more items brought to the meeting we will try and have a prize draw. Items for sale are welcome but are not eligible for the Bring and Brag prize draw.

Use the back door to the museum!

To get to the back door follow the road around to the extreme left side of the museum. Pass through the gate in the perimeter fence and proceed to the back door.

Photo Credits:

Unless noted otherwise, photos in this newsletter are by our webmaster Simon Nadler, our newsletter editor John Jackson, or our Vice President Hal MacDonald.

Want to propose something?

Members in good standing can bring motions from the floor at any regular meeting. The motion will need to be seconded, then discussed and voted on by the members present. Sometimes the outcome is that the motion is tabled so more information, implications, etc. can be gathered and presented.

You can help speed up the process by giving the executive a “heads up” by sending an email to contact@stetsonflyers.com, ideally before the executive meeting which happens the Tuesday before a regular meeting. This will allow the executive team a chance to research the idea in advance of the meeting and gather any required

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2011 at D&S BBQ Restaurant

A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Michel Carriere, seconded by Jim Savage. All in favour.

The treasurer's report was presented and is published elsewhere in this newsletter. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Gerry Nadon, seconded by Wayne Smith.

Membership – currently we have 119 members.

Webmaster – The weather station is currently online. Members are requested to use the for sale area on the web site.

CFI Report – weather issues have made for a slow start. There are 24 students and few instructors.

Field Report- Maintenance day was cancelled due to weather, but some tasks were completed in the rain such as rolling the runway. Thanks to all that helped out especially those that worked in the rain. Tables were built, fence parts replaced and upgraded. There will be gravel coming for the road as the half load limits are no off.

Old Business Simon Nadler made a motion to NOT install flag poles as previously voted upon. Motion seconded by John Jackson. Discussion – the money is 10% of field budget, the flags will bring un-wanted attention from the road. Canadian flags can still be flown at

events, but the tall permanent poles would not be installed. Several people spoke and indicated that they originally voted for the flag poles but now have reconsidered and would like a chance to change that. Motion carried with one vote against.

New Business – If approached about the human sludge to be spread on fields around, members are asked not to become politically active on the issue while on or near the field. This includes petitions, posting signs, etc. While this may not be pleasant, becoming a 'thorn' in City of Ottawa's side could get our site shut down very easily. Since we are not land owners at this location, we really have no say in the matter. If approached, please refer to the executive. If the executive have any indication of spraying in the area we will pass that along via email.

Events – Help is needed for the Ed Rae event June 4th. The Warbird event is coming up soon and help will be needed there too. Static displays are needed for the Canada Day events at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum. Also there is a Wings and Wheels day June 18th and we are being strongly encouraged to supply items for Static Display. Gerry Nadon made a motion for the club to support the Wings and Wheels event, seconded by Wayne Smith. Motion carried.

Safety – use good batteries, check over your batteries, and look out for your flying neighbors.

Gerry Nadon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Simon Nadler.

Financial Statement from May 31st Meeting

<u>Investment:</u>	
-TD Term Deposit GIC renewed for one year at .75% including Shelter fund	\$11,292.67
<u>Bank balance</u>	
- As of May 31, 2011	\$ 5,119.01
<u>Revenues:</u>	
- Memberships and 50/50	\$ 1,335.50
- Flying School revenues (Books sale and registration of new members)	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
- Total revenues	\$ 1610.50
<u>Expenses:</u>	
- Bank fees	\$ 20.01
- First payment – Grass Cutting Contract (First 5 cuts)	\$ 600.00
- Field Improvement expenses	\$ 2,757.02
- Toilet Cleaning Contract for the summer season	\$ 303.10
- Flying School – Student Log Books & Teaching books (anticipated profit is \$ 83.00)	\$ 460.51
- Purchase of 24 T-Shirts and 24 hats (anticipated profit is \$ 122.45)	\$ 717.55
- Extra payment for Hampton Holdings – Field Rental HST	<u>\$ 72.00</u>
-Total expenses	\$ 4930.19
<u>Bank Balance:</u>	
- As of May 31, 2011 (Not including our GIC)	\$ 1,799.32

Aerobatics Practice Wednesdays

Those interested in improving their piloting skills are reminded of the Wednesday afternoon and evening Aerobatics practice.

We meet informally every decent flying Wednesday at the field to practice manoeuvres and help each other.

Weather has played havoc with nearly every session to date, but this activity is STILL ON, so please keep it on your calendar!

Our excellent reference material (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Aerobatics books by David Scott plus various aircraft setup papers) will help you understand the theory behind better piloting skills and aircraft setup.

The brain trust of our more senior pilots is being shared freely with anyone who asks a question. We will be flying much more now that the weather is settling down.

Come on out and have fun with us! Pilots of ALL skill levels are invited. If you are curious, come see what we are doing, or call me at 613-746-4209

Gary Robertson



Scenes from the May 2011 Dinner Meeting held at D&S BBQ in Carlsbad Springs.

Model airplane crash leads to local lawsuit

By The Star Press

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20110531/NEWS01/105310315/Model-airplane>

An Illinois woman and her husband have filed suit against the Academy of Model Aeronautics, alleging she was injured when a radio-controlled model airplane crashed into her left shoulder, knocking her to the ground.

The Delaware Circuit Court 4 lawsuit, filed Friday, also names the plane's operator, Elwynn N. Miller III of Fort Wayne, as a defendant.

According to the suit, Ruth E. Meek of Kendall County, Ill., was a spectator at a "soaring" contest at the AMA's Muncie property on Oct. 9, 2010, when the accident took place.

It alleges Meek fell onto another model plane when she fell. She is reported to have suffered "severe and disabling injuries to her left arm and shoulder."

The suit says Miller "did not have much experience" in flying model planes, and that the AMA "was negligent when it allowed Mr. Miler to fly his aircraft near spectators."

Miller is also accused of negligence by "failing to use due care in the operation of his aircraft and by losing control" of the plane.

Meek's husband, Robin, claims damages related to "the loss of his wife's services and consortium."

The suit, filed by Muncie attorneys Scott Shockley and Sarah Pierce, seeks unspecified damages to be determined by a jury.

Editor's Comment:

The example above is an example of why the Executive of the Stetson Flyers are diligent in making sure that new members either attend flight school (and graduate) or are checked out by an instructor in the case of members joining from other clubs.

This is also the reason that we make sure flyers have MAAC insurance and are club members, and why we check, especially at events!

Ed Rae Fun Fly—June 4th 2011

