



## KINGSTON RADIO CONTROL MODELLERS

**MINUTES of the Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Called to Order:** By Byron MacLean @ 7:40 PM with 23 members and 1 guests.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Presented by Wilfred Hill  
Moved to accept by: Rene LeBrun Seconded by: Gary Droppo

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Rolly Siemonsen  
The bank balance is \$4351.55, and the book balance is \$4351.55. As of this meeting, we have a membership of 47 including 2 renewals at the meeting. This year to date, we have spent \$350.00 for snow removal.  
Moved to accept by: Russ Wood, Seconded by: Mike Siemonsen

**C.F.I.'S REPORT:** Cliff Smith deferred his report until new business.

**MAINTENANCE & PROJECTS:** Rolly Siemonsen agreed to cut the grass for \$1450.00. Russ Wood put forward a motion to pay Rolly Siemonsen \$1450.00 to cut the field grass for the 2009 season. Motion seconded by Rene LeBrun. Motion carried. The large gray box under the counter has been labeled with an orange cross and the word "FIRST AID" in red below it. Cliff has a 16" X 14" X 4" empty first aid box for the club. Rene will fill it with what is necessary. Rolly Siemonsen has volunteered to organize the field rolling party for the spring of 2009. It is felt that this should be done every spring and should also include the parking lot and roadway to the gate. Russ Wood asked about the spring fieldwork party. It will be deferred till the April meeting. Gary Droppo reported that he has plugged the hole in the side of the clubhouse with foam, but that it should be painted. Gary also stated the some of the fascia is in poor shape. Mike Siemonsen offered to get new aluminum soffit material to replace the wood soffits. Mike will also contact Gary Gorr for advice on these repairs. Cliff Smith asked about replacing the eaves troughs to prevent further damage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Gary Droppo presented the financial report of the 2009 KRCM club auction held at the February meeting. As usual, we had a good turnout and a good selection of items. It looked like everyone enjoyed the evening, some folks took home terrific values, almost everything was sold and we cleared the place out quickly at the end. Here is the final result, as well as a comparison to previous years. (Note that 2006 included some major donated items, which greatly inflated the profit to KRCM. even though the total value of transactions was rather low.) Otherwise, 2009 is one of our top years!

YEAR	TOTAL	CLUB
TRANSACTIONS	PROFIT	
2009	\$2253	\$256.80
2008	\$2376	\$237.60
2007	\$1875	\$187.50 (Hans' Estate Auction)
2006	\$1321	\$499.30 (A number of major Items were donated)
2005	\$1668	\$205.50
2004	\$1217.50	\$137.05
2003	\$1541	\$195.50
2002	\$1278	\$153.00
2001	\$1760	\$259.70

Zone "G" director, Claude Melbourne was present to give a report on the 2009 Zone auction. He stated that there were over 30 people participating and that again this year the swap shop was a great success. The auction portion of the event generated about \$1073.00. Claude thanked Gary Droppo and Wilfred Hill for their help in running the computer and the cash transactions for the event. (There were no commissions paid to the zone or clubs, but each seller paid a \$5.00 fee per table.)

Rene LeBrun reported on the first indoor fun fly held at the Thompson Drill hall on Sunday February 22. About 13 competitors took part and a great time was had by all. A collection of food items was collected for the food bank as entry fees. Thanks to the effort of Rene for a great day. Rene thanked Mike Daicar of Leading Edge Hobbies for their contribution to the success of the event. Rene also stated that maybe "shot gun" starts were not the way to go in starting an indoor pylon race.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rolly told the members of a local laser cutting service operated by Andrew (Andy) Calnek. His laser cutter has a maximum bed size of 24 X 12". Rolly says he charges about \$1.00 per minute of cutting time, maybe less. Rolly suggested calling Andy for details at (613) 767-3139 or by E-mail at [acalnek@cogeco.ca](mailto:acalnek@cogeco.ca).

Gary Droppo talked about a cad program he has been using recently called DEVCAD LE. For more information see their web sit at [www.devcad.com](http://www.devcad.com). Gary also recommended checking out PROFILI II a wing template program offered on their site.

Cliff apologized to his instructors and the club for not getting together to discuss the instructors roles and issues as he had planned. He however read into the record the following.

**ITEM 1:** After several weeks of thinking about the proposal made at the January meeting for Jim Thompson to manage the paper work for the CFI , I feel that since the documentation part of the CFI position is uncomplicated and has not been a problem to manage, this is would be an unnecessary addition to the club executive.

**ITEM 2:** At the January meeting Spencer referred to an excerpt from a MAAC document called “WINGS PROGRAM” which indicated that a candidate for “A” WINGS testing cannot be tested by the instructor who taught them.

After reviewing the full WINGS PROGRAM document it is my understanding that this is not a required student testing procedure at all, but rather a voluntary flying achievement program designed to classify club members in 4 levels of proficiency (i.e. A,B,C & D WINGS). (Reference to ‘PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM’):

1. To provide an interesting and challenging flying achievement program that will encourage individual club members to improve their overall flying ability.
2. To develop a membership of competent flyers to assist new club members regarding all aspects of the sport that pertain to powered flight.
3. To minimize safety hazards and accidents by encouraging all club members to develop better and more proficient flying habits.
4. To make radio control flying a more meaningful and satisfying experience for all club members.)

In this program, Qualified Instructors are appointed as Judges in order to score a program sequence of flying maneuvers out of 10 points with downgrading based on errors made during the flight, similar to methods used for IMAC or TOC competitions.

This is where the rule that Spencer referred to comes in and I quote: “To ensure that all members have an opportunity to obtain the required A level one qualified examiner will suffice if two are not available. However the candidates instructor can not be the sole examiner.”

This is to ensure fair Judging of flying solely for the purposes of this specific program and though the statement has some merit regarding student testing, to the best of my understanding does not constitute a MAAC RULE regarding general testing of students.

MAAC also provides a “FLIGHT TRAINING “guideline for fixed wing students that establishes a standard sequence of flight testing maneuvers and provides sign-off sheets for three levels of beginner flight training and for instructor testing. It does not dictated how the student must be taught. That would be up to individual instructors.

Based on these documents it is my intention as elected CFI to incorporate the MAAC “FLIGHT TRAINING “ guideline and to allow instructors as in the past to test their own

students if they feel comfortable doing so. A second observer who is a qualified pilot of the club will witness testing.

**ITEM 3:** Also, the MAAC website has available, an “R/C MODEL HELICOPTER BLADES program for basic proficiency and training, as well as a MAAC ELECTRIC RULEBOOK containing all the necessary safety guidelines and information on characteristics of R/C electric powered models.

I propose that these MAAC guidelines or documents should be referenced by our club rather than us reproducing them with the inherent potential of dealing with conflicting documentation each time MAAC does an update.

**ITEM 4:** Gary Droppo has very obligingly drafted a Waiver of Indemnity based on his past soaring club experiences with liability insurance. This would replace the current “INDEMNITY” form contained in the current flight-training manual and would be signed off by the new student when they register with the club. I will read it to you:

**To quote Gary, “The waiver of indemnity can not absolve anyone from their responsibilities in an accident, nor can it sign away their rights, such as to sue, BUT it can limit the potential for a plaintiff in a law suit from saying no one ever told me there was any risk!!!”**

During the discussion of insurance, Claude Melbourne clarified that there is a \$2500.00 deductible on each accident claim. Of this deductible, MAAC would cover \$2000.00 and the club and/or member, each would be responsible for half of the remaining \$500.00. (The clubs obligation would be dependent on the clubs sanctioning of the event in which the accident took place). Claude directed interested members to direct any question about insurance by E-mail to the “Insurance Committee” on the MAAC website.

Rene LeBrun motioned that; the CFI be the only individual who administers the training curriculum and associated paperwork, in using the MAAC training program and guidelines for fixed wing, rotary aircraft and electric airplanes. In addition, the new draft for Application for flight training proposed will need to be reviewed and approved by the executive. Gary Droppo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Thompson voiced his concerns about the lack of continuity in flight instruction and the lack of documentation required by MAAC. Jim recommended that the members look at the MAAC website for more information on the safety code, and insurance questions. Jim created a “MAAC for dummies” help sheet. Jim withdrew his offer to be administrative assistant to the CFI.

Gary Droppo discussed his proposed “KRCM Student Progress Card”, which he modified from the one used by the full-scale gliding club. The left column contained a list of the proficiencies that the student must perform to pass the “Wings test”. An instructor’s initials would head the columns to the right, and that

instructor would rate each item. A "1" would show that the instructor had discussed or demonstrated a task to the student. A "2" would indicate that the student had attempted the task but was not yet proficient at it. A "3" would show to all that the student had mastered that particular task and was competent. Any instructor or "observer" could see where the student was at a glance.

The club will hold a "Spring Fling" and chili-fest at the KRCM field on April 26, 2009. Wilfred Hill will prepare the mild chili and acquire some prizes. (For those who like it hot, appropriate sauce will be provided). A motion by cliff smith for up to \$200.00 to finance the Spring Fling was seconded by Rick Naylor. Motion carried.

Rolly Siemonsen read a letter from the F3A committee explaining the high costs of competing at the international level, and requesting financial support. Rolly proposed a motion for a donation of \$200.00 dollars, which was seconded by Ron Watts. Motion carried with 1 opposing vote. Rolly turned over to the club secretary, a MAAC DVD, containing information about MAAC. The DVD is also linked through the KRCM website.

**WORKSHOP:** Russ Wood displayed his 46% Ultimate biplane to the membership. Of great interest to most, was the redundancy of the control servos, receivers, batteries, and electronic accessories that helped guarantee the safe flying of this large and powerful model.

Motion to adjourn by: Dave Fasken, Seconded by: Cliff Smith

**MEETING CLOSED AT: 9:35 PM**

**Next meeting**  
Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:30 PM  
at the RCAFA club