

Flightlines

Newsletter of the Aurora Model Aircraft Club September, 2006 2006 Executive

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Dog Days Event 2006, August 12th. Thanks to everyone who helped or flew or just showed up!

Important Notices

- SE AZM Meeting and Indoor Flying Session
- Election of Board to take place at October club meeting
- Regular Indoor Flying Sessions
- Club Meeting Schedule
- Update on fire and insurance
- 35th Anniversary?

Website: <http://www.auroramodelaircraft.com>. Visit for all the information on the club!

Monthly Meeting Schedule – THIRD WEDNESDAY @ 7PM

One of the items that came up over the last year was that the meeting night conflicted with other clubs, notably the Keswick club members. We checked around to see when the other GTA club held their meetings and found that the third Wednesday is “free”. Well, we applied for the Teachers’ Lounge at G. W. Williams High School for this day and we got it.

Meetings will be held September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 18, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 -- that’s NINE meetings!

Ideas and volunteers for topics, please contact the Board or Andrew Mellor.

Indoor Flying Sessions

We've set up the schedule for the indoor flying sessions. Still on Monday nights at Sacred Heart High School, Crusader Way in Newmarket, the sessions will run from October 2 through April 30.

The dates when the gym will NOT be available are: October 10, December 25, January 1, March 12 and April 9. That gives us 25 flying sessions!

Since this is a club activity, that means that AMAC and MAAC memberships are required. Please make sure that you have them with you as they will be asked for. If you know someone who will be flying there who doesn't have AMAC or MAAC, let them know and we'll be more than happy to supply them with memberships forms.

MAAC SE ZONE Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for October 12th, which is when the club will be playing host to the SE Zone meeting. In a change from previous events, the club will also be hosting an indoor electric fun-fly in the gymnasiums. Free of charge with a proxy for the Zone Meeting.

Election of Board of Directors at October meeting

One of the on-going problems with the club's AGM and the election of the Board of Directors is that the same meeting is used to set the membership fees for the coming club year. This gives the incoming Board very little time to receive the club's records, develop a budget and to put together a fee schedule.

The club's By-laws do not specifically tie the AGM to the election of Board members, so the club's Board is proposing that the election take place at the October meeting, so that the new Board can hold the AGM at the November meeting, permitting the setting of dues in advance of the start of the membership year and letting the snowbirds pay their dues without problems.

If you wish to stand for any of the Board opening (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership), please step forward at any of the upcoming meetings in August, September and October.

Latest on the Gate Situation

Dumping is way down and Jim Tree's a lot happier. I'd like to thank those members who have been ensuring that the gates are locked after entering and leaving, and also pointing out when they have found the gates open and who's lock it is. (So far, we can be a bit smug because it's generally been the Town's lock.)

If you spot someone dumping, make sure that you get the license plate number and pass it along to me. So far on that count, it appears that we have not had anyone who isn't a town employee and dumping garden waste. I realize that we do not have much of a flying season left, but I think that Jim is definitely going to be more open next year if we set up a schedule for when our gates will be open to the public (events, Wednesdays nights and Saturdays).

Latest on the Fire and Insurance

State Farm has processed the claim and issued a “cash settlement value” cheque. In addition, they have supplied us with our inventory list with a replacement value option on selected items that we can make use of over the next two years. If we replace an item and it costs more than the cash settlement value, we can claim against the replacement value assigned to it. Definitely a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Replacing Items from the Fire

Whether or not we bank the funds from the settlement or use them to replace items lost in the fire or purchase new items has been discussed at the Board. The decision made is to involve the club members in the process.

This does not mean that we have to spend the money like drunken sailors, nor do we want to replace every item (some had never been used or were just not suitable for our purposes.)

The key decision that affects everything else is whether or no we want to get a mower and cut the field ourselves. If we do get a mower, I think that every adult member needs to take a turn cutting the grass. **NO exceptions!** I've gone through the financial records of the club and worked out the cost of depreciation for the tractor (purchase price spread over ten years), plus the sheds, plus the gas and day-to-day maintenance, plus the major repairs that we can expect, plus the insurance to cover everything. Guess what? Without counting the cost of the “free labour” in doing the work, we're just about even with what we've been paying Bright Lawns and Gardens to cut the runway.

If you absolutely want the club to have a tractor, then you must be willing to put the time in on the seat, driving it around. This includes any fertilizer spreading (very dusty!)

At the September meeting, we're going to open the floor to discuss this and the other needs of the club (i.e., club trainers), and decide on what items we absolutely do need and why.

The Board will then put together a shopping list and go through a proper tendering process with all suppliers.

The balance (if any) will be placed into the club's field replacement funds.

35th/30th Anniversary of the Club

It appears that the club should be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year or next, at least that's according to Cec Wood's history of the club. In addition, we are coming up on the 30th anniversary of the club being a MAAC Chartered or Affiliate club. I'd like to propose that we do a new club logo and badge to celebrate.

Now, being an Avro Arrow buff, this is also the 50th anniversary of the original rollout, which will be recreated at the TAM in Toronto this coming October 4th.

I'd like to propose a design contest (35/30 Anniversary) for a special club logo and badge. Open to all members of the club and their families. Prize? A kit or complete aircraft? Not yet decided but that is open

for discussion. Here's a couple of concepts that I've seen on the Internet to get everyone's creative juices flowing:



1951 Burnelli Transport

