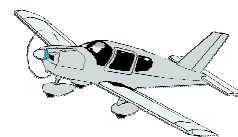


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ERCS NEWS



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President's Message

-Brian Bell-

Hello All:

We had our first snow today and I realized our flying season is coming to an end. I hope everyone had a great year with many enjoyable flights. At our October 25 General Meeting the Tech Talk will be Indoor Electric Flying. The timing on this is perfect because the indoor season at the hangar starts the first Thursday in November. Peter Cary, Dave Corscadden and Ian Brooks will be doing the presentation. This is a fast growing area of our hobby and the Tech Talk is an excellent opportunity to "Talk with the Experts".

The annual ERCS Swap Meet is November 4, 2006 at Balwin Community Hall. Doors open for Vendors at 10:00 AM and open to the public at 11:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to clean out your hangar or find a new project for the winter. ERCS elections are coming up quick. We will be holding our annual ERCS Executive elections at the November 29, 2006 General Meeting. If you would like to become more involved in your club this is a great opportunity to run for a position. If running for a position is more than what you want still come out and vote so your voice will be heard.

On a sad note long time member Walter Brodie passed away last week. Walter will be missed by ERCS and the many friends he had in the club.

As always I encourage all feedback that will continue to keep ERCS as the Premiere club in our area. Contact me directly with any ideas or concerns. Again I hope everyone had a great summer of flying.

Regards,
Brian Bell
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Last Flight

-Dave McGowan-

The Edmonton Radio Control Society lost one of their fine members, Walter Alexander Brodie, on Thursday October 5, 2006. Walter enjoyed his career in the Canadian Air Force, achieving the rank of Captain prior to his retirement after 30 years of service. A kind, gentle and wise man, he was devoted to his family, and enjoyed many hours playing the piano, and building and flying remote control air planes. Walter became an ERCS Member in 1995 after flying for several years with the Vernon Model Aircraft Club. Illness may have slowed down his flying activities during the past few years however his interest in the hobby remained strong. The Airforce was a common bond between Walter and I as he served as an Aerospace Engineering Officer and I as an Aviation Technician. Often we would exchange past work related experiences and our views on today's Military. Whenever Walter and his pet poodle Angel stopped by at the field for a visit I would always welcome his company so we may share some warm tales. Our condolences have gone out to his family. Walter will be missed by ERCS and the many friends he had in the club.

Minutes of ERCS General Meeting September 27, 2006

-Don Miller-

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The new member present was Ian Brooks.

Ian Brooks also gave the technical presentation on aircraft electric power systems.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented. Moved by Bill Derksen and seconded by Chris Embree.

Committee Reports:

- Sport/combat - Weather and the small turnout forced the cancellation of the Fall Combat event.
- Website - Dave Corscadden asked that event organizers get their event reports to him in a timely manner.
- Float Fly - The Fall Float Fly at Clear Lake was a success with over 20 pilots. The weather was changeable with some rain and sunny periods.
- Wings Program - The lack of daylight has brought the wings training to an end for this year.
- Newsletter - The members were reminded that starting in 2007, the Newsletter would be available only by email.
- Membership - Neil Hansen reported that the club now has 121 members, 16 new this year.

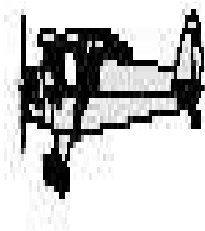
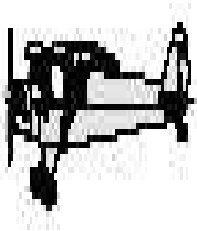
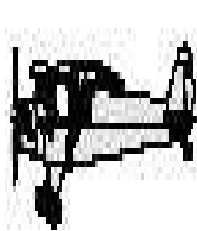
New Business:

- We are still waiting for the MAAC sanction of the new field before the lease can be finalized. Bruce Bender has been in contact with the Alberta Zone Rep to hurry this procedure.
- The club extended a thank you to Bret St. Arnaud for grading the road into the old field.
- Voting proxies for the zone meeting on October 15 were distributed to the members present. They will be used to represent the clubs interests.
- The members were reminded of the ERCS swap meet on November 4th at the Balwin Hall. Helpers are asked to be there at 9:00AM, vendor setup at 10:00AM and buyers at 11:00AM.

Other Business

- Larry Salamandick brought a video of the RC competition in the TV show Master of Champions. The members enjoyed it after the meeting.
- The lucky winners of the draw were Glen Willard, Brian Bell and Iain Middleton.

It was moved by Bill Derksen and seconded by Chris Embree that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45PM. Carried.



**The November Newsletter
Submission DEADLINE is:
November 10, 2006**

**Next General Meeting
October 25, 2006 @ 7:00PM
Victoria Soccer Club on 142 St.
3 Blocks North of 137 Avenue**

Paddle River Float Fly

-Peter Cary-

Once again the Paddle River Float Fly was held as in the spring at Clear Lake. Approximately 25 pilots attended along with about 40 aircraft. A very successful turnout considering the "iffy" weather for the weekend. Most of the participants brought their trailers and motor homes so accommodation was no problem and much exchange of liquid refreshments and food took place. Participants from Slave Lake, Drayton Valley, Stony Plain, Leduc, Mayerthorpe, and Edmonton attended.

As can be seen from the pictures the location is ideal with a nice grassed area and a wide smooth beach. There are very few trees to hinder the visibility while flying. The pictures show a general view of the site and a few of the interesting planes. Gord Saunders' Funtana 40 on floats with a Saito 82 was quite spectacular with its aerobatic gyrations. Al Schmidt's 12' Beaver with it's Zenoah G62 always amazes me with it's sheer size and smooth graceful flight. Of particular interest was Tom Mounce's Twin Otter electric. Easy flight, full nav lights and differential power for steering on water. Once again we held a North Star flurry where as many North Stars as possible get airborne at the same time and play a game of follow the leader. This year we had eight North Stars up at once including Al McGillis up for his first "flurry". When it was over he was shaking but had an ear to ear smile.

This coming spring it is planned to hold the float fly again at Paddle River providing the water level is adequate, and next fall a return to Clear Lake.

Thanks to the new club formed specifically to sponsor these float fly's, MOFFA. (Mostly Old Float Fliers Association). President of this club is Doug Shaver from Mystery Lake Alberta, VP is Gord Saunders, Treasurer and Membership is Jean Guy Denis from Whitecourt, and Peter Cary, Secretary. At present there are 29 paid members and MOFFA is a MAAC sanctioned club.

Special thanks must go out to Les Patterson for providing prizes for the draw. The money raised goes a long way to providing the operating money required to put on the float fly.

If you have any questions about float flying you can direct them to me, Peter Cary. (petercflyer@shaw.ca)



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Paddle River Float Fly Pics cont'd



MOFFA. (Mostly Old Float Fliers Association) array of floatplanes.



A general view of the site and a few of the interesting planes.

E.R.C.S. Electric Fun Fly

-Chris Embree-

On Saturday September 9, 2006 E.R.C.S. held it's first all Electric Fun Fly. With all the latest advancements and growing interest in this facet of our hobby I thought it was time for this event to happen. I had never organized an event before so I didn't really know what to expect. The morning of the 9th started off by me trying to figure out how to set up the green awning that was to go over the concession. This took at least an hour to accomplish, all the while hoping the windy weather would miraculously get better. I, along with the help of Don Miller and his wife tried to put up another tarp type awning, but it was so windy it fell over so that was a no go. As the event time grew nearer a knot like pain began to form in my belly and I was thinking the worst, but boy I was wrong. A few people showed up and started unloading their cars, and then a few more came. I was starting to get excited that the event was going to happen, and oh that pain in my belly I was talking about earlier, it was just gas. My lovely wife Jane showed up and started the concession. Brian Bell arrived and took care of pilot registration while Glen Willard lent everyone a helping hand. Bill Derksen arrived and took on the dubious honour of taking photos, and from the pics below did a great job, thanks Bill. I now wanted to get things rolling, but from the advice of my council (Peter Cary), I decided to wait a bit. This proved to be a good move as a few latecomers arrived. By the time I started the pilots meeting there were 15 pilots, 37 aircraft 10 of which were jets, and 2 helicopters. This was an awesome turnout. The flying began, and all were having a good time. Through the day there was at least 3 to 4 planes in the air at any one time. At two points off the event we all stopped flying and gave the field to Leon Luke who put on an amazing 3-D Heli demo. He was flying the new T-Rex 600, and at the end of all the twisting and twirling, finished his routine with an inverted auto flipping it over at about four feet off the ground and landing the heli beside him, all I can say is wow! We were also all witness to Ed Zeschuk's attempt at a branch-n-go. Ed managed to fly past the pits, over the concession, through the parking lot (between two cars), missed the swing set, and onto a branch. To our amazement there was no damage, but a lesson for all of us, and that is to know what switch is high or low rates. Other highlights of the day included Don Furminger's E-Flite Super Liner, (looked quite realistic in the air), Jack Geldarts' CF-86 Sabre that looked and flew amazing. The day ended with the draw prizes, and again I would like to thank Great Hobbies, Hobby Wholesale, Sunrise RC, and Dave Corscadden for their support in making this event a success. I would like to thank all who participated, because without participants there is no event. And once again, I would like to thank those who helped me pull this darn thing off. Thanks and we'll see you next year.



E.R.C.S. Electric Fun Fly Pics cont'd



My lovely wife Jane cooking the burgers and here's me eating them



Dave Corscadden amongst his fleet, unfortunately he lost the Multiplex Micro Jet, but man did ever go in fast.



Jack Geldart at the controls of his amazing CF-104 Starfighter, and Ted Biggs ready for the bungee launch



Bill Gillespie and his smooth flying Cloudster



Ed Zeschuk performing a branch and go! with help from Brad Lourie



Jack Geldart's complete collection, awesome work!

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EDMONTON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY ANNUAL SWAP MEET

**NOVEMBER 4, 2006
BALWIN COMMUNITY HALL
12904 -74 Street
Edmonton, AB**

**Doors open for Vendors - 10:00 AM
Doors open to the Public – 11:00 AM**

**Table Cost is \$10.00 each (includes admission)
Admission \$5.00/person**

EDMONTON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY ANNUAL SWAP MEET

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

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Number of tables required: _____

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