



## Flying Tigers R.C. Club Minutes

Date: April 2 2008

Called to order (time) 8:15 pm

### Executive Present:

President	Jim Daly
Treasurer	Nick Saraco
Secretary	Rob Weiss
Past President	Terry Tupper

#Members Present : 18

New Members: Ted Barrett

Visitors: Paul is thinking of joining the Flying Tigers. (Sorry I didn't get his last name)

The motion to accept the minutes was made by Terry Tupper and was second by Nick Saraco.

### Presidents Report:

Jim welcomed everyone to the April meeting. He reminded everyone that the Toledo exhibition is this weekend and encouraged members to go if they could. He polled the members as to who was intending to go and about 4 or 5 said that they were going.

Jim also mentioned that the driveway at the flying field was probably very muddy and that the gate will be padlocked for several weeks yet until it dries out.

Please check the MAAC web site and read the FAQ about insurance coverage. It is very important to understand what flying sites/situations you are and aren't covered for. It is tough for MAAC to obtain insurance coverage if there are a lot of claims, and last year there were quite a few. There are also several threads on RC web sites (RC Canada) that are discussing this topic but it is best to get the info from the MAAC site.

### New Business

#### York Electric Fun Fly

Joe Bajkor said that the electric fun fly that is scheduled to run at the York airport on Aug. 9 & 10, may be cancelled this year because the owner was having financial difficulties. He wanted to know if the Flying Tigers would donate their field as a "Back Up" site. The owner is also currently looking for a financial solution.

The members had a short discussion about this topic but it was decided to defer any further commitments/decisions until next month when there will be more information about the owner's financial solution. It was also suggested to post a thread on the Flying Tigers Forum to discuss the Pros and Cons before next month.

### New Hobby Stores

Terry Tupper told the members about a new Hobby store in Hamilton. Hammer Town Hobbies has just opened up on 164 Ottawa Street North. Glen Hay is the owner of the store and he is currently bringing in more stock every day. Glen has told several people that he will match Hobby Hobby's prices. He will also order items in if you need them. You can visit his web site at [www.hammertownhobbies.ca](http://www.hammertownhobbies.ca) .

Another new store that has just opened up is Flight Pack. It is located in the back of J & F Hobbies. He caters more to the electric crowd and he also sells a fair amount of used planes and equipment. It is located at 413 Whitney Avenue in the east end of Hamilton.

### Committee Reports:

#### Field/ Maintenance

Chris Pare reminded everyone again NOT to drive up to the field because of the muddy driveway. The gate will be locked out, if you want to go in you must walk from the road. Chris will also be talking to Carl (land owner) for suggestions on how to fix the driveway. Hopefully his suggestions will be similar to the solutions we have discussed in previous meetings (fill the ruts with large stone).

The field and the buildings have survived the winter and they all look in good condition.

#### The Great Rubber Race

The rubber race that we usually host in the spring will be cancelled this year because we cannot run it in the current facility. We will be looking into other solutions for next year.

### **May Show & Tell**

**Just a reminder that next month is our annual show & tell meeting so bring what ever you have been working on over the winter months.**

### BBQ

Dates for the June, July & August BBQ will be discussed in future meetings.

#### Flight Training (Wings Program)

Terry said it was too early to decide when the training program will start but would probably not be until May though.

## Web Page

Check out the web site and bulletin board. It is a good means of communicating ideas with fellow members.

Nick Saraco is going to look into having the web site serviced by an out side source. The source that he has heard about is dedicated to RC web pages. They would design and run the web site for a fee.

Although most people seem to be happy with the web site now it would be nice to be able to upload photos. Jim said that the only way to do that would be to e-mail the photos to him so he can post them.

## Heli Fun Fly

Joe Bajkor is going to talk to someone from the city about some funding. No other news to report.

## Scale Aerobatics

The Chatham Scale Rally is scheduled for the same weekend as the Flying Tigers Scale Aerobatic Encounter. As a result the normal scorekeeper may not be able to attend our meet. Jim would like a few volunteers to assist with the score keeping, namely a runner or two to shuttle score sheets between the judges and the scorekeeper.

## Break at 9:10

## Discussion

When the meeting resumes there was a brief discussion about flying etiquette . Please indicate your intentions when flying. Take off and landings should be announced but if you intend to fly circuits when others are flying 3D or vice versa please let other flyer know to help prevent any mishaps.

## Pranged Pig

Even in the snow people were still flying. Jack, Shane, Terry and Don were flying on the "Tupper Field". Jack and Shane where flying, both doing their 3D manoeuvres. Jack was flying high doing flat spins and Shane was hovering low. Apparently Shane's low was a little high and Jacks high was a LOT low and he flat spun right into Shane, demolishing his new airplane. In a huge sky it never fails that two small aircraft will try to occupy the same space. There were no other contenders so Jack Marcotte takes home the pig.

## Door Prize

Sam Rinaldis won the door prize this month

## Meeting Adjourned 9:40