



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

?? Meetings are held in the Cafetorium of the Alexander Mackenzie Senior Public School, 33 Heather Road, Agincourt, *usually* on the first Friday of each month, Oct to May (subject to change – check the Flypaper) Meetings start at 8:00 PM

For the latest club news, photos and other points of interest please check out our web site at: [www.rcfctoronto.ca](http://www.rcfctoronto.ca)

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## **President's Message - Paul Battenberg**

March 27, 2006

### **President's Message**

**It looks like the weather has finally broken and spring is on the way. This morning it sure felt like spring, bright sun and a slight warmth in the air. I took this opportunity to get checked out on a full size Cessna 150 so I can continue to fly full scale for another season. Just like model flying, I like to wait until it warms up a little before taking to the skies.**

**I did not make it to the Whitby swap meet, but did get to the one in Aurora the following weekend. It seems like everyone I saw or spoke to is primed and ready to launch themselves into another season of flying. There were lots of deals to be made and there seemed to be lots of happy faces in the crowd. Next is Toledo on the first full weekend of April, this time not until the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> because of the 1<sup>st</sup> falling on a Saturday. I missed last year, so I am looking forward to getting a bit of a "fix" just before our season really gets going. As I have said in the past, it is worthwhile making the trip at least once just to see everything that is going on in the world of model aeronautics. If you are interested in going, check with some of the other members and you might be able to hitch a ride.**

## **President's Message - Paul Battenberg con't**

March 27, 2006

**You might have heard some rumours about sewers going in along Passmore. I have spoken to our contact and he says that tenders have gone out, and that construction will probably take place this year. The only construction of any kind planned for the near future is the block from Steeles to Passmore between Markham and Tapscott. From a recent article in the Scarborough News, it appears that the Morningside link-up with the Markham Bypass is practically dead. The powers to be have still not indicated exactly when or where Morningside will end up, but it is supposed to end at Steeles. The longer they procrastinate, the better for us. Our only other concern is the golf driving range that will be in the north west corner of the field to our west. We should not interfere with each other, but be careful not to put a plane down in their area if at all possible.**

**There should be some information concerning our annual beauty show somewhere else in the Flypaper as well as some information concerning flight training for the students.**

**The field will be kept locked until the ground has fully dried out. We can't say exactly when. It all depends on the amount of sun, rain and wind during the next month. Please don't start complaining to the field officer or rest of executive about opening the gate. It is not going to kill you if you have to carry your stuff a few more times.**

**That's all for this month. I won't be chairing the next meeting. Toledo is calling. You can still help out in the entertainment section by bringing in something to show or discuss at the meeting. I believe Nick Chen is encouraging all the students to bring in their planes for inspection. Some of you guys can help to point out any areas that might need changes or improvements.**

**Happy flying,  
Paul Battenberg**

## **From the Membership Officer - Romeo Ramos**

**Flying season is now around the corner, or if not, already here for some of those who did not really get affected by the weather. Let me remind you that to fly in our fields you have to get your membership up to date.**

**Paid up members will be posted on our club house and will be updated every now and then, if your name is not on the list and you're paid, please contact me so I can add your name to it, and don't forget your MAAC as well. I found out that it takes less than a minute to update our MAAC membership by phone and credit card. Very convenient service.**

**Any way, see you in the field and happy landing.**

**(p.s. combat group is also growing fast in our club. DA Silver Fox and his gang has really put a lot of effort on getting this group together.)**

## **From the Field Officer - Tony Camilleri**

**The flying field seems to be in good condition. This winter has been kind to us. As of this date the annual spring clean up will involve removal of those huge bench seats which magically appeared from somewhere to be neatly arranged in the shelter. I presume the people responsible for putting them there have not removed them yet. If they have been removed by mid May we would all be very appreciative. A message was posted by the Club President where their removal was suggested ASAP. The Club will have a porta potty in the usual location. This will arrive around the beginning of June. As far as I know Grass cutting is planned for Wednesday mornings as long as weather permits. The combination lock will only be openable into the parking area as soon as the ground surface is firm enough. Please be patient about this. It is not a good idea to open it 'early' and then have to deal with the inevitable ruts for the whole flying season. The annual Model Aircraft expo in Toledo Ohio falls on the same weekend as the April club meeting.**

**I will be attending again this year so please accept this as the formal report from your field officer for April 2006.**

**Field Officer TonyC**

## From the Treasurer : Guy O'Reilly

Notes from the Treasurer's Shop:

The weather was so nice, the chores were still piled way up, no time to fly. Spring, where are you? Then again I did spend a few days in the basement, just long enough to glue a fin here a stab there. My plane will be finished by September at that rate! So I decided to get myself an electric Park Zone P-51D Mustang (acquired from A&J Hobbies). All included in the box, no building, charge batteries and go flying. At the time of writing this, the test flight had not taken place yet. I will keep you posted.

In addition to having a few combat planes on the go (nearly finished) I started yet another project. It is a kit I obtained, for a very reasonable price, a few years back from a fellow club member. The "Banshee" is a control line model that I decided to convert to radio control. I lengthen the fuselage by 4 inches to increase pitch axis stability, double the size of the fin for looks and yaw stability and I added rudder just because one needs a rudder.

The fuselage was covered with light weight fiberglass and epoxy. I was quite please with the suggestion from Dave at Pinnacle and it looked nice until I spray painted it dark blue. My guess is I should have used a primer of some sort. Perhaps a little more sanding and the additions of a filler/primer then re-paint or just cover the thing with Monokote?!? I will see when I have a minute or two.

The wing will be covered with Monokote. I will use Balsarite to stick the Monokote to balsa and plywood parts. This is much easier than paint!!!

The profile is ½ inch thick balsa and the wings are built-up. Engine will be an old OS .25. The radio placement will depend on CG location but the regular size servos will be used. Trials showed that the long nose moment will make the balancing difficult. Test flight to be determined, perhaps just after the beauty show if I manage to get it finished by then.

Club Stuff:

I will not be able to make it to the next club meeting due to job commitment (I will be in Montreal for two weeks). Sorry I will not be there.

During our recent Executive Meeting we agree that prizes for the Beauty Show will be cash awards. See the rules elsewhere in this edition of the Flypaper. Bring what would have been working on all winter, even if it is not finished. I will be bringing at least one plane, finished or not. Also the prizes for both Fun Flies will be following the same as the last 2 years: **Big prizes and if I can more of them!** The number of prizes will depend on how much we can spend for each event. Come, have fun and fly and best of all talk with like minded people! Oh yes, you can also have a chance to win a prize if you bring a plane and fly. As always, I will be more than happy to discuss financial situation of the club with anyone interested at the next meeting or email me at [guyoreilley@sympatico.ca](mailto:guyoreilley@sympatico.ca).

Guy O'Reilly

## **Nicholas Chen -Wings Director**

**Flying season is fast approaching and I am sure that all our student pilots are all eager to get started.**

**This year I would like to run the “WINGS” student program a little different. Our job as instructors will be to first teach you SAFETY and secondly how to fly. I will strive to have instructors available on training days. As usual, training will be every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 PM till dusk. The first day of training will commence on May 6<sup>th</sup> and end on September 30<sup>th</sup> (subject to change). The only exception to these days are for special events held by the club (Fun Flies).**

**These days and times are solely for Student training and the field is closed to all regular members. With this in mind student training will be minimal on other days and with the consent of other members present at the field.**

**To get all students ready for the flying season, I invite all students to bring their trainer aircraft to our April meeting on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for starter ground school introduction. At this meeting we will check out your plane for airworthiness and point out any modifications that maybe required. This should give you enough time to make any necessary modifications to ensure that you have a safe and successful first flight. Please bring your radio as well and remember to charge both your batteries before the meeting.**

**I would like all interested certified Instructors who would like to help with instructing this year to contact me via email at [nmchen@rogers.com](mailto:nmchen@rogers.com) If you are not an instructor and would also like to help, I would like to have a ground crew to help the students ready their aircraft for flight. Ground crews can help teach students how to make adjustments, tune engines, general safety tips, etc. Think of all the stuff you learned and pass this on to our new aspiring pilots.**

**I am looking forward to the 2006 season and hope we can have a lot of celebrator coffees this season.**

**Nicholas Chen  
Wings Director**



## **Dates for this year's Fun Fly's are as follows:**

**1) Saturday, June 10th with a rain date of Sunday, June 11th. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the club as well as plenty of drinks at no cost to club members. There will be several prizes for those who attend.**

**2) Saturday, August 26th with a rain date of Sunday, August 27th. It will probably follow the same format as the spring Fun Fly. We hope to have corn on the cob as a specialty along with the usual hot dogs and/or hamburgers and drinks at no cost to club members. Again, there will be several prizes for those who attend.**

**Guests are welcome to join us for a day of flying, but are not included in the draw for the prizes.**

## **2006 Beauty Show**

**It is almost time again for Our Annual Beauty Show, which takes place during the May General Meeting. Business is kept to a minimum so that most of the time is spent admiring the new models for the upcoming season. The following information is for those people who have not attended or entered a plane in our Beauty Show before, and also as a reminder to the rest of you. Any paid-up club member may bring their newest creation to display at the show. After admiring all the entries, we vote on the aircraft of our choice. During the break it has been a tradition for at least the last 15 years to have a large Black Forest Cake provided by Gerry Steckling. Rules for the entries are as follows:**

- 1) Any paid-up member may enter as many planes as he or she wishes. There are no entry fees.**
- 2) All planes must be constructed from a kit, from plans or scratch built by the person entering the model. No ARF's (Almost Ready to Fly) or ARC's (Almost Ready to Cover) allowed.**
- 3) A plane from a previous year may be re-entered as long as it did not win any standing in any previous year.**
- 4) The categories for this year are as follows: There is no differentiating between Sport and Scale.**

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| <b>1) Engine Size - .50 cu. in. or less</b> | <b>* see note below</b> |
| <b>2) Engine Size - .51 to 1.00 cu. in.</b> | <b>* see note below</b> |
| <b>3) Engine Size - Over 1.00 cu. in.</b>   | <b>* see note below</b> |
| <b>4) Best Unfinished</b>                   | <b>* see note below</b> |
| <b>5) Best of Show</b>                      | <b>* see note below</b> |



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- \* **Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third places if there are five or more entries in the Engine Size categories, but only First and Second place if there are four or less entries. Best of Show and Best Unfinished will obviously be only one place.**

**Prizes will consist of a plaque and a cash award.  
Good luck to everyone!**

- ?? **Prizes for Beauty Show:**  
 ?? **\$30- \$20- \$10, provided 5 or more entries.**  
 ?? **Only 1st and second prize if 4 or less entries.**  
 ?? **Best of Show \$50**  
 ?? **Best Unfinished \$30**

**GOOD LUCK HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



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