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

**For the latest club news, photos and other points of interest please check out our web site at:  
<http://www.rcfctoronto.ca>**

# The Fly Paper

## The Presidents Message *Ross Tanha*

Hello fellow members, this is the last message from me and I'll try to be as brief as possible without getting into too many details. Firstly, our November meeting as usual is the election night and as most of you know by now I am not running for any position.

I've been serving the club for the last 6 years or so and I think it's time for me to get a break and let some new faces and possibly some new ideas take place. As usual all the positions in the executive are open for anyone who wishes to volunteer. Remember, as I always say, before you put your hands up make sure you know what you're getting into so you don't have to back off after a couple weeks/months.

Yes, there are some time consuming duties and dedication involved and generally it does require some knowledge of how the club runs. There is always help available for any candidate and I'm always a phone call away for advice. This is our club and for the love of it and our hobby we have to do our best to keep it going.

I hope that in the upcoming years that we will be okay in our present field, although some people are nervously thinking that we will lose the field. We should be okay for another season or so. Nobody can kick us out of our present field except our landlord and I don't think that will happen as long as we keep our heads together and stay away from Steeles Avenue.

Any new ideas or agendas should be brought to the attention of the new executives and remember that this is a voting club and members decide the direction of the club. **Note:** on the election night people who are volunteering for any position should be nominated by someone and seconded by someone else if there are no other volunteers or objections.

That's it for now. Good luck and thank you for allowing me to serve the club.

# Radio Control Flying Club of Toronto

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## **First Annual Fly And Sell A Success!**

**Richard Staron**

Hey guys just wanted to let you know that the FIRST ANNUAL FLY AND SELL, which was held during our Sept Fun Fly, was a great success! Millions of dollars were exchanged, truckloads of goodies were bought and sold.....so I exaggerated a bit...hee hee. Anyway, it was a lot of fun.

Some people took advantage of the opportunity to sell some of their items that were of no use to them but were a real treasure to others.....I sure did. I would like to personally thank Terry Wong, for setting up a nice display of RC goodies. By the crowd around his table, I knew that he was providing a good service as well as parts to the club members.

I saw some people opening up their car trunks, negotiating and just having fun. There were kits, engines, radios, servos.....etc etc. Stuff was moving from home to home and from basement to basement.....what a hobby eh?

Anyway, I think that this FLY AND SELL should become an annual event for our club members and what an opportunity to see what others have been hoarding and collecting in their workshops over the years.

So start putting aside things that you would like to move for next year and even maybe bring them out to our annual auction night sometime next year. I think that it would be a blast!

Here is a small tip that I found on the web and it pertains to the XACTO knife, which we all know is round and always keeps rolling off the table. One solution is to level the table.....hee hee.... The other solution is to put the handle in a vice and gently bend it.....maybe a 1/16" or so deflection. This bend will be so insignificant that it won't affect performance but enough to prevent the thing from rolling off your table and into your leg or foot.

See ya on the field!

## **This Years meetings and other Events**

### November 1 / 2002

Club Meeting.  
Annual elections

### December 6 / 2002

Last club meeting of the year

### December 8 / 2002

Second Annual Christmas Dinner.

**Don't miss it.**

### January 10 / 2003

First club meeting of the new year

### February 14 / 2003

Club Meeting.

### March 7 / 2003

Club meeting.

### April 4 / 2003

Club meeting

### May 2 / 2003

Club meeting

"He who laughs last is the slowest thinker."

or

"He who laughs last, laughs longest."

Take your pick!

## From The Membership Officer:

**Paul Battenberg**

At the present time there are no plans to change the club dues for next year. This could change however, after the next executive takes over.

A big change for some of you is that MAAC dues have increased for 2003, and the Senior category has been eliminated. There are now only two categories, Open and Junior. The new rates for Open members are \$50.00 per year or \$135.00 for three years. Juniors remain at \$5.00 per year as long as you do not want Mac Magazine, (\$16.50 if you want it.) There is no three year option for Juniors.

The new renewal forms are now available on our web site, [www.rcfctoronto.ca](http://www.rcfctoronto.ca) for downloading and printing. Please remember that I need a MAAC form also if you want the club to process it for you. Make out only one cheque for the total amount. Also, if you don't have your wings, I need another Declaration Form filled out as well. I really would prefer cheques rather than cash, but if it must be cash, please have the correct money, and an envelope to seal it in would be a nice gesture also. For those of you who don't have access to a computer, I will try to get the forms included with the December edition of **The Fly Paper**.

On another topic, last year a bunch of us got together for the First RCFCT Annual Christmas Dinner at the Mandarin restaurant located on Eglinton Ave. East at Birchmount. It is now time to arrange our Second one.

I have booked the same location for 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 8th. For those who don't know, it is for members and spouses. Each couple pays their own way. Cost is \$20.99 each with a 20% discount for seniors over 65. Last year on fairly short notice, we had about 38 people attend. This year we could get more. If the number reaches 45, we can get a room to ourselves.

I need to know ASAP who can attend this year. Please call or email me if you are planning to attend (see phone number and email address above), and let me know if you are bringing your spouse or girlfriend, etc. I have to confirm the number shortly, and then re-confirm nearer the time. **Remember, let me know ASAP.**

## From The Field Officer:

**Dave Parton**

Greetings to you all, students and experienced flyers alike. Time flies and here we are, approaching the end of yet another flying season. The summer has been dry, hot and long and I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Field Officer. However, all good things come to an end and it is approaching election time. But when you vote for the new Field Officer, remember that I would honestly like to accept this assignment for yet another season. So please think about that when you go to vote at the next meeting.

Of course I don't do it all alone so it is quite in order for me to offer my sincere thanks to those that have shown dedication to the club by helping me with my tasks. Just to mention a couple of these stars, I thank Bill Sheddon and Don Gillian, but there are many more.

At the time of writing I expect there to be one, maximum two more cuts before the tractor is stowed for the winter. When the rain starts and field conditions start to deteriorate, I will change the gate lock combination. Then you will only be able to drive in when there is little risk of damaging the field surface by vehicle tracks. Please have a little understanding for this and suffer the inconvenience it brings with it for the good of the field.

By the time you read this, my family and I will be well on our way to moving in to a new location, and by October 31 we will have done it. By that time I will also have a new phone number so please make a note of it. It is 905-430-0913

## The Editor's Note:

*Ian Johnston*

I heard that the difference between a smart person and a wise person is that a smart person knows what to say and a wise person knows whether or not to say it.

Anyway, it has been a lot of fun doing my bit for the club (even though I have been told I managed to rub a few of you the wrong way.)

Thank you again for letting me be your editor. Happy flying to you all.

### Important Notice:

This year our annual election meeting will be held on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Hobby Show is a week later on November 8.

Remember. The 24<sup>th</sup> Hobby Show is a week after our annual election meeting.

*So please don't use the Hobby Show as an excuse not to show up for our annual election meeting.*

## Mario Moran's Frequency Study:

Mario reports that his preliminary findings, after asking 122 of our 164 members, reveal that 248 radios are distributed on channels 11 through 60 as follows:

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
2	4	2	3	6	3	4	10	4	7	2	5	1	11	2	4	2	9	5	6	1	1	2	6	1
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
5	3	11	3	11	1	5	5	9	3	5	5	4	3	10	3	7	3	9	4	13	4	9	0	9

## A Message From Bertrand Russell:

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.

## Final Word:

The remaining space is empty because no one took the time to think of contributing anything (as usual) and you have finally reached the end of the November 2002 issue of **The Fly Paper**.