



The Flypaper

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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

Weather Forecast:
Increasing darkness during the evening hours.

The entire Flypaper production staff would like to wish everyone soft landings and a happy New Year...oh yeah, don't forget about filling out those MAAC forms...

Traditionally, at least in the four years I have been a member, this spot has been reserved for the President's Message. This issue, however, is a little different.

The RCFCT has undergone some changes since the last Flypaper and since the last meeting. The November meeting, as it has been in the past, is our club election night. This year being no different saw attending members elect a new executive for the 2004/2005 season. As some familiar faces stayed in their previous positions, some faces changed jobs, and some new people were added it looked like the new Executive was ready to face the season head-on.

As the days/weeks passed after the election night, it has been brought to my attention that some of the executive have re-considered their positions.

It is my duty to inform everyone that positions in the club Executive, and non-executive, are still open to those who wish to volunteer/nominate members within the club.

As of the time of publishing, the positions that are open are as follows.

- President
- Field Officer
- Program Director

The Flypaper and members of the Executive would like to thank the members who were elected/volunteered for the positions above, during the last meeting. We wish you the best, and hope to see you out on the flight line in the near future.

Fear not, faithful membership, your club is in good hands. Paul Battenberg (membership), Guy O'Reilly (treasurer) and John Riley (secretary) have been collaborating on all matters that relate to the club.

So in the short month since the elections, it seems to me, that the 2004/2005 season will be if nothing else, exciting.

2004 - 2005 RCFCT Club Executive

Executive Positions

President:	vacant
Secretary:	John Reily jcmriley@sympatico.ca
Treasurer:	Guy O'Reilly guyoreilly@sympatico.ca
Field Officer:	vacant
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Wings Officer:	Curt Jones

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Notes From The Membership Officer

- Paul Battenberg

Well guys, it is time to think about renewing your club membership for next year.

After some discussion at our recent executive meeting, we had decided to raise the dues for next season. However, a further in-depth review of our expenses for last year revealed that we remained in the black for 2004, so there will not be any increase for next season. Dues will continue to be \$60 for Open and \$40 for Seniors 60 years of age or older on January 1st., 2005. Juniors will be \$10, regardless of whether they are Family members or not. If you want the club to look after your MAAC for you, their fees are up \$1 to \$56, so fees are \$116, \$96 and \$7 respectively.

If paying at the meeting, I would much prefer cheques to cash, and it would be appreciated if you could show me your MAAC card. Guy and

I have to do all of our business by mail so cash is a nuisance. All the forms are available on our web site to download and print. Please fill them in completely and sign them. A declaration form is required for members without wings.

I will continue to accept renewals by mail. You send me the forms and a cheque, and I will mail your membership card to you. I also require a signed MAAC form if you want us to look after your MAAC for you. I would appreciate proof of MAAC coverage in the form of a copy of your card if you are looking after your own MAAC.

Please remember that if you plan to fly on January 1st. at the FFFF you must be a paid-up member with MAAC coverage also.

That's all for now.

From the Secretary

- John Reily

Hi everybody, it looks like I get to be your next club Secretary. Luckily, that doesn't mean I have to wear short skirts, fetch coffee and take dictation (not that I would subscribe to such an outdated view of secretaries anyway).

So what does the job entail? Well, here's part of what the club bylaws have to say about it: "The secretary shall be ex officio clerk of the board of directors....attend all meetings...give all notices required to be given to members and directors...record all facts and minutes of all proceedings in the books kept for that purpose. He/she shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation and of all books papers, records, and other documents belonging to the Corporation...perform other such duties as may from time to time be determined....." So anyway, I'm still figuring it out.

One duty that seems to part of the job is being an archivist – I've inherited a large box of papers (nicely organized I might add), some of which are decades old, and quite interesting. I'll share some of these historical curiosities as they're uncovered, and also, I thought it might be a good idea to make available to members a condensed version of the club constitution and bylaws so we can all know just what's what....

This Month In Aviation History

December 17, 1903 - Orville Wright makes the first sustained, controlled, powered flight at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

December 11, 1917 - Katherine Stinson flies from San Diego to San Francisco, setting a new American non-stop distance record, a total of 606 miles.

December 1, 1934 - The first air-traffic control centre is opened in Newark, N.J.



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Message from the Wings Officer

The Flypaper is happy to announce that Cut Jones has volunteered to take over Wings Officer duties for the 2004/2005 season.

The Flypaper staff and club Executive welcome Curt to the position, and we are sure that the new crop of students are in good hands.

Some Tips to Avoid Hanger Rash

A couple of ways to avoid the dings and dents of storage.

As the winter season is upon us, many fliers store their aircraft. Whether it is in a garage, basement, shed, etc. Hanger Rash is always a factor. Hanger Rash, for those new-to-the-hobby, is the dings, dents, scraps, and bashing that your airframe takes while storing or transporting it to and from the field. Hopefully these tips will help you to keep your aircraft in A-One condition.

WING BAGS: Wing bags are great for protecting those wings from the dings and dents of everyday travel and storage. Usually made of a waterproof nylon shell with foam padding, and lined on the inside with fleece. With heavy duty zippers, they make carrying and storing your wings easy. For those with removable Stabs, there are sleeves available to protect them as well. Contact your local hobby shop or check online for options.

SHELVING: Many different types of shelving are available at outlets like Home Depot, Canadian Tire. The adjustable, steel rails and brackets provide a solid start for an easy to build storage centre for your aircraft. Using the rails, brackets and either foam pipe insulation, PVC pipe (with a slot cut for the bracket), or a variety of other materials, you can make a great area that is tidy and allows you to store a variety of aircraft and wings. Tucked in a corner, it will provide a safe, secure place for all your gear.



Got a Beef? Got something to say? Send it to me.

This is your newsletter. My job, as editor, is just trying to put something together that you, the members, would like to read.

So if you wish to submit an article, quote, set of tips, anything at all. I encourage it. Send it to me via email or drop it to me at the meetings, I'll do my best to put it in the next issue. Submissions must be made the Friday before the meetings.



Editor's Note

- Kristopher Paule

So this is my first official Flypaper issue. I hope that it is met with good reviews and that you, the reader, enjoy the time it takes to read the newsletter each month.

First off, I wish to extend my thanks to John Reily as he moves on to secretarial duties this season, for his nicely put together issues the past two years.

For my first issue, I have done a slight rework of the layout/look of the Flypaper. I have also added a little "Aviation History" spot, and will hopefully, bring some interesting pieces on a few of my favorite aviation items.

For me, winter is a time for building a new plane, a Sig Four-Star 40 this year. That is if I can find enough room in my apartment to build it.

Other than that, thank you for reading. See you next issue!