

October 2008



**President: Tom Savage**

**Treasurer: Elaine Schenk**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of October 1, 2008**

**1.0 Attendees**

Bob Graham, Irvyn Groehl, Rob Fekete, Bob Howard, Ron Hutcheon, Ross MacEwan, Jeff Mallette, Myles Mallette, Tom Savage, Richard Whorley, Colin Winsor

**2.0 Financial Report**

Elaine Schenk's report for September is attached. Two additional members joined, Andrew Schenk and Dave Pepin raising the club membership to 32. **"Balance removed prior to Web posting"** Motion to accept the report by Colin Winsor, seconded by Richard Whorley. Carried.

**3.0 Field Report**

The field is in good shape with Bob Graham doing most of the mowing. Thanks to Bob from all. A continuing problem is the need to jump-start the tractors. Tom said since batteries don't winter well, purchase of replacements would wait until spring.).

**4.0 Flight Training**

Two of our trainees went solo: Colin Winsor and Deven Stoyles. Congratulations and welcome to the flight line.

**5.0 Old Business**

There was little interest in a dinner during the holiday period. David Johnson suggested we try for a date in March.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Building Classes**

Most of our new members have learned to fly using ARFs. Unfortunately crashes do occur and repairs become necessary. Experience gained in building from plans or kits would be invaluable in making repairs. Scratch building also provides the modeler the additional satisfaction of flying a unique model.

Pairing new modellers with experienced builders for instruction is probably impractical with our widely dispersed membership. Thus Tom Savage proposed we organize building classes at one location. If he can't find other space, he proposes to make his garage available. Tom will contact our new members to involve them in defining the nature of the classes. Many members are prepared to assist.

## 6.2 Life Membership

One of most active members before illness slowed him down was Len Forder. Len was an enthusiastic flight instructor who sacrificed much of his own flying time to instruct beginners. He rarely missed a scheduled flying session and was always interesting in trying something new. He always brought his well stocked trailer with a plentiful supply of small fittings allowed us to make many field repairs, rather than having to give up for the day.

Tom moved that Len Forder be awarded a Life Membership in the Club. Seconded by Ron Fekete. Carried.

## 6.3 Election Coordinator

There were no volunteers to fill this position.

## 6.4 Club Auction

Bob Howard moved that we hold the club auction at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Carried.

## 6.5 Trip to visit the Aviation Museum.

Tom suggested we arrange to visit the National Aviation Museum as a club once the current refurbishments are completed. This suggestion was well received. Tom will contact Gerry Nadon at the Museum to make arrangements. Once he has a date the membership will be contacted by E-Mail to sign up for a visit.

**7.0 Next Meeting** --- November 7, 2008

**8.0 Adjournment**---Moved by Irvyn, Coffee and Talk about repairing an ARF

### **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

- Irvyn and I would like a list of those of you who are interested in the scratch building lessons by the November meeting.
- If you are interested in going to the revamped air museum in December, please let me know. Members interested so far are Tom, Ross, Irvyn, Bob, Richard, & Colin.
- Start getting all your unused stuff ready for our December meeting.
- We will be adjusting the center line of the runway which will allow us to move our tables over the fence. A revised field layout will be sent with our renewal.
- Keep in mind that if you are willing to help out with running the Algonquin Aeromodellers Club, let me know, because elections are in December.