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EDITORIAL

By the Editor-In-Chief, Dan Gregory.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL MATS MEMBERS & FAMILIES, as well as everybody else receiving the **FLITELINE** newsletter. We are at the very end of 1998 as I type this fourth issue. Some of you have probably just received No. 3 seeing that the Notice of AGM. did not get everybody out to the Meeting, but we did have 17 in person and 5 proxies, that made 2/3 present of the total membership, which is pretty good. All I will say about you guys that were not able to come is that you missed an interesting meeting and that you are stuck with the Executive chosen, so no beefing! The report of the AGM as well as the year end total results of all events held in MATS, ORCC and the Nationals are included. It was of general opinion at the AGM that the mere announcement that all weekends were FUN FLY, as well as Fun Flying during contests, brought out more of the members. That may be, or not, but we were all pleased with the Juniors' achievements and the participation in the **WINGS** thing.

A REVIEW OF THE 1998 AGM.

As seen by me, Dan Gregory Editor. Financially, the club ended up with close to a thousand in the bank, which made Cliff ecstatic, in spite of high expenses for winch lines & batteries and, postage & copies for the 2DAY contest. We did use the winch a lot this year because of the great attendance at the field, so it was worth the expense. David Temple offered to sponsor a trophy for a best Junior-Sportsman flier contest. Mark Gervais, Manny Vardalas and Dan Gregory sponsored, built and donated a Foam Wing Cutter for club members' use. Dan Gregory gave up all his jobs except the Editor's. Alan got stuck with the President's position in spite of asking to be replaced. He also took on the Chief Instructor position. Mark Gervais, who always seems to be full of energy is now the V.P., and Roger Menard, who is always full of ideas, is Secretary -Treasurer. It looks like an earth-shaking group. Wish them Good Luck. It is MATS' Twenty-Fifth Anniversary as a MAAC Charter Club and MAAC's Fiftieth Anniversary as the Canadian Governing Body for Aero-Modeling. There will be Special Events taking place to mark these dates. LET US ALL BE THERE IN 1999. Happy Flying !!'

DONT FORGET THE CLUB MEETING JANUARY 25,1999. The HYMUS BRASSERIE 7:00 PM. WE LOVE YOU ALL. BE THERE! URGENT!

LOOKING AT 1999, AGAIN.....

When you finish reading the AGM Minutes and the business from the Directors' Meeting of XMAS/NEW YEAR, you will notice a lot of emphasis on Juniors. There will also be some attention given to the Sportsmen in the Club so that they will feel good about competitions by letting them compete against their peers. There will also be a 2METRE Contest for all dub members, supposedly reducing the leverage that the hi-tech fliers have over those of low pocket books (or not ready for spoilers, flaps,

aileron or heavy winch launches). Just be careful with these theories, as Claude can fly a mean Gentle Lady. Just think what he will do with a 2Metre Foamie. The other thing you instigatees should know is that the guy who got the 2Metre Contest passed at the AGM is now the proud owner of a Cumic 2.9 metre glider, so the hi-tech guys better watch out. Our Junior club members now range from 5 yrs up to 16 yrs of age. A Junior, as defined by MAAC, must be less than 18 year old as of January 1 st. of any year. MATS has a \$10 Jr. membership fee or a \$30 Family fee, which amounts to the same total if there are only two family members, not husband and wife. This membership also means that only one newsletter will be sent. If you are a junior and want your own newsletter, join separately. JUNIOR MEMBERS and AGES- as of Jan. 1st. Nicholas Makarow -16. Troy Gragg -12. Patrick Audet -15. Jason LaFrance -11. Junior Gervais -5 These are the Juniors officially in the club but we are waiting for Nelson's, Roger's, Manny's, Claude's, Charles', Carmen's, and Giorgio's, offspring/grandchildren. I know how hard it was to get my kid interested in the hobby, but as the son said, "It's amazing how smart my father got, as I got older". You will note that our star Junior, Nicholas, is no longer a Sportsman, which means that we have four potential boys (at this point) who will compete for the Shield. I hope that the rules of competition will be lax enough to allow outside influences to assist the competitors in model launching and guiding.....

Which brings me to the "Comfort Level" thing again. We now have a two-tiered club contest schedule. That is, if you are, and want to be, in the Sportsman category in any contest you may do so until you are de-flowered. You will compete against your level, until you win or decide that you are above them. The choice is yours but show up and compete as it will make you good, better, best, fliers in spite of the extra work it gives the Contest Directors.

The Family Day will happen on August 15th, and I know the corn will be ready, so that we can invite Robert Richer and his family to fly our foamies and hope he likes his corn BBQ'd or boiled. The Nationals are scheduled for the Tillsonburg region again. We need some of you to come out for a bit of fun and relaxation as well as to have a look at the real world of gliders and strangers. This also applies to going to the ORCC 2DAY near Ottawa, a distance we normally travel for two days at one hour each way. We could make arrangements for group travel or car pools so that more of us will go. Think about it. We will also be able to celebrate MATS' and MAAC's Birthday parties some of the details will be available at the next meeting and some later. Tune in and turn on! Roger is to provide a space in his garage for our field equipment, which means that each and everyone using the stuff must return it and make sure it is stowed away properly, batteries put on charge and doors locked. Lets not leave it to Roger.

1999 FIRST CONTEST&FUN FLY.THE FF VII

The codes at the end of the line above say— **FROST FLY VII**. Flown on the ICE of the Bay of Vaudreuil Sur le Lac most of the time. Only once did we move to the field at Coteau Station about three years ago. This year I think it will be a toss up due to the warm weather we've had up to now. However, there will be a contest, and the points will count to the ORCC-MATS DUEL team selection. So keep your models ready as there are only 2-1/2 months left. If you aspire to make the DUEL Team, come and get your practice of March 14th. Freeze your fingers & have a ball!

