

FLITELINE

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Editorial

This is a special edition of the mats news letter. As you will remember, the last issue was dated November 1999 and had evolved into a splendid affair with colour and illustrations. Due to circumstances beyond Dan's control, no issues appeared during 2000. For my sins, yes I have a few, I am attempting to fill in as the new editor. Quite what the eventual format will be, I don't know. We have to decide whether "Fliteline" should run along on the Club website or be an independent item. Much of our decision making will depend on your reactions. Since I am a computer ignoramus, I'm using a steam age typewriter, and the logistics of running off and distribution will have to be worked out. I will need input from club members regarding contest reports etc. and other information which is of interest to us all. Complaints, suggestions, ideas are welcome. Remember, "Fliteline" is for you, without your interest it will wither on the vine!

To bring you up to date, the Committee elected at the AGM are as follows:

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Electric and Glider Fun Fly 2000

I am reminded that the Electric and Glider Fun Fly held on July 1st last year had not been recorded. The event was enjoyed by a dozen flyers, and took place in good weather. Ghislain Lamothe took the electric duration event with a time of 23:08 and Claude Deslover took the glider best time of 9:32. Both contestants were rewarded with a bottle of champagne each by the contest director, Carl Baum. Our thanks to Carl for his efforts.

S&E

Most of us find that the "Sailplane and Electric" magazine is one of the best suited to our interest in the hobby. However the cover price increased a few issues ago making the cost including taxes 8.28\$ Cdn per issue or 74.52\$ Cdn per nine copies. Plus the fact that not many magazine stores carry S&E and you never quite know when it will appear. My local store doesn't sell enough copies to continue, so I decided to subscribe. The cost for one year of nine issues is 32\$ US which is 48\$ Cdn give or

take. And no taxes to the undeserving governments. My February issue came seven days after my call to S&E. 'Phone (509) 627-0456 and the charming Jennifer will take your order. Also check out S&E's w'site at this link: <http://www.semodeler.com>

Movie Nights

Mark Gervais has been organising Movie nights at the Dollard centre, and we've had a good turnout for each of the two shows so far. The bonus is that we get together to catch up on what we are all doing during the long winter nights. The videos are shown on a big screen and the definition is quite good. However, I found that five minutes of dynamic soaring is more than enough to demonstrate the sport! Joe Wurts' explanation of the theory was not too explicit either. You can't win 'em all! Check out the schedule of movies [here](#).

Looking Ahead.....

Our season starts NEXT MONTH!!!! Start checking out those models and do the small repairs you forgot to do last November. And cycle and recharge those batteries. Then wait a week and cycle them again. Get some new elastics for the wings- last year's won't hack it this year! Is your stopwatch working? And of course; sun glasses. You know we have a problem when the wind is from the south-west. Lenscrafters did a special last year on prescription sunglasses for 129\$. I'm delighted with mine. The neutral tint keeps the colours the same as nature. Us old guys really need to see the models now and shades are a great help.

Radio Frequencies

Did Santa bring you a new radio? If you have a new frequency, please let us know for the record. See the club frequency sheet [here](#).

Poet's Corner

My noble daffodils are bent
Under the snow which Heaven sent
Last night to mark the winter's dying
And thus prevented me from flying
O, that the summer will return
To bring the thermals for which we yearn
O, Zeus be kind
And give us reason
To hope for a happy flying season.

As Buggs Bunny says, That's all for now folks. Keep in touch, keep building, and may the thermals be there when you want them.

STOP PRESS!!!!

We still have four only mats jackets for sale! All size XL, one lined at 40\$ and three unlined at 35\$. Colour blue with eye popping club logos. These jackets will not be

repeated until the first batch wear out which will be a long time! Call Dan Gregory to place your order. Fly in mats style and make a fashion statement in 2001!