

## An Introduction to the “Ottawa Region Electric Organization” Model-Flying Club

OREO (Ottawa Region Electric Organization) is a model airplane club comprising approximately twenty members. It was formed in the year 2000 for people who wanted to fly electrically-powered radio-controlled model airplanes. Membership of OREO is free to all-comers, but club members wanting to fly are required to join MAAC, and for that MAAC charges a modest membership fee. The minimum age for OREO membership is eight.

Historically we have been flying mainly at sod farms off Boundary Road in North Grenville, not far from Kemptville, but we also have permission to fly in a few other locations across the city. Through the Winter OREO holds indoor meetings at a community center in Barrhaven to help folk get into the hobby and share tips and aeromodelling information. We have a chat group where we arrange our indoor and flying meetings, exchange ideas and tips, and generally chat about the hobby.

Just about all model-airplane flying clubs in Canada are affiliate members of MAAC (Model Aeronautics Association of Canada). MAAC is a non-profit organization run by volunteers, and it serves to unify and regulate the hobby and keep it as safe as possible. One of the principal advantages provided by MAAC is that membership **automatically provides insurance for members and flying field providers**. During the past 21 years there have however, been no accidents or claims arising from OREO model-airplane flying.

MAAC members are only permitted to fly in locations where they have permission. School yards and parks are not often made available, and in Ottawa local bye-laws prevent their use.

The executive members of OREO are currently:

Rod Woolley (President and founding member)

Wayne Podaima (V.P)

Wade Lyon (Secretary)

Adrian Giraudy (Treasurer)

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OREO provides free training and assistance to its members, so if you or your relatives, friends or employees are interested in learning more about the hobby, please do not hesitate to check us out. You will be made most welcome. The hobby has become less expensive and better provided for in recent years, and so now is a good time to join in and have fun.

The OREO club web-site is at <http://www.cluboreo.ca/>

The MAAC web-site is at <https://www.maac.ca/en/>

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