**Radio Spectrum Report to MAAC Board – 2018**

Over the past year, the MAAC Radio Spectrum committee worked to revise the MAAC Safety Document MSD 17 – Radio Spectrum. This document is a work in progress due to the evolving technology around the radios we use for Radio Controlled modelling activities. This document is in front of the MAAC board for their revisions and approval.

I continue to represent MAAC at the Radio Advisory board of Canada’s regular meetings. The RABC meets 3 – 4 times in various locations in Canada. In 2018, the meetings were held in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. I worked with Industry, Science and Economic Development (Formerly Industry Canada) on certification compliance issues for 2.4 GHZ radios. Those talks are still on-going.

Over this past flying season, the committee dealt with a few service bulletins that were broadcast on the MAAC website news section.

One item we also discussed during the year, was the banning of cell phones in the pit areas and at the flight stations of flying clubs. No definitive scientific studies have been completed to confirm the potential for cellphone, Wi-Fi and or Bluetooth interference when flying. Until those studies are completed, or we get more than anecdotal information, the committee does not support the complete banning of cell phones at flying sites. The only caution is don’t answer your phone when flying. We don’t need any distracted flying on the flight lines.

Thank you,

Mark Betuzzi – Radio Spectrum Chairman - MAAC