**2019 - Radio Spectrum Report to MAAC Board**

Purpose of the Committee - The Radio Spectrum Committee of M.A.A.C. is here to assist all members with the proper and safe use of their radio equipment.

The MAAC Radio Spectrum committee is comprised of 11 MAAC members who have a varied background in radio spectrum items.

One item we continued to discuss 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. I have written to several of the radio manufacturers for their advice with this item and I have yet to hear back from any of them. 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. Better yet, place your phone in Airplane mode when at the flight line, as we don’t need any distracted R.C. pilots on the flight lines.

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. In 2019 for health and budget reasons, I only attended 2 meetings which both took place in Ottawa.

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

The MAAC Radio Spectrum Committee appreciates the continued support of the MAAC board and all the members of MAAC.

Thank you,

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