Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2012

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Committee Members:

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Action items for the Board are summarized at the end of this report.

General Outlook

Activity in Control Line Precision Aerobatics classically called “Stunt” remains vibrant in several regions in Canada. In eastern Canada in 2012 no less than 6 scheduled dates plus an F2B Team Trials were successfully conducted (details below). Stunt pilots in Ontario are fortunate to have 4 active control line circles available for flying. Niagara Falls Crowland Park and Toronto’s Centennial Park feature a paved flying circle and there are grass circles in Burlington and Dresden.

* Spring Opener Stunt Contest, May 20,(Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* The Toronto and District Championships, June 2/3, (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)
* The 2012 Bean Field Grand Prix, July 7&8, (Dresden, Ontario)
* The Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 17/19, (Dresden, Ontario)
* Fall Stunt Contest and F2B Team Trials, Sept 9, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* The Balsa Beavers 53nd Anniversary Event Sept. 22,23 (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)

Events included standard Profile Stunt, F2B and Old Time Stunt. The 2011 focus on introducing Old Time Stunt continues to pay benefits and higher entry levels were experienced again this year . We anticipate even better participation in 2013.

Also tested and being developed this season by the Balsa Beavers is Novice Aerobatics. Novice Aerobatics is a simple entry level pattern designed for the true novice pilots with just basic skills. The goal is to allow the novice pilots to experience the “butterflies”of flying in front of judges and teach at the earliest stages of competitive flying executing the basic manoeuvers’ correctly. This event generated very positive interest and participation.

Control Line Precision Aerobatics events were also successfully flown in BC, Alberta and Winnipeg but unfortunately no information was forwarded to me.

Control Line in General and Control Line Precision Aerobatics in particular continue to enjoy ready availability of laser cut kits, ARFs, ARCs, engines, hardware, lines and handles. Electric power is gaining ground in the stunt circles around the globe.

2012 F2B World Championships

The Canadian F2B team competed successfully at the 2012 FAI World Championships in Pazardzik Bulgaria. Konstantin Bajaikine (61045) placed 25th, Peter Hanson (65002) placed 39th and Kim Doherty (32008) suffered a practice flight crash and could not participate. The team scored a 13th place finish in the Team Classification.

Future Activities, Plans and Goals

* Continue to cultivate participation in Old Time Stunt
* Continue to cultivate participation in Novice Aerobatics
* Strengthen ties with Control Line Precision Aerobatics groups outside of Ontario.
* Get more Committee Members.
* There is much discussion among the Ontario competitors and judges about returning the scoring of local Control Line Precision Aerobatics events to the traditional 40 point per manoeuver range as opposed to the current FAI 10 point per manoeuver range. In general the change in scoring is felt to have only narrowed the score between first and last, made judging somewhat more complicated and put Canada completely out of sync with our largest pool of potential entrants, the USA.
* 6 Control Line Precision Aerobatics events are currently in the planning and organizing stage for 2013 in Ontario.

Board Action Items:

* There were no recommendations arising from the minutes of the 2013 Annual Zone meetings for the Control Line Precision Aerobatics committee to consider.
* The 2014 FAI World Championships are scheduled to be held in Poland.
* The F2B Team Trials for selection of the 2014 F2B Team is tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 14th, 2013 at Crowland Park, Niagara Falls. Rain date : Sunday September 15th. This committee asks the Board to approve these trials.
* If elected I would be pleased to stand as Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman for 2013.

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Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman.