Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2013

From: John McFayden, Control Line Precision Aerobatics Chairman

Committee Members:

Brad LaPointe, Chris Brownhill, Robert Lamoureux

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. Again in eastern Canada in 2013 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 19,(Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* The Toronto and District Championships, June 1-2, (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)
* The 2013 Bean Field Grand Prix, July 6-7, (Dresden, Ontario)
* The Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 23-25, (Dresden, Ontario)
* Fall Stunt Contest and F2B Team Trials, Sept 14, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* The Balsa Beavers 56th Anniversary Event Sept. 28-29 (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)

Events included standard Profile Stunt, F2B and on a couple of these dates Old Time Stunt. The weather this year was a factor in participation. A cold, wet and windy spring really delayed initial activity. The T&D suffered rain and much wind that caused most events to be delayed to be flown at later dates. Later year events were favoured by better weather and entry levels returned to normal levels.

Control Line Precision Aerobatics events were also successfully flown in BC, Alberta and Winnipeg.

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.

2014 F2B TEAM TRIALS

The F2B Team Trials were conducted on Saturday September 14th at Crowland Park in Niagara Falls Ontario. Crowland Park features an extremely nice paved control line circle located in an area free of trees and buildings that can cause turbulence.

The Team Trials were conducted using the current FAI rules by CD John McFayden 14681L and judging was done by three experienced F2B competitors namely Dave Kelly 3070, Geoff Higgs 5521 and Chris Brownhill 3797L. Tabulator was Naomi Macklem 82384.

There were 4 entrants in the Team Trials, Konstantin Bajaikine 61045, Kim Doherty 32008, Peter Hanson 65002 and John McFayden 14681L.

Each competitor completed 3 official flights. The weather conditions were ideal with full sun and gentle wind.

The results were as follows:

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| Pilot | Flight 1 | Flight 2 | Flight 3 |  |
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|  Peter Hanson | 141.56 | 147.8 | 149.5 | 1 st |
|  Konstantin Bajaikine | 144.06 | 144.7 | 146.76 | 2 nd |
|  Kim Doherty | 139.13 | 141.5 | 141.93 | 3 rd |
|  John McFayden | 124.63 | 133.66 | 137.93 |   |

The 2014 F2B of Peter Hanson, Konstantin Bajaikine and Kim Doherty will well represent MAAC at the Control Line World Championships in Poland next summer.

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.
* 5 Control Line Precision Aerobatics events are currently in the planning and organizing stage for 2014 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.
* If elected I would be pleased to stand as Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman for 2014.

John McFayden, MAAC 14681L

 Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman.