Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2014

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

Control Line Precision Aerobatics classically called “Stunt” remains vibrant in several regions in Canada. Again in eastern Canada in 2014 no less than 5 scheduled dates were planned and flown (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.

* The Toronto and District Championships, May 31-June 1, (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)
* The 2014 Bean Field Grand Prix, June 28-29, (Dresden, Ontario)
* The Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 23-24, (Dresden, Ontario)
* Fall Stunt, Sept 7, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* The Balsa Beavers 57th Anniversary Event Sept. 27-28 (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)

Events included standard Profile Stunt, F2B and on a couple of these dates Old Time Stunt. The weather this year was favourable allowing each event to be completed as scheduled. This year the Balsa Beavers website (balsabeavers.com) initiated a new feature where a complete report on each event with many nice action pictures was posted.

There were several new pilots whom had developed sufficient aerobatic flying skills to participate in an impromptu beginner stunt event at the Balsa Beavers Anniversary event. The goal was simply to enable inexperienced pilots to gain experience flying in front of judges. The event was very much enjoyed by the entrants. There was only one unfortunate but spectacular crash.

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 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canadian F2B Team of Konstantin Bajaikine (61045), Peter Hanson (65002) and Patrick Mackenzie (8177L) competed at Wloclawek Poland. Final results achieved were Konstantin 30th, Peter 41st and Patrick 59th.

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 plus an F2B Team Trials for the 2016 World Championships to be held in Perth Australia are currently in the planning and organizing stage for 2015 in Ontario.

Board Action Items:

* There were no recommendations arising from the minutes of the 2014 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 2015.

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Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman.