Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2015

From: John McFayden, Control Line Precision Aerobatics Chairman

Committee Members:

Brad LaPointe, Bruce Perry, Robert Lamoureux, Mike Coulombe

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 2015 no less than 5 scheduled dates were planned and flown (details below) as well as an F2B Team Trials. 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.

* 2015 Limited Stunt, May 24, (Centennial Park, Toronto)
* The Toronto and District Championships, May 30-31, (Centennial Park, Etobicoke)
* The 2015 Bean Field Grand Prix, Aug 1, (Dresden, Ontario)
* The Summer Stunt, August 9, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario)
* The Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 29-30(Dresden, Ontario)
* The FAI F2B Team Trials, September 20, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)

Events included standard Profile Stunt, MAAC stunt and on a couple of these dates Old Time Stunt. The weather this year was often unfavourable on event days. Several events had to be cancelled and rescheduled and were flown at a later date. Results for all events are posted on www.balsabeavers.com.

Control Line Precision Aerobatics events were also successfully flown in BC (Vancouver Gas Model Club), Alberta (Alberta Control Line Flying Club) and Manitoba (Winnipeg Perfect Circle Flying Club).

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.

LIMITED STUNT

The Balsa Beavers have run for the second year a simplified pattern to encourage participation of inexperienced pilots. The program has been a success and the pilots whom otherwise would not enter a Stunt Contest have been very enthusiastic. In 2016 there are 3 of the Limited Stunt contests scheduled.

2016 F2B TEAM TRIALS

An F2B Team Trials was successfully completed on Sunday September 20th at Crowland Park. 5 pilots entered and the event was flown according to the Current FAI F2B rules. An experienced F2B team comprised of Peter Hanson 65002, Konstantin Bajaikine 61045 and Patrick Mackenzie 8177L resulted from this event. The 2016 World Championships are scheduled to be held in Perth Australia on May 7 to 13th.

Future Activities, Plans and Goals

* Continue to cultivate participation in Old Time Stunt
* Continue to cultivate participation in Limited Aerobatics
* Strengthen ties with Control Line Precision Aerobatics groups outside of Ontario.
* Get more Committee Members.
* 4 Control Line Precision Aerobatics events in Ontario plus the F2B 2016 World Championships in Perth Australia are scheduled in 2016.
* CLPA Events in Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg are also scheduled.

Board Action Items:

* There were no recommendations arising from the minutes of the 2015 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 2016.

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Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman.