Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2016

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 2016 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, June 4-5, (Centennial Park, Toronto)
* 2016 Limited Stunt, July 23, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* 2016 Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 6-7, (Dresden)
* The Summer Stunt, August 20, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* Balsa Beavers 59th Anniversary Event, (Centennial Park, Toronto)

Events included standard Profile Stunt, MAAC stunt, Old Time Stunt or Limited Stunt. The weather this year was favourable on event days. Results and a full commentary for all of these 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 continues to gain ground in the stunt circles around the globe.

LIMITED STUNT

The Balsa Beavers ran for the third year a simplified stunt 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. Two such Limited Stunt Events were successfully run in 2016. The first fruits of this focused effort were realized when one of the Limited Stunt pilots graduated into flying in a full pattern Old Time Stunt Event. The Limited Stunt program will be continued in 2017.

2016 F2B WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canada’s F2B team comprised of Peter Hanson 65002, Konstantin Bajaikine 61045 and Patrick Mackenzie 8177L competed at the 2016 Control Line World Championships in Perth Australia on May 7 to 13th 2016. Each member posted a score in each available attempt. The team finished in a respectable 10th place and individually Konstantin Bajaikine placed 23rd, Peter Hanson placed 36th and Patrick Mackenzie placed 44th.

Future Activities, Plans and Goals

* Continue to cultivate participation in Old Time Stunt
* Continue to cultivate participation via Limited Stunt
* Strengthen ties with Control Line Precision Aerobatics groups outside of Ontario.
* Get more Committee Members.
* 4 Control Line Precision Aerobatics events in Ontario
* Conduct and F2B Team Trials in preparation for the 2018 World Championships in Landres France July 13-21
* CLPA Events in Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg are also scheduled.

Board Action Items:

* There were no recommendations arising from the minutes of the 2016 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 2017.

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Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman.