# Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Report 2017

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Committee Members:

Brad LaPointe, Bruce Perry, Robert Lamoureux, Mike Coulombe, Chris Cox, Len Bourel, Chris Brownhill, Doug Moisuk, Larry Maltman, Monty Summach

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 2017 in Ontario 4 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 3-4, (Centennial Park, Toronto)
* 2017 Summer Stunt, July 8, (Crowland Park, Niagara Falls)
* 2017 Southern Ontario Control Line Championships, August 6-7, (Dresden)
* Balsa Beavers 60th Anniversary Event, Sept 23-24 (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 Richmond BC (Vancouver Gas Model Club) on July 30-31, the Prairie Fire Contest in August in Alberta (Alberta Control Line Flying Club) and in Regina (Regina Windy Flyers) Saskatchewan in September. There is an active group in Manitoba (Winnipeg Perfect Circle Flying Club) and a new circle to be built in 2018 in Saskatoon at the new Hub City RC Club Field.

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 again this 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 2017. The Limited Stunt program will be continued in 2018.

RULES CHANGE

The Committee reviewed, debated and finally voted to adopt the AMA rules for Control Line Precision Aerobatics. Eliminating minor variations between the Canadian and American rules will be beneficial to those who compete cross border.

2017 F2B TEAM TRIALS

An F2B Team Trials was successfully completed on Sunday August 13th at the Beanfield in Dresden. An experienced F2B team comprised of Peter Hanson 65002, Konstantin Bajaikine 61045 and Patrick Mackenzie 8177L resulted from this event. A detailed report of the Trials was submitted to MAAC and an article published in the November / December issue of Model Aviation Canada. The 2018 World Championships are scheduled to be held in July 14-20 in Landres France.

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 across the country.
* Get more Committee Members.
* 4 Control Line Precision Aerobatics events in Ontario
* CLPA Events in Vancouver, Edmonton and Regina are also being scheduled.

Board Action Items:

* There were no recommendations arising from the minutes of the 2017 Annual Zone meetings for the Control Line Precision Aerobatics committee to consider.
* The Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee encourages the Board to continue to support FAI Travel at 2016 levels.
* If elected I would be pleased to stand as Control Line Precision Aerobatics Committee Chairman for 2018.

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