Control Line Committee Report for 2017

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To: The Board of Directors

Cc: The Control Line Committee 2017

Overall, Control Line activity is still thriving in Canada, with the major centres being located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Toronto.

Competition flying is still the major focus of Control Line activity, but there are a good number of sport fliers who fly airplanes on wires for fun as a side-line to their R/C activities. Some R/C clubs have circles for the use of their Control Line members, and so the old activity still carries on in the face of Almost-Ready-To-Fly R/C, and the ever rising Drone population!

In Southern Ontario, about five (5) major events were held in 2017 with competition in Control Line Scale, Racing, Combat and Precision Aerobatics. (Precision Aerobatics come under the auspices of the Control Line Stunt Committee, but I include them because many of us compete in events run by both Committees.)

One very notable achievement in 2017 was the fantastic new Control Line Endurance record set by Doug Blackmore and Len Bourel in mid- September, at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. They surpassed Doug’s previous record set in 2016 by over an hour, with a new time of 3 hours, 28 minutes, and 25 seconds.

We held FAI Trials for F2D Combat over the summer with a series of four (4) contests, (Two inToronto, two in Chatham, Ontario) to choose a team to attend the 2018 Control Line World Championships to be held next July in Londres, France.

The successful trials participants were: Pat MacKenzie, Yaroslav Melnikov, and Maksim Svetlakov.

These gentlemen are all experienced competitors who will make a great showing for Canada when they compete in France.

Support for competition in the FAI events is still strong in the Control Line interest category. Although some of us no longer compete directly, many of us are still involved in judging and scoring the FAI trials as we all support our FAI Competitors whole heartedly!

In closing, I would like to thank the Control Line Committee members for their input and support over the past year.

I would be pleased to stand for re-election as Control Line Chair again for the year 2018.

Action items:

I thought it proper to ask for the Committee’s input on recommendations no. 5, 12, and 15.

Recommendation no. 5 would work for us as it would make it easy to fill committee vacancies when those wishing to serve do not get nominated at the AZMs.

Recommendation s no. 12 & 15 are not workable in the committee’s opinion, and should be shelved until their meanings can be properly ascertained, or explained.

Yours respectfully,

Chris Brownhill,

Control Line Committee Chairman