

## Transport Canada Committee Report 2017

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Report for 2017:

This has been a very important year for the MAAC organizations with all of the Temporary regulations coming out and Gazette I being published. The bombardment of questions as well as all of the Ottawa meetings as well as the Drone fair and the Unmanned systems Conference held in the Toronto area has keep us all busy and on our toes.

The reports for each of the above have been published in one document or another, so I won't rewrite all of them however the main item in all of this is to remember at present WE MAAC ARE EXEMPT from all of the Transport Rules and regulations. BUT we must abide by the MAAC rules if we want to keep the exemption. The current exemption is a tempory exemption and can be withdrawn at will however we are currently working on a Global Exemption which hopefully will be permanently written.

The negotiations for the Global exemption will start in early January of 2018 and the executive board will be keep up to date of anything new that develops from this.

This is a work in progress negotiations with Transport Canada and the hope is to have this all buttoned up before the AGM

The relationship with Transport Canada is a priority in my opinion and must be put front and center notwithstanding the importance of the MAAC membership.

It is my intent to continue on as the Transport Canada Chairman past the AGM or whenever Gazette II comes out and then retire. However I could be persuaded to assist the committee if needed. This will be at the pleasure of the Board.

Mark Winstanley has put his name in as the next chairman and has the full approval of the rest of the Transport Canada committee members. I will be more than happy to assist him in anyway if needed.

Action Items:

Invitation of the Transport Canada Group from Ottawa to come to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Salon Du modele reduit show which will be held April 14 and 15 at the Complex de Soccer Honco De Levis 8087 boul. Du Centre-Hospitalier Levis QC G6X 1L3. They will be supplied a place for a booth to be setup. This will be the biggest show in Quebec if not in Canada for 2018.

Completion of the Global exemption through telephone conference and face to face meetings in Ottawa.

Possibility of having model zones around airfields

Review the reporting system for any events or flyaways.

Continue the push on flying SAFELY and with COMMON SENSE

Submitted on January 9, 2018

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