



**NEXT MEETING**

**Date**

January 25th

**Time**

6:30pm

**Location**

Beef 'n' Brand, Bar and Grill  
260 Pinewood Park Dr., North Bay

**OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

- (a) To promote friendship and good feelings among the members;
- (b) To foster a spirit of group interest and co-operation among the members;
- (c) To provide encouragement and offer advice to the novice in the building and flying of his miniature aircraft;
- (d) To support the Constitution, preserve the ideals and extend the principles of this Club;
- (e) To promote safety in the sport.

**NIPMAC 2021 Executive**

President:	Foley Soroye
Vice-President:	Rod Hillman
Treasurer:	Jerzy Bak
Secretary:	Rick Nay
Field Managers:	Roger La Berge & Lloyd Argo
Webmaster:	Eric Rivest
Newsletter Editor:	Robert Zentai
Chief Flying Instructor:	Foley Soroye

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Frozen Finger Fun Fly	January 2/2021
(Snow Date)	January 3/2021
NIPMAC Fun Fly & Zone Fun Fly	August 14/2021
(Rain Date)	August 15/2021
Club Meetings	January 25/2021
	March 29/2021
	May 26/2021

## President Message

At last, Winter 2020 is here. We are now in the last few weeks of this stressful and challenging year.

My theme for the year-end message is **HOPE**. On many levels and for several reasons, I'm very hopeful for the coming year.

Not to dwell on the obvious and sad state of affairs. The main topic on everyone's mind these days is regarding Covid-19 pandemic.

We have been "lucky" with the relatively small incidents of infections generally in the north and in North Bay. This could be attributed to most people being compliance with the prescribed health and safety practices. With that, everyone is in better shape over here than the situation in the other hot zone pandemic areas.

The latest hopeful news, several vaccines are on the way for approval and use against Covid-19 (Health Canada approved vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech for use in Canada). So, there is a ray of hope that we may be able to interact much closer and no more isolation in 2021.

With the arrival of winter season and no indoor flying, several club members have already set-up and start winter flying. I've been out for two winter flying sessions. I realised that; I need to improve my preparations to allow more time for flying outdoor during winter. Have to change to flying electric powered planes, dress warmer and wear winter boots, (dig up my warm snow shoes), consider something to ferry my planes and accessories between the gate and the flying field (such as a toboggan). Hoping to spent more time flying outdoor throughout this winter.

As I completed my first year as the President, my sincere thanks to my colleagues in the executives, for their input and corporation. Also, grateful to the membership for their support and doing what they could to promote friendship within NIPMAC.

Wishing you and yours happy holidays. Hoping for a safe, healthy and less stressful 2021.

Enjoy the outdoors and safe flying.

*Foley (Foluso) Soroye*

*President, NIPMAC*

### **Important Notices**

#### **As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

- 2021 NIMAC membership fee is due.
- 2021 MACC fee is due
- To fly and participate at club's events, both NIPMAC and MAAC dues **MUST BE PAID**
- Flying as Guest is limited to TWO visits only.
- While at the flying field/event, all members MUST have on them proof of payment for 2021 NIPMAC and MAAC dues.
- Only paid-up members may receive newsletter via Canada Post.

### **Items Wanted**

Members,

If you ever need something let me know and I will post it for you. Here is a posting from Foley

- Assorted size, shape and type of balsa wood.
- Require to scratch build plane from plan this winter.
- This is a good opportunity to convert those un-used balsa wood collecting dust in your hobby workshop/space to cash.

Contact: Foley at 705-978-0455 or [Soroye@start.ca](mailto:Soroye@start.ca)

## Meeting minutes

The monthly and general meeting was held at the Beef 'n' Brand Restaurant. President Foley called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm with 19 members in attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The dates of next two meetings in early 2021 are revised to Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings to convene at 6:30pm. **Please park at rear of the Beef 'n' Brand restaurant. The entire restaurant is dedicated to NIPMAC members.**

Feel free to bring items for show and tell, for exchange, for sale, give away, etc.

Field Manager- Roger reported that everything is in order with the field equipment's - lawn mowers, weed whackers, batteries are stored at his home. All field items are properly stored away and field is in normal winter shutdown condition.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PLAQUES**

Foley informs the membership that the Phil Tripe memorial award plaque requires enlargement to accommodate names of additional recipients. Foley shared information about options received from the Engraving Shoppe. After review of options and discussions, decision was made to move forward with enlargement of the Phil Tripe memorial plaque. Agreed to a two-plaque system. First plaque, a master plaque with names and dates of all recipients. It'll combine old and new plaque with spaces to accommodate 40 additional recipients (essentially, good for the next 40 years). This will serve as historic record of all award recipients. Second plaque, a smaller "keeper plaque". Recipient would keep this plaque every year.

Lloyd and Roger graciously agreed to take on the tasks to create addition to the Phil Tripe memorial award plaque.

### Meeting minutes (cont.)

#### **AWARDS**

By ballot, **Mel Colvin** of **MEL's MARINE & SMALL ENGINE REPAIR** was presented with the **Ralph Bolitsky Award**. Award to member who has contributed the most to meeting the objectives of the Club.

By decision of the President, the **Phil Tripe Memorial award** was presented to **Gordon Tripe**. Award donated by friends of Phil Tripe. In memory of him as an active Modeler. It is a special occasion for Gord to receive this award created in honor of his father.



50/50 Draw of \$38.00 was won by Jerzy.

Frozen Finger Fly will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> depending on the weather. First flight of the new year at the flying field.

#### **ELECTIONS of 2021 Officers**

All members of the executive have stood for another term, except for recording secretary.

**The 2021 Officers are:**

**Newsletter Editor - Robert Zentai**

**Webmaster - Eric Rivest**

**Field Managers- Roger La Berge and Lloyd Argo**

**Secretary - Rick Nay**

**Vice President – Rod Hillman**

**President – F. (Foley) Soroye**

President Foley thank those standing for another term in the executive and Rick for taking over the secretary position.

Meeting closed at 8:57 pm.

## Pilots Profile

Members,

I had asked awhile ago for each of you to write up a small story on how you got into our hobby. Seems a lot of you don't like telling use your stories. To my surprise Emmanuel (Eman) agreed to write one up, thanks. It would be nice if others could do the same, helps with reading material for the newsletter.

Enjoy

Thought I would share a few pictures of my current fleet and how I got started into rc flying. I started the year with just two airplanes. Thanks to my oldest (Thomas) who sparked the interest to get into the hobby. Well for a lack of a better word, we went balls deep this year. I am so excited to share this great hobby with my son and super proud of his progress.

Since I was a toddler I had been fascinated by airplanes. It all started when we flew to Greece when I was 4 years old on an Air Canada Lockheed L1011. My parents said my forehead was glued to the window for 5 hours straight. Both my parents are from Greece and over half of our family still lives their. I was very fortunate to be able to visit Greece and my family almost every summer growing up. The flights and the plane spotting from the gate was always the highlight of the trip. I used to drag My poor parents to the airport 2 hours before needing to be their so I could have more time to look at the planes. I studied commercial airliners all the time and could tell the differences between an Airbus A300 and a A310. I was obsessed with aviation particularly airliners well into my late teens. I knew aviation is what I wanted to get into.

Growing up I always wanted to be a pilot until I found I really enjoyed fixing things. My love for all things mechanical really pushed me to aircraft maintenance. In high school I got the opportunity to do a co-op with bombardier helping with the final assembly and test flights of the CL-415 water bomber. This is where my love for aircraft maintenance grew.

In my second year of college 2008 that is where my new passion for RC models came to life. I had always built static models but never really had the opportunity to get into RC flying.

I was in Toronto at a hobby store to buy my cousin a model train when I saw the Eflite t34 mentor on display with a tv next to it playing a demo video of the airplane. I probably stood there for a good 15 min just watching the 60 sec video loop over and over. The guy behind the counter asked if he could help me with anything. I snapped out of it and just said, how much. Right then and their I impulse bought an airplane. Which is not like me as some of you know I ocd research everything beforehand. Probably was the best impulse buy I ever had!

### Pilots Profile (cont.)

With this airplane in my car I got home and then my OCD research began. I watched tons of videos and read for hours. This research lead me not to try flying it in a park on my own. So, I crossed my fingers and typed the words "RC CLUB NORTH BAY ONTARIO" into google. I joined NIPMAC in summer of 2008.

After a few months into college and into my new hobby I met Colin Bell, and well that's when 3D was introduced to me. I was hooked! My second airplane and first aerobatic/3D was an extreme flight 58" extra 300. This was my first Glow powered aircraft with an OS.91 four stroke. Colin and I built it in two evenings in his college dorm room seeing as how I had no idea what I was doing I basically was a spectator while Colin assembled the plane in record time.

I spent hours and hours on the simulator, watching videos, and trying to learn as much as I could from Colin in as short of time as possible. I can honestly say I don't think I could have ever reached 1/2 of what I know if it wasn't for Colin continually pushing me. Constantly while I was flying, he would demand me to do random aerobatic maneuvers. When I got cold feet, he would push me to go harder and lower. That poor extreme flight saw some real abuse between Colin and I. I finally retired her after I had the right-hand aileron rip off the wing mid flight. It ripped off when doing a blender. (Straight down full throttle while rolling, then violently you put the plane into an inverted flat spin. This essentially stops the airplane) still managed to land the airplane with the aileron dangling by the servo and slapping the tail all the way till touched.

Ever since my first plane (t34) I really only flew 3D airplanes. I had the odd foam cub but my only balsa planes were the T34 (which I never flew) and 3D birds.

This year I got my first scale 1/5th scale gasser. The hanger 9 Carbon Cub. Thanks to Eric Rivest, Andrew Merkel, And Peter Merkel with their 1/4 scale high wing gassers I had to get one. It's a lot less intense and more laid-back style of flying but I can see how it takes skill to make the model fly true and scale. Me being used to bashing the sticks all over the place it's nice to not try to not knife edge the cub and really try and fly it STOL (short take of and landing)

Future goals for next year are to keep pushing myself with aerobatic flying and dialling in the new 74" Pilot RC laser. It can take months, and over 50 flights to really dial in a new 3D plane and I really enjoy that process. The thing I love about aerobatic flying is it is virtually impossible to outgrow a 3D aircraft. It is a constant learning curve that makes the flying so addictive.

Thomas's goals are to get his wings and transition to my 48" extra. He wants to fly 3D apparently.

**Pilots Profile (cont.)**

It's gonna be a long winter with no indoor so snap a few pics of your fleet in your hangar, current projects and send them to Rob! I nominate Peter Merkel! Tell us ur story and show us ur fleet Peter!

**Pictures around the club**

