



# NipmacYak

## NEXT MEETING

**Date**  
May. 25th

**Time**  
6:30pm

**Location**  
NIPMAC flying field

## 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:	Peter Merkel
Treasurer:	Jerzy Bak
Secretary:	Rick Nay
Field Managers:	Roger La Berge & Lloyd Argo
Webmaster:	Eric Rivest
Newsletter Editor:	Robert Zentai
Chief Flying Instructor:	Peter Merkel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NIPMAC Annual Fun Fly – Aug 13th  
 Zone Fun Fly (Sault Ste Marie) – June 25th

Glider Fun Fly Dates (Rain date on Sunday)  
 June 18<sup>th</sup>  
 July 16<sup>th</sup>  
 August 20<sup>th</sup>  
 September 17<sup>th</sup>

Float Fly Dates (Rain date on Sunday)  
 June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 August 27<sup>th</sup>  
 September 24<sup>th</sup>

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**NIPMAC Regular Meeting**  
 Held at 299 Airport Road, North Bay  
 On  
 27 April at 6:45 PM

**Members Present**

Brett Andrews	Lloyd Argo	Jerzy Bak	Brian Bonnell
Mel Colvin	Rod Hilman	Emmanuel Katsi- apis	Roger La Berge
Andrew Merkel	Peter Merkel	Rick Nay	
Elton Palmer	Cameron Sanders	Kevin Skerritt	Bernard Tempelmans Plat
Foley Soroye	Adrien Turgeon	Redge Turgeon	Peter Van Schaayk
	Rober Zentai		

**Preamble**

- At 6:45 PM, Foley called the meeting to order.
- Guests: Tim Sullivan and Ron Piche
- Move by Rob and seconded by Redge to adapt the minutes of March's meeting as posted in the newsletter.

**Reports From Committees**

- Field Managers
  - Lawn Mowers are ready and stored in the container at Cranberry for the cutting season.
    - The Walker Lawnmower should be only used on the runway and when it is dry on the field.
  - The field is still wet but able to handle our flying.
  - The Cranberry Boat is still being repaired at Mel's Marine and Small Motors.
  - Rod and Elton to look after the field rolling shortly.
  - The gate lock has been returned to normal. Important to stay on the road when entering or leaving the field.
  - The roofing material has been procured and a re-roofing work party will be organized at a future date.
  - Spring opening work party is set for this Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, with a rain day of Sunday. The tarps need to be put on the shelters and the flags etc. need to be raised.

## NIPMAC Regular Meeting (cont.)

- Treasurer
  - Jerzy reported that there are 32 paid up members.
- Training
  - Nil

### Old Business

- Nil

### New Business

- Nil

### Zone Director

- MAAC has emailed the membership to inform them that the maximum altitude to be flown at all MAAC fields is to be no more than 700'. There was much discussion on this topic. The club can petition MAAC for a different ruling on this. The executive will research this more.
- All RC planes need to have owners MAAC number and name on the aircraft.
- It is important for all flyers to carry their MAAC ID or digital representation on their person when flying.

### Safety Tip

- From Peter Merkel. It is good planning to check the complete plane over prior to its first flight of the season. This includes, but not limited to, control surfaces, motor mount, bolts etc. all firmly attached.
- **50/50 Winner**
  - The winner this month was Tim with a sum of \$14.50

There being no further business, it was moved by Andrew to Adjourn.

Our next meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at Cranberry Field at 6:30 PM.

Many Members brought in surplus equipment to see if any good deals could be hammered out.

**Around the field**



## Safety Check



### Preflight Checklist

Carry out these checks before each flight to increase your chances of success.

#### Quick C.R.A.P Check:

**C. Control surfaces** • Test your controls and make sure everything is secure. Ensure linkages are connected and won't fall off.

**R. Rips and Tears** • Examine the body of your plane closely looking for rips, tears or crinkles.

**A. Angles** - Look for structural weaknesses. Eg. check the angle of your tail and make sure it's not crooked.

**P. Power** = Check all electronic connections and make sure everything works correctly.

### Full Preflight Checklist

#### Before Powering up

- Check Battery Voltage - Is your battery fully charged?
- Check Transmitter Power - Is your battery low?

#### After Power Up

- Check Surfaces • Are they loose? Check pushrods, linkages, clevises and hinges.
- Check Control Direction - check direction with 'high five' technique.
- Check Airframe - are there any noticeable issues with loose wings/tail/motor mounts etc?
- Check Propeller - Is it tightly attached?
- Check Landing gear • (if applicable) check wheels are free to move and gear doesn't wobble.
- Check Motor • does it spin freely?
- Check Servos • do they move freely?
- Check Center of Gravity • check balance of the aircraft with the battery installed

#### Environment Check

- Check for people • Make sure there will be no people under your flight.
- Check wind direction • Also check for areas where wind may be turbulent or unpredictable.
- Plan climb out and pattern • Think about direction of takeoff and your general flight pattern (if applicable).
- Plan landing • Think about which direction you will approach from and where you will land.

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