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Mike Shave at the Roth Field fly-in showing off his wooden scimitar propeller to a friend of Gary Wolf, Bill Izard who makes wooden props in New Zealand.

President's Message

I can't believe the summer fly-in season is over already!! This was a good summer for flying and our events give us all an opportunity to get out and really enjoy the hobby we love so much. RAA National supports our needs by representing us in Ottawa on legislative and regulatory matters that affect amateur-built aircraft and our rights to fly them, but it's the active members in the local chapters that make membership so enjoyable.

Thanks so much to all of you who attended one or more of our fly-ins this summer. It's great to see the planes at these events, but it's the pilots and friends sharing stories and advice at these events that we remember most when all is said and done. Whether you flew in or drove in, if you made it to all or most of the flyin's, congratulations...you really understand what I'm saying, don't you!

I think we all owe a big thank you to the members and executive who go out of their way on a regular basis to make sure the rest of us all really enjoy our experience at these special events and fly-ins. Mike and Mac, thanks for making the arrangements and coordinating the events, and so many others that help to make the fly-ins possible.

We also need to thank the airstrip owners of course for allowing us to use their personal strips for the day. Without their kindness these events would not happen. Thanks to Cam, Tom, Mac and Goswin for the 2015 season.

Inside this issue you will find pictures of the Roth Field fly-in and Aviation Fun Day 2015.

I'm already looking forward to the 2016 fly-in season!

- Dan

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Aviation Fun Day 2015

Photos of Aviation Fun Day as promised...



The RAA display inside the Cadet Training Bldg. Ted, Gunter, Mike & I worked the crowds inside



Dan setting up the signs and display area on Apron 4 using Lee's Searey as a fancy table



J.C.'s Vazeze was a big hit with the public because of its unconventional Canard design



Mike Shave with his Minicab on Apron 4. Luckily ATC let a few Non-Mode-C aircraft in for the day.



Harish showed off his ultralight X-Air to the public. Maybe his Murphy Rebel next year?



There was little doubt we had a lot of interest because of the varied designs and type of aircraft we had on display at Aviation Fun Day

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Roth Field Fly-in

Due to the Aviation Fun Day event, the Roth Field fly-in was moved to Sunday August 23, 2015. Thanks to our host Goswin Roth for allowing us to use his strip and also change the date just a few weeks before.

We had six planes fly-in and a number of members and their wives drive in to the event.

Sadly, this marks the end of KW-RAA's 2015 fly-in season, but don't forget there are a lot of other aviation events throughout Southern Ontario in September and beyond. I hope to see you at one or more of them!

Below you will see there are a few photos of this last fly-in, thanks to Lee Coulman, hobby photojournalist extraordinaire!



We even had a few future aviators at the Roth Field fly-in checking out the planes.



Goswin Roth's strip from the air... Lee was the first to arrive from waaaay over at Teviotdale 😊



Don, Clarence and Beth checking to see if those 27" bush tires make any difference on my Highlander as I approach Roth Field

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This pilot seems quite happy with those new 27" bush tires and extreme gear legs!



Mac's CH-701



Everyone was checking out the folding wing conversion on Mike Thorpe's HighMax ultralight



Oh... there's Mike Thorpe now... photobombing Mike Shave



Harish flew in with his X-Air ultralight ... but apparently not without incident.



Mike Shave's Minicab



A great meal of pulled pork on a bun, corn on the cob, salads and desserts... Thanks Mike!



Gary Wolf brought a friend Bill Izard from New Zealand to meet us and check out our planes



Lee's beautiful Searey with Harish's colourful X-Air ultralight just beyond it



Goswin Roth and Tom Shupe enjoying the day

And so ends another great summer of fly-in's. As witnessed by the photos, a number of the wives attended this year's fly-ins and we can only hope that a few more join us next year.

With at least two or three more aircraft being finished this year, there should be a few more at the fly-ins next summer! It's too bad more of the members don't get out to enjoy these events on a regular basis. Every fly-in this

summer has turned out to be a good weather day even though a couple of them didn't start out that way and each one turned out to be a fun event with lots of camaraderie, great food and tons of conversation about aircraft, flying and customization that can only be done with our amateur-built aircraft. Don't miss out on any of the fun next summer!

- Dan

See you at the September meeting at 7:30 on the 14th!

Neil Lobach of Ontario Gyro will be educating us about the misunderstood gyrocopter.

Please note: The RAA Christmas party date has been confirmed as **Friday, November 27, 2015.**

We are back at Ariss Valley Golf and Country Club (Room seats 125 people)

Get it in your calendar now! More details to follow at the September meeting.

Upcoming Events in 2015: (Highlighted lines are KWRAA Events)

August 21 to Sept 7	-	Canadian International Air Show, CNE Grounds
September 14	-	September Meeting at 7:30 in the Cadet building at CYKF
September 19	-	Tiger Boys Fly-in, Guelph
October 19	-	October Meeting at 7:30 in the Cadet building at CYKF
November 9	-	November Meeting at 7:30 in the Cadet building at CYKF
November 29th	-	KWRAA Christmas Party in lieu of a December meeting