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2008 Beginner Committee Report

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Report: 2009 has been a busy year for Milt Barsky and myself as we have both been active in our communities working with beginners of all ages while teaching the joys of model aircraft.

Work has continued on the development of Youth Aviation Programs targeted towards Cubs, Scouts and Air Cadets.

Unfortunately Christopher Singleton did not understand that the MAAC Board of Directors had approved the reinstatement of the bursary previously arranged with the Air Cadet League of Ontario. Consequently in my year-long communications with Fred Hopkinson, Aviation Chair of the Air Cadet League Executive Committee I was unable to advise him that the bursary had been reinstated.

A communication indicating the possible reinstatement for 2009 has now been provided to the league. Upon confirmation of the reinstatement for 2009 the communication will be forwarded to the league and notification of the program added to both the web sites of both the League and MAAC Beginner Committee. Please note that the reinstatement for 2009 will greatly aid the implementation of a Youth Model Aviation Program for Air Cadets.

Highlights of 2008

- February 2008 a youth aviation workshop using Darcy Whyte's Flying Squirrel and MAAC/AMA Cubs was presented for 14 Scouts and 3 Adult Leaders of 20th Cambridge Scouts
- March 2008 a 30-minute presentation was given to the Hamilton Air Wing of the Air Cadets regarding youth model aviation programs to approximately 17 Air Cadet officers.
- March 2008 a demonstration of simple rubber powered model aircraft (6 MAAC/AMA Cubs, 15 Darcy Whyte's Flying Squirrels, a Hanger Rat and 2 versions of Bill Hannon's AM/FM) was given for 75 Cubs & Scouts and 22 Adult Leaders at the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum. This resulted in an invitation from two groups (1 Cub Pack and 1 Scout Troop) to provide a model aviation workshop.

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- March 2008 a youth aviation workshop, based on Darcy Whyte's Flying Squirrel was presented for 12 Cubs and 3 Adult Leaders of 26th Cambridge Cubs
- April 2008 a youth aviation workshop, based on Darcy Whyte's Flying Squirrel was presented for 12 Scouts and 4 Adult Leaders of 26th Cambridge Scouts
- April 2008 a youth aviation workshop, based on Darcy Whyte's Flying Squirrel was presented for 8 Cubs and 2 Adult Leaders of 20th Cambridge Cubs
- June 2008 discussions were held with Scouts Canada regarding the development of youth model aviation programs suitable for Cub and Scout aged youth. Agreement was reached that resource material would be made available through both the MAAC and Scouts Canada web sites. Leader Magazine has also committed to publishing a second article detailing the program when it is ready for release. (Note the previous article was June 2007)
- October 2008, Christopher Singleton attended the 2008 Air Cadet League of Ontario Provincial Committee - 67th Annual General Meeting in Toronto, where a table of models was displayed, MAAC brochures distributed and questions answered. Additionally a 90 presentation on Youth Aviation Programs was presented to 35 Air Cadet Officers representing 25 different Squadrons. 17 of the Squadrons requested resource material (since supplied in PDF format)
- November 2008 continued discussions were held between Christopher Singleton and Fred Hopkinson, Aviation Chair of the Air Cadet League Executive Committee regarding the development of a new Air Cadet Youth Aviation Program and the delivery of skills workshops in the spring of 2009 for Air Cadet Officers.

Action Items:

Bursary

Creation and/or continuation of the \$2100 per year bursary to aid the Air Cadet League of Ontario in their efforts to reestablish a meaningful model aviation program. It is important to note that MAAC should expect that the program might take two years or so to fully deploy and that continuation of the bursary be tied to a reporting system that would return demographic data (Squadron identification, location, names of instructors, number of Air Cadet Youth involved, program dates and delivery costs).

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Youth Aviation Program for Air Cadets

Continued development and implementation of a Youth Aviation Program specifically targeted towards Air Cadets in co-operation with the Air Cadet League of Ontario.

Three to four, instructor workshops, will be conducted in the spring of 2009 to train Air Cadet Officers in the delivery of a Youth Aviation Program at their local levels.

Cub & Scout Model Aviation Programs

The Youth Aviation Programs targeting Cubs & Scouts will be completed and released. A second article dealing with youth aviation programs will be written for Leader Magazine.