



# The Thrustline



AMA Chartered Club 1165

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NOVEMBER 2010

## Next Meeting

**7 pm, Thursday  
November 11, 2010  
at the  
AMVETS Hall  
New Gloucester**

## Club officers/Contacts

### President

Carl Jackson

### Vice President

Eric Guilmette

### Treasurer

Dave Edwards

### Secretary

Mac McLaughlin

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Charlie Nelson

Joe McVay

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## Message from the President

Hello Everyone,

Once again, I am late at getting this out to Peter – so I'll make this short & sweet...

The building is **DONE!** Thanks to everyone that pitched in to help put the final stain & sealer on the building!

**LOCK THE GATE : PLEASE** lock the outer gate after you enter. This should be done 7 days a week, as Sunday there are hunters out doing some tracking. I had to make a trip down this past Sunday to deal with an “unauthorized” vehicle parked in between the two gates. I would like to put a sign up on the gate to inform visitors of our procedures of locking the gate as well as a warning of no loitering in between the gate & field. We will talk about this at upcoming meetings....

**ELECTIONS :** There seems to have been a little confusion as the last meeting was nominations. We will try to keep this simple and get elections done this week – **IF THERE IS ANYONE** interested in running for **ANY** elected position, please notify me **ASAP**. At last resort, you can show up at the meeting this week and get your name on the ballot. As it stands, we have only one person running for Secretary & one for VP. We do have one member interested in running on the Board of Directors, so there will be an election for that portion. These positions are open to each & every member, so if you are interested, let me know!

Last note – I will be collecting bottles to donate all proceeds to the club starting this upcoming meeting. I will collect at each meeting. If you have bottles but cannot make it to the meeting, please let me know and we will figure out how to get them. don't feel bashful to ask your neighbors & friends to donate too!!!!!! See you at the meeting!

**Carl Jackson**

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## **Message from the Vice President, Eric Guilmet**

**To the Members of the Sky Streakers Club**

**At the last meeting one of the topics is the lack of money in our treasury. Here is a old /new idea to help raise some money for our club. Every year we host between 3 and 5 contests. For the last 4 years our Club has not made any money from these events.**

**Some ideas to change this:**

- The CD's needs to estimate the cost of the event and add a fee for the club.**
- Proposed figures for what the club would make: \$50 for 1/2 day, \$100 for full day and \$200 for 2 days.**
- Need volunteers to help to cook and sell food and drinks to cover cost of the food plus make a small profit for the club instead of losing money on catering**
- Need volunteers to sell 50/50 raffles**
- Have a sponsor donate a prize and sell tickets for a drawing**

**If the CD wants to close the field for half a day, full day or two days then I feel the Club is justified to make money on these events to cover the cost of the wear on the field and use of the facilities. We also have fair amount of members who have no interest in these events and can not fly at the field on event days.**

**What would help to have a good turn out at these events if the CD and the Club can agree on the dates and post the events earlier in the season.**

**My opinion is that contests may not help to increase membership but they are healthy for the club because of the excitement and fun of competition and to meet other pilots from different clubs. For the November meeting I would like to see the Club vote on this proposal and have all the contests dates be brought up to the club and agreed upon.**

**Here are some other fundraising ideas:**

**Steve has offered to have a table at the April Swap Meet where club members who have RC items to donate to the Club could be sold to raise some money for the Club.**

**So start thinking about items you might like to donate. Thank you Steve.**

**Mike Ladd has offered to organize and run a promotional day at the flying field for the public this following summer. He will need help to run and promote the event. This is a great idea to increase membership for the Club.**

**Eric Guilmet - Vice President**

**PS I have enjoyed being Vice-President of the Club but need to step down.**

# Sky Streakers Minutes for the October 2010 Meeting

The October meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric, as Carl wasn't able to attend. There 17 members in attendance at the first meeting of the fall/winter season to be held at the American Legion Hall. The Treasurer's Report was read by Dave and accepted as read. There were no minutes for the past meeting, as I wasn't present and no one took notes.

## OLD BUSINESS

None to report

## NEW BUSINESS

The financial situation of the club was discussed. The discussion was prompted by the Treasurer's Report being read earlier. There is only about \$ 600.00 left in the account, with some bills still unpaid. V.P. Eric suggested members pay early as a band-aid solution. The discussion turned to ideas on how the club might raise funds. The prospect of an Open House was floated, with Mike Ladd volunteering to run it if club support was there (In the form of man power). Mike made the motion to have an Open House with a date to be determined later, and that it be discussed at the next meeting.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Dave Edwards to continue as TREASURER

Carl to continue as PRESIDENT

Joe McVay for VICE PRESIDENT

Bob Heyner for SECRETARY

Charlie Comeau stepped down as head of Trainer Night activities, and Steve Nason volunteered to replace him.

Charlie asked that there be a discussion of Club 40 Racing at a future date. He reported that this years racing went well & expects more participation next year.

Eric asked that someone be selected to coordinate the upcoming year's activities schedule, to make sure dates got posted early enough to get proper publicity. The late date that some of the club events are posted curbs the number of pilots attending from other clubs.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This will be the last time I write the minutes, and Bob Heyner will be taking over for me at the next meeting. Bob is more than qualified to do the job, but I'm sure any of you will give him whatever help or support he may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac McLaughlin, Secretary

## **LIVE ALASKA TIME! -Editorial Thoughts from the Editor**

First I apologize for the missing October (and last July) newsletters. For those who haven't heard, I have sold my veterinary practice (Scarborough Animal Hospital) and am now retired from veterinary practice. While this will allow me much more time to do as I please, it also means I will "**LIVE ALASKA TIME**". What's Alaska Time you ask? This refers to the idea of throwing all your clocks out the window and just go with it. If you are tired –whenever, have a nap... If you want to fly whenever -go fly... If you feel like a hike—go hike, you get back when you get back, or not. If all this seems like a big change it really isn't. Before I went to veterinary college I started out in wildlife biology and wildlife management. It was only by some quirk that I ended up in veterinary college. Most of my vacation time has been spent outside and much of it "Off the Grid". Most recently I spent 3 weeks with a bear hunting guide in the Rangeley area.

In addition I have rediscovered my interest in photography. I spent 3 weeks in Montana last summer– all a photography trip. Check out [peterflanaganphotography.com](http://peterflanaganphotography.com) What this means is I will not be home about half the time, making doing the **Skystreaker's** newsletter very problematical. So unfortunately I must **re-tire** from the **newsletter** starting in **January**. I plan to submit stuff for the new editor from time to time. I am thankful to all those who have sent in "stuff" for the newsletter over the last 3 years including but not limited to Mac McLaughlin, Dave Edwards, Charlie Comeau and Carl Jackson.

I do have a few parting thoughts for the club to consider.

Reactivate the board of directors, give them the power to run the administration of the club. Make the meeting a more social event.

Re-energize the monthly meeting, the current location is a convenient location and inexpensive, but the atmosphere is kind of dismal.

Re-energize the club activities, have more activities (not contests) to involve the club members.

Re-energize an interest in more types and sizes of aircraft and flying activities.

Thank Carl Jackson for an energetic first year as club president

Thank Charlie Comeau for igniting the interest in pylon racing

Lastly develop a working club budget in cooperation with the club officers and board of directors, looking at the need for increasing the club income.

**SEE YOU AT THE FIELD- some -Alaska Time, Peter**

## September Treasurer's Report

	Current Period	Prior Total	Year to Date
<b>Receipts</b>			
membership dues	\$0.00	\$5,250.68	\$5,250.68
fuel & other raffles	\$0.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
advertising			\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
other	\$0.00	\$2,239.40	\$2,239.40
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Postage & Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$514.00
Portable Toilet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mowing	\$480.00	\$1,980.00	\$2,460.00
Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
Patches, Awards & Novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contest Prizes			\$0.00
Contest Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.M.A. Dues	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$4,596.86	\$4,596.86
Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Public Relations	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
V.C.R. Tapes			\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>	<b>\$7,985.86</b>	<b>\$8,465.86</b>
<b>NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$480.00)</b>	<b>(\$429.78)</b>	<b>(\$909.78)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Key Bank-Checking	(\$685.65)	(\$205.65)	
Key Bank-Reserve	\$2,030.52	\$2,030.52	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,344.87</b>	<b>\$1,824.87</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$2,254.65		
Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	(\$909.78)		
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,344.87</b>		
Liabilities (Levasseur Landscaping)	\$0.00		
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,344.87</b>		
Scale Shootout Assets	0		
Paypal account	0		

## October Treasurer's Report

		Current Period	Prior Total	Year to Date
<b>Receipts</b>				
	membership dues	\$80.00	\$5,250.68	\$5,330.68
	fuel & other raffles	\$22.00	\$66.00	\$88.00
	club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	advertising			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
	other (donations)	\$220.00	\$2,239.40	\$2,459.40
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$467.00</b>	<b>\$7,556.08</b>	<b>\$8,023.08</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Postage & Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Field Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$514.00
	Portable Toilet	\$569.00	\$0.00	\$569.00
	Mowing	\$110.00	\$2,460.00	\$2,570.00
	Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
	Patches, Awards & Novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Contest Prizes			\$0.00
	Contest Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	A.M.A. Dues	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
	A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
	Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous (trainer supplies)	\$131.35	\$4,596.86	\$4,728.21
	Meeting Room Rent	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$140.00
	Public Relations	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	V.C.R. Tapes			\$0.00
	Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
	Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$830.35</b>	<b>\$8,465.86</b>	<b>\$9,296.21</b>
<b>NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>(\$363.35)</b>	<b>(\$909.78)</b>	<b>(\$1,273.13)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
	Key Bank-Checking	(\$1,165.75)	(\$685.65)	
	Key Bank-Reserve	\$2,147.27	\$2,030.52	
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$981.52</b>	<b>\$1,344.87</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
	Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$2,254.65		
	Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	(\$1,273.13)		
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$981.52</b>		
	Liabilities (Levasseur Landscaping)	\$0.00		
	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$981.52</b>		