

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the Oakville
Model Flying Club
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Hi.....and welcome from your new "Editor" of Fliteline.

November Elections

At the November meeting, a new slate of executives were elected and we were lucky to have several volunteers / nominations for some of the posts, which necessitated a vote.....Jim Eichenberg ran the elections and was pleased that newer club members were entering the fray. Many thanks to all of you that offered your services. A special thanks to Larry Sheehan [South Field Manager] and Mike Ross [Secretary Treasurer] for agreeing to continue in 1999. Here is your New Executive for 1999:-

OMFC 1999 Executive

President	Erik Genzer
Vice President	Tim Deel
Past President and Chief Flying Instructor	Rodger Young
Secretary Treasurer	Mike Ross
North Field Manager	Kim Vasiliadis
South Field Manager	Larry Sheehan
Social Director	To be Announced
Fliteline Editor	Mike McDermott

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the "retiring" executives of 1998. Last year was a good year for O.M.F.C., largely as a result of enthusiastic executive and member participation. All of our events were well attended. Financially, the year was

also a success and the year end financials will reflect this....for the first time in several years, we will be able to add to our "field fund".

President's Message

I have spent the past few weeks thinking about the activities of our club, wondering where improvements could be made. Both Jim Eichenberg and Rodger Young have been very strong and active presidents, making them tough acts to follow.

There are three main aspects to R/C flying; building, flying, and socializing, (and some would say lots of repairing). O.M.F.C. is well known for its flying school. People from other clubs join O.M.F.C. to learn how to fly properly, taking our knowledge back to their original clubs. Given that expertise I can't see tinkering with the flying instruction. (If it ain't broke, don't fix it). That leaves building and socializing.

We meet eight times a year, when we have the opportunity to renew contacts with our flying field friends. Since we meet during the winter, the only item we have left is the building part of the equation. When I joined the club three years ago, I was really impressed with the high level of assistance that was available from the members. Other organizations that I have belonged to certainly do not help each other as much as O.M.F.C.

I would like to include in the winter meetings a source of building information and assistance for the members of the club. You can break down the members into three broad categories; Expert, Intermediate, and Novice. The expert and intermediate builders / flyers have their own networks to exchange information, but the novice flyers are sometimes left on their own.

At the December meeting I plan to hold an open discussion with the membership to identify topics about which you would like to obtain information. Off the top of my head I have come up with ideas such as engine repair and maintenance, and setting up of computerized radios. Rodger Young has suggested a session on cutting foam wings. Before you come to December's meeting, I would like you to think about any topic within the hobby that you would like to have for an information session. The two sessions we have available for specialized topics are the January and April meetings.

One other addition I would like to see is the creation of a mentoring program within the club. I see this as a time slot, either before and (or) after the meeting when newer (and not-so-new) members can bring in any questions they have about the building of their planes. This would range across the spectrum of plan reading to glues, hardware, engines, or the famous question, How the heck am I supposed to do that? We should be able to get a rotation of some of our expert flyers and model builders to man a couple of tables each month. I am very aware that we do not want to have a mentoring system where the senior members are asked to give a lot of their personal time, so this is an idea that would concentrate on the monthly meetings.

Well, those are my thoughts for this month. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past three years as a member, and I look forward to the next year with anticipation.

Don't forget: bring you ideas for topic presentations to the next meeting..

Cheers! Erik



Upcoming Events

January 1, 1999..... Is the date for our usual "Frozen Fingers" First to Fly in the "New Year" Contest, and this event will again be hosted by Jim Eichenberg. A warm welcome is extended to all flyers, wives, children, girlfriends, significant others, and Uncle Tom Cobley an'all! Jim will have a warming concoction on hand for the event. For any electric, rubber-band or similar type powered aircraft, there will be a ten minute handicap.

January 16, 1999..... The "Precision Aerobatic Forum" will be held on this date in Guelph at St. Ignatious College. As noted at our last meeting, this event goes beyond the interest of pattern flying. There are demonstrations by various manufacturers, including Futaba and suppliers will be on hand with their various products...things of interest for all flyers.

Newsworthy Items

Rodger Young has agreed to take on the responsibility of upgrading/improving our Web Site, making this more informative and fun to read. Look for more details in the next Fliteline. If any of you computer whizzes want to have some input into the Web Site, contact Rodger. Our Web Site address is: <http://www.wordchat.com/public/omfc/>

Membership/MAAC renewal forms will be sent to you shortly.....**please remember** to return them duly completed, with your "remittance" before year end.....there will be the usual late fee surcharge requirement of \$25.00 after December 31, 1998.

As we have no current Social Director, there is a chance that we will have no coffee and donuts at the December meeting.

S.E. Zone Precision Aerobatic Championship

The 1998 version of the S.E. Zone Precision Aerobatic Championship took place on Saturday and Sunday August 1st and 2nd.

Fifty-three pilots preregistered with forty-one appearing on the day of the contest.

Thanks goes to Mike and Glen Siddall, Ivan Kristensen, Ray McClellan for helping set up the field on Friday.

This year, we had seven pilots from the U.S.A.; Ivan Kristensen talked our contest up enough at the U.S. Nats to get Peter Collinson from North Carolina and Ray McClellan from Oregon to attend. Peter had finished first in Sportsman at the U.S. Nats and is a very good flyer (thirteen years old). Ray decided to visit in the Oakville area before heading back to Oregon (Peter is considerably over thirteen).

The contest started shortly after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and pushed on until early evening, so all classes had four flights. Most of the credit for this feat goes to John Kaminski who kept the line moving and the ready boxes full (no matter who the pilot was). John even reminded me (in his gentle manner) to "move up"!

Sunday also was a beautiful day except for an increase in the wind. On one of my flights, Greg Marsden (Judge) thanked me for showing the judges were you were not supposed to over fly.

All classes, with the exception of F.A.I. flew six flights. F.A.I. flew a normal international contest with four flights of Schedule 'D' and three flights of Schedule 'E', with the following results:

Sportsman

3984 Dan Wolny - Dorchester
3969 Steve Buchanan - Waterloo
3916 Kenneth Velez - Batavia, New York

The S.E. Zone Champion is Maqsood Ahmad of Mississauga and O.M.H.C.

Intermediate

4000 Peter Collinson - Pinehurst, N.C.
3984 Michael Siddall - North York
3787 Ed Cotton - Gormley

The S.E. Zone Champion is Michael Siddall of O.M.F.C.

Advanced

3965 Bob Stevens - Ennismore
3890 Walter Ernstberger - Scarborough
3841 Alan Hewson - Thorton

The S.E. Zone Champion is Bob Stevens. Some people wondered if this was Bob's second time around for this trophy. Apparently, he won it in his "younger" days.

Expert

4000 Karl Mueller - Brampton
3771 Kim Vasiliadis - Mississauga
3663 Mike Allen - London

The S.E. Zone Champion is Karl Mueller of O.M.F.C.

F.A.I.

3000 Ivan Kristensen - Guelph
2851 Dezso Vaghy - Kingston
2824 Greg Marsden - Burlington

The S.E. Zone Champion is Jeff Stevens - Millbrook

Contests this size do not run smoothly without a lot of help from other Club members. I would like to

thank the following members for their time and assistance:

Mark Groh	Assistant Contest Director
Frank Pilih	Computer Scoring
John Kaminski	Fliteline Coordinator
Jack McGregor	Photography - Jack again this year brought his expertise to bear and made the Oakville trophies something to cherish.

Eric Genzer, Maqsood Ahmad and Mike Ciambella for assisting Frank with the scoring. I don't know if Mike was really helping, but I did find out how he was moving Frank's "fan".

Harry Edmunds, Nick Semeniuk and John McNichol for running the frequency impound.

Kim Vasiliadis for assisting Mark Groh with the registration and collection of fees.

Ed & Damien Villeneuve, Keith Bonner, Bob Pequegnat, Tom Sowa, Alan Farmingham, Kevin Lacroix, Mike Ciambella, Brad Bailey, Dimitry and Ilya Voronov for acting as Scribes. It's not easy sitting out on the flight line for up to six hours. It's hot, it's dry and it's a long way from the comfort station.

Hopefully, I haven't forgotten anyone. If I did, please let me know.

For the first time, O.M.F.C. supplied a lunch to the contestants on Saturday and Sunday. I must thank my wife, Nancy, and Taska Siddall for setting up the lunch and keeping it going until everyone was fed.

Because of the assistance given by our volunteers, we had a small amount of money left over from the entry fees. This money has been turned over to the club for the "Rainy Day Pattern Fund".

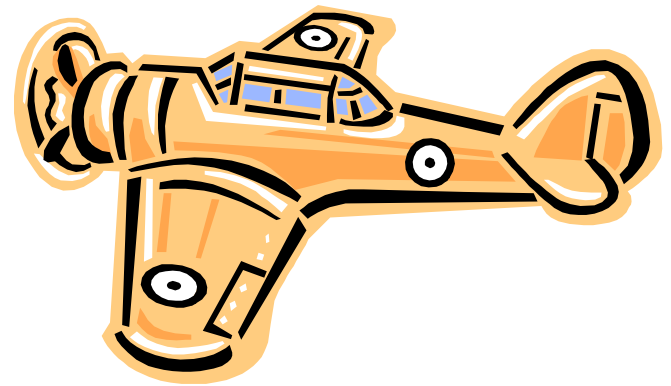
Jim Eichenberg

Future Items of Interest

In our next Edition, we will have a knowledge contest section, where each month's "Winners" will get free coffee at our meetings; the same contest will also be "cumulative" each month and an overall "Winner" in May will receive a gallon of fuel.....confused????.....good.....details to follow.

Our next Fliteline will also include a section on helpful modelling tips.

Cockpit Humor



An airline pilot who virtually hammered his plane into the runway on landing, was somewhat embarrassed to stand near the aircraft exit having to smile at deplaning passengers saying "thanks for flying with ABC airlines" and waiting for some smart comments. Finally, everyone had left the plane except a little old lady with a cane.....as she approached the pilot she said ,“Sonny....mind if I ask you a question?” ”Why no Ma’am”, he responded, “what is it”.....”Well”, she replied “ Did we land, or were we shot down?”

In Closing

If any of you have ideas, and/or thoughts you wish to promote, or subjects you would like addressed herein.....give me a call, grab me at our meetings, drop me a note or E.mail yours truly.....your Fliteline can only be as good as the “collective” effort “we” all put into it!!!

If any of you have anything relating to the hobby that you wish to sell (excluding wives) etc., we would be happy to include these items in the Fliteline.

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Don't forget, Christmas is coming and it is time to start dropping those hints to Santa about that new model, engine, radio etc.etc.....we've got to keep those fingers busy during the non-flying season!