

OMFC Fliteline

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Oakville Model Flying Club
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SPRING IS SPRINGING

APRIL MEETING OF OAKVILLE MODEL FLYING CLUB

President Tim Deel, opened the meeting at 1941H and called upon Tony Kreg to address the membership. Tony, the Team Manager of the 2001 Canadian Precision Aerobatics Team, presented a 40 minute digital video of the 2001 World Precision Aerobatics Championships in Ireland. Tony, on behalf of Mike Siddall of Toronto, Chad Northeast of Calgary and Deso Vagy of Kingston, thanked OMFC its most generous donation to the World Team. Tony then presented a narrated video that he made during the World competition. The video was excellent and it was of professional quality. It stayed away from the usual mind numbing flying sequences and concentrated on the Canadian Team, other pilots and their planes, with a little bit of technical information for good luck. Of particular interest was the demonstration of 3D flying using a "Pattern Style" model. The President thanked Tony for his presentation.

Bob Zackareczuk, the Director of our 7th Annual Air Show took the floor. Bob had a list of possible performers with him and it was on the front desk. If you could not participate could you please let Bob know. Bob again appealed for assistance from the Club. He need help 1: Picking up and setting up the sound system. 2: Someone with a computer who could run the sound system. 3: Taking down and returning the sound system. People are needed to set up barricades, man the entrance, set up banners, etc: This year we will also have our own "Porta Poties", so, instead of walking into the next county for a wash room, they will be placed right at the field. Letters are being forwarded to the Mayors of Milton & Oakville, inviting them to participate. Members of the 540 Squadron will be attending to assist with the parking, etc:. Bob also had a quantity of flyers and asked the membership to take some and distribute them around their area. These pamphlets will be the primary vehicle for advertisement this year.

The air show is the biggest public event that this Club is involved with, and it is extremely important to our Club and the Oakville Food Bank. We normally start by asking for volunteers and then go to the tried and true method of "Press Gangs". Its far nicer to volunteer for something that you would like to do, rather than being "pressed" into doing some thing your not really interested in. Call Bob at (905) 845-3861 and make life a little easier for him. The more volunteers, the less everyone has to do.

Tim Deel also advised that we, (OMFC), require one more assistant to help with the Air Cadet programme next year. This program was started by Dick Fahey and members of the Burlington Club with the Oakville 540 Squadron and entails instructing the Cadets in the building of flying models. Contact Tim for more details.

Tim then called Riaz Uddin, to come forward. Tim had the great pleasure of presenting Riaz with his "Quarter Century Member" plaque. Riaz has been a member of the Oakville Model Flying Club for the past 25 years.

Rodger Young took the floor and advised that he had registration forms for the "Ground School" with him. These forms can also be obtained by sending a email to Rodger through the OMFC web site and asking for the form. The intent of the registration forms is to let us know how many students will be attending the school and on which night. Returning students are also required to attend the "Ground School". One of the main points of this year will be the closer inspection of aircraft to assist in the flying ability of the plane. Models will be marked with a sticker to indicate that it has been tested and approved. Students attending the "Ground School" are to bring their aircraft, with the center of gravity marked, and the plans, booklets that came with it. Hopefully the students will learn a little more about the aircraft than they have in the past. Rodger also advised that Mike Ross, is working on the OMFC "Starting Box", This year the models will be started at the downwind end of the runway and not in the "Pits".

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The thrust of this years OMFC “Wings Programme” is for the students to have fun.

“Learning to fly quicker is more fun than crashing a lot of planes”

Rodger Young - Chief Flying Instructor

OMFC Dates for 2002 Season

May	6, 2002	OMFC Beauty Contest 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville
	7, 2002	OMFC Ground School, 7:30 PM Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville
	13, 2002	OMFC Ground School, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville
	21, 2002	OMFC Wings Programme Begins North Field (Rodger Young)
	25, 2002	OMFC Electric Fun Fly, (John McNicol) North Field
June	23, 2002	OMFC Air Show, North Field. (Bob Zacharczuk)
July	6/7, 2002	Canadian Team Trials, World Scale 2002, Tillsonburg area. (Chuck Smith)
	12/21, 2002	World Scale 2002, Tillsonburg Airport, Tillsonburg, Ont, (Jim Eichenberg)
August	3/4, 2002	S.E. Zone Pattern Contest. North Field (Jim Eichenberg)
	10/11, 2002	OMFC Aero Tow, South Field (Frank Pilih)
	24, 2002	Tri - Club Fun Fly, North Field (Bert Armstrong)

Steve Raby and David Fallowfield have both offered to help any student/s with the mechanical end of things before the ground schools begin. If you are interested give them a call. Steve Raby Tel. # (905) 639-3767, David Fallowfield Tel # (905) 827-1086.

Rodger also advised that he had a video on how to fly R/C Aircraft donated to the club. He hasn't had the time to go through it so he can not comment on how good it is, or is not.

It is my sad duty to report, that it appears that Helmut Schmitter has joined the dark hoards of John McNicol's "Electric Fiends". Helmut showed the membership a small electric aircraft that he picked up in Germany. The model is Russian and it is balsa covered with fiberglass that was painted in the mold.. Extremely light and stream lined. Helmut says that all he needs to fly this thing is batteries and about 6 cups of strong black coffee.

(Its going to be very fast - Editor)

In an attempt to redeem himself, Helmut also presented a engine and another model that he also obtained in Germany. The engine was a 3W200, with a capacity of 200cc and developing 23 HP with a 36 X 10 propeller @ 5,000 RPM. It is estimated that the engine will develop approx., 60 lbs of static thrust, so only large people need volunteer to hold the plane during a run up. The engine is complete with two mufflers that could be used as soft ball bats. The model that Helmut has for the engine is a "Raven" by F&G Aircraft of Germany. The wings will span 131" and the fuselage measures 9 feet 11 inches. Helmut estimates that the finished weight will be 42 to 43 pounds. The fuselage comes with a white gel coat and the wings, stabilizer, and rudder come completely sheeted and beveled. The internal framing (what little there is) is installed. The model calls for 3 servo's on each aileron and 2 on each elevator. Helmut plans to use Airtronic 200 oz. servo's on the aileron and elevator. Two Hi Tec 300 oz., servos will drive the rudder.

While in Germany, Helmut got a chance to visit one of their larger hobby shows. The show was located in five buildings (all the size of the Toledo show) and receives about 200,000 visitors. Three building were for Trains, one for Boats and one for aircraft. You name it they got it. Indoor models were being flown and Helmut saw a electric Piper Cub towing and releasing a glider, all inside the stadium. In the boat area, they had a scale model of the Titanic that would hit an iceberg and sink the same as the original. After the sinking it would re-surface and come back together, and be ready for the next iceberg.

THE FUTURE OF OAKVILLE MODEL FLYING CLUB

This was a topic that a few years ago wasn't a concern, the club had two good fields and our future looked very rosy. It is amazing how fast thing can change in this day and age.

Our South field, which sits in the area of Dundas and Trafalgar, is in what is prime development land for the town of Oakville. Even though deer and coyote are seen on a regular basis at the field, housing is prepared to jump #5 Highway. Even with the recent hold placed on development by the Town of Oakville we can only realistically plan for one or two more years at this site.

Because our North field sits in a municipal park and we have been on that site for the past 35 years we assumed that area was safe. I am sorry to report that we were wrong. Since last fall when it was noted that someone had driven survey stakes into the flying field, your executive has been in contact with the Town of Milton, Parks Department. We have now been advised that the Town of Milton has and is preparing a Master Plan for Drumquin Park to provide a framework for future improvements to the park. President Tim Deel, Brian Anderson and Jim Eichenberg, on behalf of the Executive attended a "Open House" meeting at Milton on the 10th of April.

Information panels were displayed and the following was noted: 1: The road entering Drumquin Park will be straightened to basically cut the Park in two. 2: The two existing ball diamonds would be moved and increased in size. 3: The BMX Track would be moved to the area of the old tennis court. 4: OMFC was no where to be seen on the plan. The area we now occupy will be taken over by a spare soccer pitch and a "Council Ring" where people can sit around a bonfire and talk. 5: There would be walking trails cut through the valley and swampy areas so that

visitors could take a nature walk of approx., 3 kilometers.

Phase One of the plan will be activated this October with the straighten of the road and moving the BMX Track. Phase Two and the funding for it has yet to be approved by the Town Council of Milton. When asked about the removal of OMFC from Drumquin Park we were advised that the planners do not believe that the flying of model aircraft will fit into their plan of a nature area in Drumquin. They are of the opinion that the noise of our aircraft will drive wildlife away from the area.

Your executive after asking some questions submitted a letter to the Parks Department outlining our concerns. Basically the letter stated the following: **OMFC does not wish to vacate Drumquin Park and if we stay we as an organization will adopt the trail system that is proposed for the valley. (Garbage, etc.) If we must go, we can not leave Drumquin Park until another property is prepared and we will need the assistance of the Town of Milton to do that.** We also attached a brief history of the Club, our aims and what we do at Drumquin (Air Show, etc.)

From what your executive has seen, we can live with the larger ball diamonds and moving the BMX track will be a blessing. The nature trails wouldn't pose any problems other than restricting our flying if they are having a large organized function. With the insect population in that valley, I can't see many people going there during the summer. What we need right now is for our members, who live in Milton and their friends/family to contact their local Councilor and protest the moving of this Club from Drumquin Park, and to advise them of the above and the fact that over the last 35 years OMFC has shown that we care for public property entrusted to us for model flying. In addition the Milton Town Council will be dealing with this matter on the 7th of May or the 10th of June. The Executive would appreciate members from Milton attending this meeting, provided that they are non confrontational. Remember we still require Milton's help if we have to move. Please let your thoughts be known to your elected representatives and the town council.

O. M. F. C. BEAUTY CONTEST

The Annual OMFC Beauty Contest will be held in place of our May Meeting. At 7:30 PM, on the 6th of May 2002, at Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville. (Our normal meeting site.) Classes this year will be the same as in other years.

- ◆ **Scale:** This class will contain all models that depict actual aircraft. Civilian and Military.
- ◆ **Sport:** This class will contain all the models that do not depict actual aircraft. Ie: Ultra Sport, etc:
- ◆ **Novice:** This class will contain all models whether Scale or Sport, when it is the first model (R/C) built by the modeler, no matter what his/her age.
- ◆ **Junior:** This class will contain all models whether Scale or Sport, when the modeler is under the age of 18 years

This is a "Beauty" Contest and the models will be judged on their "**Finish**" by all the members in attendance. ARF's will not be allowed because the finish came with the model. ARC's could be accepted with the concurrence of the Judge. One vote per class can be cast. The "word" of the modeler will be taken in all areas. Final decisions as to class will be made by a Judge appointed by the Executive. This Judges decision will be final.

Prizes will only be awarded for First Place. 2nd and 3rd place will receive honourable mention in the May Fliteline. So dust off the creations that you have been working on during the winter and bring them out. The older members should dust off some of their hanger queens and bring them.