

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Model Flying
Club

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February 1 OMFC Meeting Highlights

Report on the Feb 1, 2004 Oakville Model Flying Club Swap Meet

The January weather during the week leading up to the Swap Meet exhibited its usual cantankerous tendencies. There were a couple of days of significant snow, accompanied by the inevitable school closings. All this led to concerns as to whether we would be able to hold the mid-winter Toronto West extravaganza. Once again mother nature was kind to us on Sunday and we saw the sun for the first time in weeks.

I got up an 6 A.M., poured a couple of coffees down my throat, and rushed off to the union hall to get it open for the early birds to set up their tables. As usual I was not the first there.

We opened the hall to the public at 8:40 A.M., and the rush was on. There were great deals to be had, and lots of members and non-members alike left the hall with their arms full and satisfied looks on their faces. To my surprise a few items didn't sell, but let me suggest that the owners put them on the OMFC Swap Page, and I'm sure they will vanish quickly.

In total we rented 25 tables, and had an estimated 108 attendees. The financials follow:

Revenues:

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| Table Rentals | \$175 |
| Entry Fees | <u>319</u> |
| Revenue | \$494 |

Expenses

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| Advertising | \$116 |
| Room Rent | 50 |
| Table Rent | <u>163</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$329 |

Net Earnings: \$165

This was the first indication that spring might once again actually return. We can measure the rest of winter's passing by the Whitby Swap meet on March 7, then the Aurora (Toledo North) Swap meet on March 28, and finally Toledo on April 2 and 3.

My fingers are beginning to twitch.

Erik

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Points of Interest

- Tim Deel is looking for volunteers to help out on Monday night with the Oakville Air Cadets. Contact him if you can help.
- A reminder that you must display your membership card on your flight box anytime you fly at the North or South fields.
- Please lock the gate behind you on the way in if you plan to use the North Field. The gate must be closed and locked at all times. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Flight School Participants (a must read)

Although spring seems like a long way away, its time once again to plan for our Flight Training School. Here are a few recommendations for planes and radios that will help you get the most out of your flying experience. The right plane and engine can help you get your wings quickly and make the process a lot more fun.

Whether you're building you own plane from a kit or purchasing an ARF (Almost Ready to Fly), make sure it's a TRAINER. These are the easiest planes to learn to fly with. They are very stable in flight and easy to repair(if necessary). All good TRAINERS use a tricycle type gear making takeoff and landing a little less challenging. Please stay away from tail draggers, you can build that Piper Cub you've always wanted to next year.

Here are just a few recommendations:

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| Carl Goldberg | -Eagle II in either the kit or ARF sell for around \$ 105.00/ \$ 175.00. |
| Great Planes | -PT-40 kit or ARF sell for around \$ 95.00/124.00 |
| Hobbico | -Avistar 40 ARF \$ 150.00 |
| SIG | -Fourstar 40 for \$ 100.00 or the Fourstar 60 for 122.99. |
| | -Kadet LT 40 for \$ 118.00 and the LT 40 ARF for \$ 177.99 |

For what it's worth the Eagle II is my favorite.

Most beginners start with a 40 size plane which keeps the cost down but size does matter and a 60 size makes for an excellent trainer. (40 size use engines like an OS 46 FX while 60 size use OS 61 FX)

Now for engines. Nothing is more frustrating than loosing flying time because of a poor performing engine. I don't think I will get much of an argument by suggesting the OS 46 FX. It may be a little more money but is well worth it.

Radios

I won't get into the JR vs. Futaba discussions as both have their strong points.

The two most common radios to start with are the Futaba T6XAS at around \$ 350.00 and the JR JRXF662 at around \$ 340.00 both include the servos and the receiver you will need for your trainer.

Both of these radios have enough features to allow you to use them for years to come. Some of the lower cost radios have no computer features and you will outgrow them very quickly if you stay in the sport. One example is the Futaba SKYSPORT 4YF which sells for around \$ 200.00 and it will do the job to start.

Finally you will require a trainer box and cable at a cost of around \$ 80.00. The trainer box or buddy box, allows your flight instructor to take control when necessary. The Buddy box is a required item to receive flight training.

Now for the accessories.

You must come to the field with enough equipment to be self sufficient. Most fliers will give you the shirt off their backs but running around borrowing volt meters, glow drivers etc just wastes valuable flying time. Here's my list.

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| Flight Box | Electric Starter | Digital Volt Meter |
| Power Panel | Chicken Stick (Hand starter) | Cool Power Synthetic Fuel |
| Fuel Pump | Flight Box Battery | Glow Driver |

Well there you are, everything you need to get started. A good volt meter that will apply a load to your batteries is very important. Remember just because you've charged you batteries doesn't mean their OK. If you add all this up you will be spending in the area of \$ 1000.00.

Wayne McKee, CFI

Due to popular demand, the OMFC Executive is pleased to announce that we are going to order some Club clothing. The items that we have picked are; Hats, Golf Shirts and Windbreaker Jackets.

Hats: The hats are available in one size, in a tan colour and will have the OMFC wings logo stitched on the top of the hat. See picture below. They are one size fits all, fully adjustable and will be priced at \$8, including all taxes, etc.



Shirts: The Golf shirts will be available in sizes Small to XX Large, in a tan colour and will have the OMFC wings logo stitched on the left chest area. The price is \$25 including all taxes, etc.

Jackets: The Windbreaker Jackets are available in sizes Small to XX Large and in Blue or Red. The jacket will also have the OMFC Wings logo stitched on the left chest area. The cost of the jacket is \$25 including all taxes, etc.

WINDBREAKER
"Wind Tamer" Nylon Jacket

- * 100% Nylon, Water Repellent
- * Mesh Body Lining
- * Nylon Sleeve Lining
- * Zippered Front Pockets
- * Elastic Cuffs
- * Drawstring Waistband
- * S-XXL

Retail Price \$45.00
**Our Price Including a 5,000
Stitch Logo!**
\$25.00

Anyone who is interested in seeing the items above is urged to attend the March regular meeting. We will have samples of the Hats, Shirts and Jackets for members to see and try on. Orders must be received no later than the 31st of March. You can use the form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to the Club Secretary or e-mail the information to Jody McConnell at jmmis@sympatico.ca. E-mail would be better...less paper to lose!



OMFC Executive 2004

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OMFC Dates for the 2004 Season

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| Mar | 1 | Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM |
| April | 5 | Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM |
| May | 3 | OMFC Beauty Contest , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM |
| May 4 & 11 | | OMFC Wings Program Groundschool , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM |
| May | 18 | OMFC Wings Program , North Field (Drumquin Park). |
| May | 22 | Electric Fun Fly , North Field (Drumquin Park). |
| June 5 & 6 | | Oakville Place Mall Display , Centre Court, Oakville Place Shopping Centre |
| June | 13 | 9th Annual OMFC Airshow , North Field (Drumquin Park) |
| June | 19 | Onslaught Over Oakville , Scale Combat, North Field(Drumquin Park), David Fallowfield |
| July | 31/1 | National Pattern Contest , North Field(Drumquin Park), Jim Eichenberg |

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OMFC Clothing Order Form

Name: _____ Membership # _____

I would like to order:

Hat

Golf Shirt Size: _____

Jacket Size: _____ Colour: _____ (Red or Blue)