

# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville Model Flying Club

February 2005

## Happy Valentine's Day



### *Opening Comments*

Well fellow modelers, this will be a short Fliteline as there is no meeting to report on for this month. In place of a meeting, we had our Swap Meet which has been run successfully since its inception by Erik Genzer. As usual the event was a success.....I sold old books and stuff owned by Jack Swift and collected about \$160.00 for his wife Betty. We should also thank Erik's daughter for standing around for several hours collecting entry fees....a great family effort. Erik told us that his lovely daughter also performs Belly Dancing ..... "Belly Dancing".....well, I suggested that would make for a great future meeting [imagine the turn out!! .....we might kill off a couple of guys, but what a way to go!] . Hopefully, some pictures will appear later and be posted on the web site. Erik's report follows:-

### *OMFC Swap Meet*

The ad for the OMFC Toronto West Swap Meet appeared in the December issue of MAAC Magazine and table reservations started arriving nearly immediately, continuing steadily throughout January. By the time the swap meet had ended, we had rented every available table and in fact had to double up a couple of people selling small items.

For the two weeks leading up to February 6, the weather reports all agreed that the weather would be sunny and the temperatures would be well above normal. WONDERFUL!!! The Saturday before the meet had been mild, but uncharacteristically foggy. Unfortunately when I woke up on Sunday morning, the first thing I heard on the radio was that the visibility conditions were terrible, and in fact in a few areas the fog had created black ice conditions. The standard four letter word shot through my mind, then returned (I can be a bit foggy myself early in the morning) when I realized that I wasn't the only person who had to drive in these conditions to get to the swap meet.

Vendors began arriving by 7:15 A.M. and the doors opened by 8:45. By 9:00 one could hardly move in the hall, and by 11:30 a very happy looking group of buyers and sellers started to pack their goods up and head home. Percy donated a TV to the club to be raffled off, and Jim Eichenberg worked the room regularly with the PA cajoling everyone to buy a ticket.

In total we had 26 tables rented to a combination of hobbyists looking to sell equipment no longer needed, hobby dealers, who go from swap meet to swap meet buying and selling (they usually leave with more than they had when they arrived) and professional dealers.

It seemed as though this year everybody wanted an aeroplane to take home as a prize. There were 89 paying guests who came to find that one bargain that would make their summer's flying perfect.

This was down substantially from last year's 131. I can only think of the threat of dangerous roads for the reason for the drop. Happily we were able to pare our table rental expenses this year, and much of the drop in revenues was offset by this drop in expenses.

We were successful in holding the swap meet again this year. The OMFC Toronto West Swap Meet is continuing to develop a reputation, and I anticipate larger and better swap meets in the future.

Financial summary:

Table rentals	\$260	
Entrance fees	267	
Total Revenues	\$527	\$527
Expenses		
Room Rental	50	
Advertising	135	
Tables Rental	117	
Total Expenses	\$302	\$302
Contribution Towards Club Funds		<u>\$225</u>

This money has been used in the past by the club to support other events during the summer that don't break even, for example 2003's Patterns in the Fog Contest.

Sheridan College has me teaching on Monday nights this semester, so I probably won't see you until Toledo. Happy building everyone!

Erik



## Executive Meeting

Many issues were discussed and the following points are to be noted:-

- The Electric Fun Fly will now be held on May 22nd at the North Field and the event Director will be Jack Linghorne [many thanks Jack!]
- The March 7th meeting will include two 30 minute presentations from John Spillet and Ron Roseland – Barnes. John was in the Fleet Airarm and will talk about his experiences and Ron will talk about his father's exploits as a Battle of Britain fighter pilot and of his aircraft which is currently being rebuilt in Vancouver. [I am sorry I will be away for the March meeting!]
- So far, 130 members have renewed.....looks like some late fees will be coming in!
- There will be a Tri Club Fun Fly event [call that four.....Halton Hills will be joining the fray] sometime in July/August. Bert Armstrong, Brian Anderson and Mike McDermott will represent OMFC. The event will be hosted by OMFC . Further details TBA.

## Closing Comments

I have received a couple of emails from members which I would like to pass on.

- One from Ricardo Lahaye talking about one of Paraguay's aviation greats.....Silvio Petirosi. Please go to web site <[www.rcooper.Ocatch.com/epettiro.htm](http://www.rcooper.Ocatch.com/epettiro.htm)> to learn more. If you have any thoughts or comments, please contact Ricardo <[rikar@globility.com](mailto:rikar@globility.com)>
- Manny Eiberger has sent a message reminding us that we should check out some purchases before we put our money down! Manny has purchased an engine that he wishes he had checked out earlier.....the web site to go to is <[www.rcuniverse.com](http://www.rcuniverse.com)>. Manny learned after the fact that the company in question had quality and machining problems! I also have used the site and found it useful.....and it is a Canadian site.

I will be away in March and Jodi McConnell has gratuitously agreed to publish the March 2005 Fliteline for me. Thank you Jodi!!!! That's all for now Folks!

## OMFC 2005 Executive

<b>President:</b>	Jim Eichenberg	<b>North Field Manager:</b>	Dan Morgan
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## OMFC Meeting Dates 2005

March 7th	“Two” Presentations	John Spillet & Ron Roseland-Barnes
April 4th	Video Entertainment	TBA
May 2nd	Beauty Contest	
May 3rd & 10th	Ground School for new planes/pilots	

## OMFC Event Dates for 2005

April 9th	W.W. 1 Combat	Dave Fallowfield, North Field
May 14th	W.W. 11 Combat	Dave Fallowfield, North Field
May 22nd	Electric Fun Fly	Jack Linghorne, North Field
May 24th	First Student Training Flying Session	North Field
June 4th/5th	Oakville Mall Display	Bob Zak
June 12th	OMFC Airshow	Bob Zak, North Field
July 30th/31st	S.E. Zone Pattern Contest	Jim Eichenberg, North Field
August 13th/14th	Aerotow/Gliders	Frank Pilih, South Field
September 17th	Scale Rally	Jody McConnell, South Field