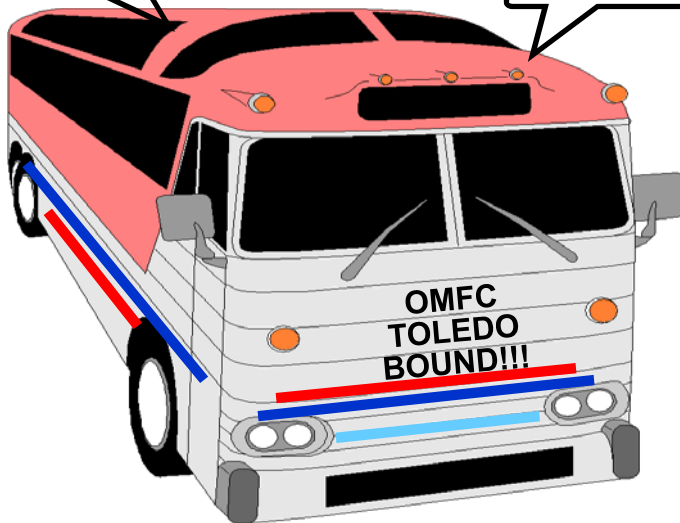


# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville Model Flying Club  
February 2006

.....no, it's not going to Florida....so no need for those shorts....especially with those knees!!!!.....

.....whadda you mean it's a "do it yourself toilet???"



## Opening Comments

**H**i folks..... as you all know [well....99.99% of you that is.....every year some bunny turns up for the non existent meeting] we had no official February meeting so, alas, I have little material to embarrass or harass anyone with.....slim pickings indeed.

Genzer's swap meet went off well and your truly sold \$160.00 worth of stuff, so no complaints here! Erik's report follows details of the much anticipated Toledo trip:-

## Toledo Excursion

**T**he April trip date [Saturday the 8th] is fast approaching and 21 hardy souls from OMFC have presently signed up. We are approaching other clubs as we need at least 40 people to fill the bus. The final cost is likely to be \$60.00 Can. Remember to bring documentation; a passport or other good I.D. will be required for U.S Customs/Immigration. Don Wilding, who is the front man on this, will be on vacation from February 19th till March 3rd so, during that period, please call either Jim Eichenberg or Brian Anderson for reservations [phone no.s on last page of Fliteline]. Don't miss out on this trip.....it should be loads of fun !!!!

## February Swap Meet

Byline: Erik Genzer

**I**t is transparently obvious to anyone who draws breath that this has been an exceptionally mild winter with nearly no snow or threatening weather. That is, all winter except for one day so far, and that day just happened to be the day of our 2006 swap meet. A nasty system blew in from the Mississippi region bringing rain, sleet, snow, high winds, and just about any other immoral adjective one can dream up.

I put the usual signs up Saturday afternoon before the meet, but found when I arrived early Sunday morning that they had all been soaked through and torn off the posts by the high winds. (John – we'll have to spring for new signs next year.) Fortunately many attending had been here before and were able to find the way in.

In spite of the foul stuff outside, all the vendors, except one who couldn't get out of his driveway, arrived to claim their tables and we opened for business about 8:40A.M. The weather kept attendance down this year, but those that did arrive were obviously in a buying mood. I saw many, many airplanes, radios, engines, etc going out the door. I even managed to snag a kit myself that I've been looking for over the past few years. In all, in spite of the weather, we had a very successful day.

The financials follow:

Revenues	
Tables Rental	\$270
Admissions	<u>252</u>
Total Revenues	\$522
Expenses	
Advertising	\$135
Room Rent	50
Table Rent	<u>129</u>
Total Expenses	\$314
Net Income	\$208

We are off to a good start with the first event of the year, turning a profit for the club. With any luck we will have fine weather for the rest of the year and all of our special events will turn a profit. For those unfortunate times when the weather does not cooperate, profits from events like this help to reduce the overall costs of operations, thus keeping membership fees from raising more than would otherwise be the case.

It will not be long before we are all out flying again. I wish you all blue skies and fair breezes for the summer. See you at the field! My fingers are starting to itch.

Erik

## *Executive Meeting*

- Toledo trip discussed and decision reached to actively solicit other club participation as we need a minimum of 40 passengers to enable cost of \$60.00 to be realized. We presently have 21 OMFC members signed up. Don Wilding will be away starting Feb. 19th, so members of the executive will pitch in to take further bookings while Don is away. As discussed earlier, money will be required by March 6th. Good I.D./Passports will be required for U.S entry.
- Final event dates picked for summer flying season.....looks like it will be a busy summer!
- Bert Armstrong's "next step up" flying program was discussed but details still to be finalized.
- Full details of the Spring ground school [prelude to the flying season] set for May 16th still to be finalized.
- Jim and Jody are giving a "Father and Son" [thought there was some similarity in temperament] flying demonstration to the Oakville Scouts located at John's United Church on Randall Street [Delta Darts and all that!] on the evening of February 22nd. When asked if the infamous blimp would also be flying, Brian advised he could not make it.
- The Halton Hills Quad Club Fun Fly date for 2006 has not been fixed as of this date.

## *U.K. Flying - Barry Cole*

A few weeks ago, Brian Anderson got an email from an old OMFC friend in the U.K. The gent in question is Barry Cole. Barry was over here about 6 years ago and still seems to have fond memories about his time here. He is into gliders and tow planes and, as a result, got to know Frank Pilihi who shares this interest. Barry sent in some photos of winter flying U.K style. With temperatures at -2 degrees C, Barry suggests that this is not as severe as the temperatures we usually have to contend with. Well, o'cock, this winter has been very mild and we have been flying in warmer temps than that.....and we don't need Wookie hats either!!! Barry calls himself a Crazy Brit.....I told him that there were a few in this club that could fit that description!

Barry has kindly sent in a collection of photos and here are four of 'em. His mates say the first photo looks like a "Wookie taking his plane for a walk". [He is actually setting the tow cord]. [If you don't know what a Wookie is.....tough!]. The plane in the last picture is a towing aircraft called a Super Sport and has the registration C-OMFC in honour of our club. Strangely enough, Barry says one day a chap walks by and says "that must be Oakville Model Flying Club".....what a small world!!

In addition to the OMFC Super Sport, Barry and his mates are flying the following:-

- 1/4 Scale Cub with 62cc Zenoah
- 1/4 scale Frisch Wilga 80cc twin
- 1/3 Scale Frisch Wilga 160 twin

Well, many thanks Barry.....let us know if your club has a newsletter. Barry is associated with the web site "[www.sailplanes.com](http://www.sailplanes.com)". Check it out.



## For Sale



SIG ARF "SOMETHIN' EXTRA" 40 size aircraft complete with O.S. 46 FX engine, fuel tank and all servos. This aircraft only needs a receiver. This is a mid wing "forgiving" aerobatic model with the approx. outline of say a Cap 232. This aircraft flies well and only has about a dozen flights on it and on the motor. Owned by John McNicol who is unfortunately and misguidedly going totally over to the dark side. If you have your wings, this is the perfect second or third aircraft and is a great buy at \$200.00 "firm" [cost new over \$500.00]. I have seen it and would recommend it to anyone....don't wait.....this will go quickly!!! [In case your thinking it.....I don't get a commission!]. Call John @ 905-821-9629.

## Closing Comments

Nothing to add, except to remind you that we have WW 11 Spitfire pilot Charles W. Fox, DFC & Bar talking to us at the March meeting about his wartime training in Canada and his wartime exploits in England and over Hitler's Reich. He participated in D Day and, in total, shot down 8 enemy aircraft during the war. He also did lots of ground attack work and, as reported earlier, shot up the German staff car carrying Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. Charley is still aircraft active and is a member and past President of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association.



# That's all Folks!!

## OMFC 2006 Executive

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## OMFC Event Dates for 2006

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Tuesday, May 23	Flying School Startup [North Field]	Brian Anderson
Saturday, May 27	Electric Fun Fly [North Field]	T.B.A.
Saturday, June 3	Mall Show	Bob Zak
Sunday, June 11	Air Show [North Field]	Bob Zak
Saturday, July 8	Pattern Contest Primer [South Field]	Bert Armstrong
Saturday, July 15	50th Anniversary Scale and	T.B.A.
(Rain Date: July 16)	Homecoming Rally [North Field]	
Sat./Sunday, August 5&6	S.E. Zone Pattern Contest [North Field]	Jim Eichenberg
Sat./Sunday, August 12&13	OMFC Aerotow [South Field]	Jim Eichenberg

## OMFC Meeting Dates for 2006

Monday, March 6	Regular Meeting	“Spitfire Pilot”
Monday, April 3	Regular Meeting	“Prelude to Flying Season”
Monday, May 1	Regular Meeting	“Beauty Contest”
Tuesday, May 16	Ground School	“Trainer Checkout Night”