

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Model Flying
Club

January 2004

January 5th OMFC Meeting Highlights

This meeting was our annual **HOW TO** meeting. The following areas of our hobby were professionally represented.

Foam Cutting: Mike Ross brought in his foam cutting rig and demonstrated how to cut foam wings and stabs. The setup takes a fair bit of time but the actual cutting process is somewhat quick.



Electrics: John McNicol and Jack Linghorne answered questions on the ins and outs of Electric motors and the battery packs we trust to propel our models. Jack wrote a great article on the differences between Nicads and Nickel Hydrides.

Fiber Glassing: Rodger Young fiber glassed some balsa for our enjoyment. I didn't see the expensive hockey cards he used last year.



Engines: Jim Eichenberg and Dave Slote did a fine job of dismantling a two stroke engine and a four stroke engine. Jim even changed the bearing in the two stroke for one of our lucky members. Judging by the size of Jim's torch it's a good thing he has short hair.

Covering: Helmut Schmitter did his magic again as he covered a stab for our viewing enjoyment. Helmut covers with two irons on the go. One for the flat areas and one for the corners and edges. Helmut finds that the sock on his regular use iron does not allow him to cover the corners and ends as well as without a sock.



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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.

- The South Field Road is now closed at the top of the hill. If you plan to fly there, you will have to carry your things down to the field.

The frequency control board has been removed from the South Field. Please use caution when flying at the South Field and let other flyers know what channel you are on.

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.

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Balancing: Chris Kanske brought out his Great Planes balancing apparatus and balanced a plane for the whole evening on it. The plane belongs to our very own Don Fielding and needed 1.5 oz of lead in the nose to balance perfectly.



Scale Detailing: Mike McDermott brought out his Zero and the fuse of a Spitfire to show the membership what a couple hundred spare hours can produce. Fine work Mike!

Frozen Finger Fun Fly Pictures



The Crowd gathering before the start.

The Winners:

Percy Ford-Smith, **1st**

Stafano DiMarco & Kim Vasiliadis, **Tied for 2nd**

David Fallowfield, **3rd**





2004 FROZEN FINGER FUN FLY

2004 will be remembered, more for the muddy and wet feet, rather than the frozen fingers. Although it was chilly it wasn't what you could call cold. Once again the truly insane gathered at the North Field on the first day of January. Members and friends began gathering at the field at around 10:30 AM and were met with a roaring fire courtesy of quite a bit of firewood, donated and delivered to the field by Larry Simmons.

By 11:30 AM, the old Coleman Stove (older than most who attended) came through again. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate were the beverages available and that was shortly followed by Hot Dogs, complete with mustard and ketchup. (Relish and Onions were not available and persons who wish to get that fancy should bring some of those condiments next year.)

Thanks goes to Larry Simmons for the firewood., Dan Morgan for two loaves of banana bread. (Baked by Dan with his own two hands, my apologies Dan for thinking that your wife made the very delicious bread) and thanks also to Bill Vasiliadis' family for the container of cookies.

At approx. 11:30 AM, I asked President Brian Anderson if he could ensure that the contestants for this prestigious event were lined up for a Le Mans style takeoff on the field. Brian also arranged to have members note who was first, second and third to take off and successful return to the field. The results have show that next year I will have to take on this duty myself and leave Brian to boiling the water for the weenies.

Six intrepid pilots, complete with their assistants brought their planes forward and prepared to battle for the honour of having the first official flight of 2004 at OMFC. It was at this time that I was viciously attacked and belittled. I knew members of this Club could stoop to name calling and jeering ones flying ability, but I never saw this vicious attack coming.

As I approached the start line, with the starting apparatus in hand, David Fallowfield came forward and handed me a wooden dowel with a small sign on it. The white sign had the word "**BANG**" written on it in large red vinyl letters. David said that he wanted to help me in case the starting apparatus failed to operate (as it did in 2003 FFFF). I was mortified.

As 12:00 noon approached, I gave the contestants a one minute warning, at exactly 12:00 noon, the starting apparatus made its own BANG so I did not have to slink of the field waving David's sign. (There really is a God). I did note that Brian Anderson had to leave the field right after the "BANG". It was probably to change his pants. (You should never turn you back on me Brian.)

First off the ground was Percy Ford-Smith, ably assisted by that accountant extraordinaire Eric Genzer. Second, (and here arose the problem) was Stafan DiMarco who on pain of no supper had to use his father Umberto as crew. Second also was Kim Vasiliadis, assisted by his brother Bill. And third was the evil David Fallowfield.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day and I would like to thank everyone who came out especially the families. Off special note was the attendance of Nick Rossenboom, his wife Corra, (the bionic women), and Ivan Kristensen with his wife Di-anne. Ivan flew at least two very entertaining flights with a 3D plane. Its amazing what a model will do if controlled properly. As much as it hurts me I would also like to thank David Fallowfield for a truly original and great stunt.

Jim Eichenberg



The next meeting for OMFC is the Swap Meet on February 1st. This meeting is held on Sunday and opens at 9:30 AM. Contact Eric Genzer for more information.

The OMFC Wings Program will start with Ground School on May 4th and 11th at the meeting hall. Flight Instruction starts on May 18th and runs Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings until Labour day. Please contact Wayne McKee for information on joining the OMFC Wings program.

The 50th Annual Weak Signals R/C show is approaching quickly. The show is on April 2, 3 and 4 in Toledo, Ohio. There is more information on their website. www.toledoshow.com

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OMFC Dates for the 2004 Season

Feb	1	OMFC Swap Meet , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 9:30 AM
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)