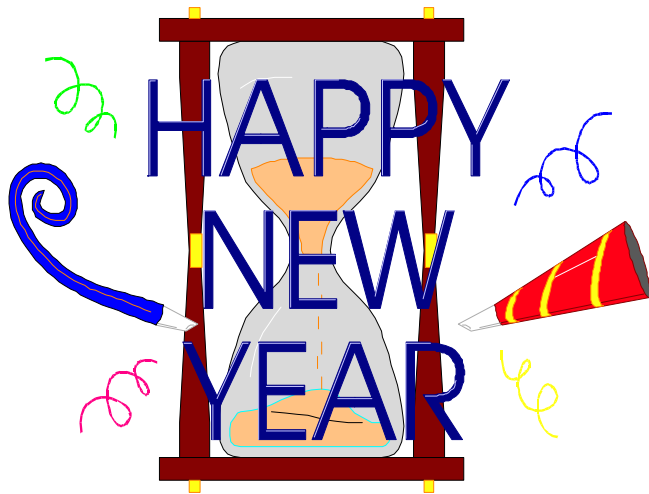


# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville Model Flying Club

January 2005

**Hi Folks. Welcome  
to 2005 !!**



## *Frozen Finger Fly Day*

**W**ell, well, well.....it was very nearly water, water, water. The day before the field looked more like a lake and, to be honest, we did not think that anyone would be able to land or take off on January 1st....but, lo and behold, the water vanished overnight and the field was in play. About 75 showed up including lots of wives and kiddies [none of my wives showed up]. The fabulous photo below taken by Hank Euroda [many, many thanks Hank!] from his electric trainer model clearly shows the condition of the field but I urge you to check out the OMFC website for more of Hank's amazing pictures which include the adjacent river with it's banks under water! The pictures were taken later in the day when half of the membership had departed. It was not a bad day for the event. Jim was there with his voyager hat holding court providing tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and goodies.....as usual, Jim's special sweetener was avail-

## **North Field Frozen Finger Fly Day January 1, 2005**



able!!.....Boy, that stuff is yummy! Gourmet hot dogs were available..... all supported by a roaring fire fed by plywood planks and several dear departed aircraft that were being offered to the gods! If the number of offerings has any effect, we can expect a magnificent flying season ahead. We only had about 5 pilots/crews; many members left their planes at home expecting to find a field under water or snow.

The flyers were:-

- Stefano and Umberto Dimarco
- Ted Leblanc
- Percy Ford Smith
- Dave Fallowfield
- Hank Uroda

Jim quickly disqualified Dave and Hank.....Dave, with no wheels, was a hand launch job and Hank was flying electric.....both big time no no's!

Prior to the official start, the Dimarco boys amused the crowd with a plane that was so far out of trim it took about five circuits to be tamed.....lots of ohs and ahhs were to be heard. The 24 inch floats on the aircraft certainly helped it get off the ground in a hurry. Dave buzzed around like an angry hornet with his combat WW11 model and Percy struggled to get airborne with 4 inch snow skies on his trainer, only taking flight after several dizzying ground circuits.

At the sound of the "gun", the Dimarco boys were up in a second followed by Ted Leblanc.....they all seemed to want to fly around before landing but it was the Dimarco's "first" followed by Ted "second". Percy finally got off the deck in third place and landed "third". Congratulations!!!



# Viva Italia!



## *Frozen Finger Cont'd*

During the revelry, Bert Armstrong had been seen walking around with a fancy 35mm digital camera attached to a five foot pole.....looking very much like Moses and his sturdy shaft seeking the ten commandments. Every now and then he would put the pole down, swivel his baseball cap and stare into the camera looking very Cecil B. De Mille!!! Bert also has the honour and prestige of being the first person to crash in 2005. He was flying a foam park flyer [excuse me....attempting to].....and was heard to holler "how can you dead stick an electric".....as it went in [heh heh heh]. Still, give the lad his due, he tried at least three times to fly the sucker before giving up. Last, but not least, some gossip!!!.....Rodger [the Dodger] showed up with a lady in tow! .....now to those that truly know Rodger, this was an event! It was daylight too!!! The lady was charming and told me her name was Susan Blue.....myself, and Chris Kanski had a great time trying to make Rodger squirm [delicately of course] but to no avail.....he weathered it like a pro as did the lady in question.....I truly fear for Rodger; he is in a vise grip situation and does not seem to see it coming [me, I am an expert on seeing it coming....I just never learned to duck] .....another one will likely bite the dust!

There was lots of fun taking place all morning with members mixing and passing on good wishes..... I think people had a good time....thanks to Jim and all the volunteers for a great day. Don't forget to visit the web site for the photos of the North field.



## *January Meeting*

Jim opened the meeting declaring that the good Lord had smiled on us once again vis a vis the weather for our Frozen Finger Fly! The day before the field looked like a small lake but overnight the water virtually disappeared...and thanks to Percy Ford Smith, the drive had been ploughed, so all was well. The winners, detailed on the previous page, were again congratulated. Jim said the turn out was great but he still has 3 or 400 hundred weenies left!! Hopefully, we can dump....oops, use then up, during the summer!

The evening was scheduled as a show and tell night :-

- Wayne McKee would be talking/showing his latest IMAC beauty [about 50% complete] with a view to discussing why you should buy and install the best equipment and general advice on setting up that new aircraft.
- Jodie McConnell would be talking on painting/spraying focusing on latex paint. Jodie had all kinds of spraying equipment on show.
- Mike McDermott would be talking/showing his 90% complete Hawker Hurricane with the main focus being on scale detailing of same.
- Jim Eichenberg and Davie Slote would be talking engines plus showing a glider that Jim said was proving very difficult to fly.....Past Prez Brian Anderson quipped "Has anyone else tried to fly it?" [dripping with sarcasm].....that stopped Jim for several seconds while we all fell about laughing!
- A TV with some aviation videos were also on tap and, with coffee and donuts available {thanks Don!}, what more could a fellow want?..... Brian could not get comfy fast enough [ARF specialists !!]



## January Meeting Cont'd

Jim also advised that a new 13" TV had been donated to the Club and OMFC was selling tickets....\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The draw would be held at the "sell your junk to your neighbours" [Swap Meet] on February 6th. Anyone interested in tickets, please call Jim.

Jim commented on the rebuild progress at the North Field. The park looks great and the new signs are very nice.....one identifies the "Model Flying" area. Someone asked about WC's.....so far there are none.....but Jim say's "there are loads of trees!"

There were no new guests but we had the return of a couple of potential new members who were duly welcomed to the meeting.

Overall, the evening seemed to be a success going on beyond 9.30 pm. The presenters all seemed to be busy and enjoyed the level of interest.



## Executive Meeting

As usual, many issues were discussed pertaining to the coming season. A couple of items warrant note at this stage:-

- PCM radios.....in the interest of safety.....the Club feels that the fail safe protocols should be activated; this will basically allow the throttle to be reduced to idle in the event of reception problems or battery failure. There will be more discussion on this topic but, for now, anyone wishing to program this into effect and needing help with their PCM radio, should contact Wayne McKee. MAAC has been talking about this problem and it is expected that FM radio systems will become subject to some type of fail safe control down the road so it is an issue that will become more important sooner rather than later. The majority of Club members use FM radio equipment and those that have moved to PCM are generally more experienced so, if you don't know what this all about, don't sweat it for now!
- Indoor Flying Facility.....people are looking for spaces to fly in.....are there any members that have ideas or access to suitable space [warehouses...high ceiling stuff, whatever???].....please contact Wayne McKee.

## Closing Comments

That's all she wrote folks!!! Again, Happy New Year to one and all.....have a great one eh!!! Oops, almost forgot; thanks to Jack Devito for the FFF CD . I have included a couple of pictures from it and have have passed it on to Bert Armstrong to post on our web site.

# OMFC Meeting Dates 2005

February 6th	Swap Meet	Eric Genzer's annual event
March 7th	TBA	Jim Eichenberg
April 4th	Video Entertainment	TBA
May 2nd	Beauty Contest	
May 3rd & 10th	Ground School for new planes/pilots	

## OMFC 2005 Executive

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## OMFC Event Dates for 2005

[some events/dates changeable/TBA]

<b>April 9th</b>	<b>W.W. 1 Combat</b>	<b>Dave Fallowfield, North Field</b>
<b>May 14th</b>	<b>W.W. 11 Combat</b>	<b>Dave Fallowfield, North Field</b>
<b>May 21st alt. 28th</b>	<b>Electric Fun Fly</b>	<b>TBA, North Field</b>
<b>May 24th</b>	<b>First Student Training Flying Session</b>	<b>North Field</b>
<b>June 4th/5th</b>	<b>Oakville Mall Display</b>	<b>Bob Zak</b>
<b>June 12th</b>	<b>OMFC Airshow</b>	<b>Bob Zak, North Field</b>
<b>July 30th/31st</b>	<b>S.E. Zone Pattern Contest</b>	<b>Jim Eichenberg, North Field</b>
<b>August 13th/14th</b>	<b>Aerotow/Gliders</b>	<b>Frank Pilih, South Field</b>
<b>September 17th</b>	<b>Scale Rally</b>	<b>Jody McConnell, South Field</b>