

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Model Flying Club
January 2006



Frozen Finger Fly

The day was gray and misty but approximately 40 hearty souls showed up, including a few wives and children for our annual first flight of the year contest!

We even had our very own “groundhog” show up for the festivities in the guise of John McNicol wearing a floor to ceiling “Nutria” fur coat with buttons the size of personal pizzas. The ensemble must have looked very splendid in 1930. [A Nutria, by the way, is [was] a very large rodent found in South America]. We were a bit concerned about John walking about as Tony’s Kreg’s lovely brown labrador could not take his eyes of this furry bundle.....like the rest of us, he did not quite know what to make of it.



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Except for a very, very low ceiling, restricted visibility and 2 to 3 inches of snow, conditions for flying were almost ideal !

Four gas powered aircraft showed up for the contest. David Band came with 2 inch wheels and wisely did not enter the contest. We also had a few electrics show up and several members were flying prior to the contest.

Lined up for the official “noon” start were:-

- Percy Ford-Smith with his 60 inch type trainer on skis with his tried and trusty batman Erik Genzer.
- Juan Serra with his Eagle 2 on floats with Dan Morgan as batman/crew.
- Dennis Orgera with his Discovery on floats with Jack Devito as batman/crew.

Jim had left the old blunderbus at home this yearand, instead, had what looked and sounded like a small stick of dynamite.....no-one could say they did not hear this mother go off !!!! and the race was on!

Juan was first up followed by Dennis and then Percy. All completed several circuits and landed successfully. So, the official OMFC distinction of first man up in 2006 goes to Juan Serra coupled with Dan Morgancongratulations to the winners!!

Thanks to Jim for running the event.....a great day!!!

To add to the day’s enjoyment.....Adam Foreman showed up [too late for the contest unfortunately] with a 100 inch scale model Curtiss Robin. Adam recently purchased the plane complete with servo’s and a Quadra 42 gas engine in great shape, for the princely sum of \$200.00 from a retired flyer. The plane started relatively easily once Adam managed to fill the tank [poor guy left all the “gas” fueling stuff at home..... [drink does that to a body!]] Once the plane took to the skies, it flew beautifully and looked great, as the enclosed pictures will attest.



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Photo's by: Simon Carter, Steve Goldring and Bert Armstrong



The "Official" Starter



Getting ready!



The "FFF" "Winners for 2006



Adam's deal!!!



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| Second Place
Eric and Percy | First Place
Dan and Juan | Third Place
Dennis and Jack |
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MORE PHOTO'S ON WEB SITE!!!!!!

January Meeting

Jim opened the first meeting of 2006 with his usual bombastic flair “any guests or new members present?”.....one lost soul stood up.....it was Jim Mansfield returning after a five year hiatus. Jim admitted that he spent most of that time messing around with boats. It appears that the urge to get it up and fly again has been reawakened.....welcome back to RC flying and OMFC Jim !

The Toledo day trip outing proposal was front and center. Jim announced that it is hoped that we can hire a bus that will leave from Oakville, probably on Saturday April 8th, to “spend our guts out and return broke”. When questioned from the floor about spending limits, Jim admitted that he always spends more than he has.....O.K., but the question was about “Customs” limits. Jim advises that there is no limit to what you can spend, you just pay duty on that part over Revenue Canada’s limit [that’s really helpful Jim]. You can be creative at the border [but you must be honest]. Jim reported that on a past trip stop, Helmut Schmitter showed the Canadian Customs guy a very small bag containing \$1,000 worth of servos.....the Customs guy looked at it and said “wow, you have already paid too much”.....and let him go through “gratis”. If you do get a deal down there, make sure you get a receipt of some kind. Yours truly was on a three day trip to Toledo with 5 other OMFC members a few years ago and we got stopped; the van was really given a going over. I must admit that the van was really full of stuff [“huge” aircraft kits, engines, electronics and cases of fuel] and with Erik Genzer talking to the Customs guy we should have known we would be strip searched. We were told [very politely] to exit the van and stand up against “the wall”.....it was quite an experience [thinking about it again... why am I contemplating going again this year with Genzer?]. Jim advised that Don Wilding is looking into the matter and further reports will be forthcoming but please remember that once a member commits, payment is due and non refundable [you can, of course, sell the ticket to another member]. Someone did ask if we would have a bar on board “absolutely not” but certainly refreshments should be taken as, more than likely, the bus will not be stopping for snack breaks [that means no BBQ grill for Jim]. Jim further advised that members should “go upstairs” at Toledo to view the “junk”.....makes Erik’s and anyone else’s Swap Meet [combined!] look decidedly tiny.



Don Wilding was given the floor and announced that a former friend and Lancaster engineer, Norm Ethridge from Port Hope, was involved in an organization known as Cancer Assistance Services in the Halton Hills area. The service provided involves driving cancer patients to and from hospitals. To help fund the activities, they are selling 2006 calendars with historic and warbird aircraft photos therein. In addition, important aviation dates are also noted with comments on what happened on the date it happened. This is a great cause and a great calendar. It’s \$20.00 plus a \$5.00 handling/postage fee. If anyone is interested, please call Don at 905-827-1322 and he will give you more information.

Bert Armstrong took the floor.....it appears a page was left out of the Advanced Flying booklet handed out at last month’s meeting.....so come and get it! Bert also left books for anyone who missed out last month. For those members who missed signing up, or who may want to discuss the advanced flying program further, please contact Bert at 905-567-0535.



Erik Genzer took the floor re our February Swap Meet [Sunday, February 5th]. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for table holders and between 8:30-9:00 a.m. for all others. Some tables still available.....call Erik at 905-607-9675.

At this point, Jim volunteered that he was almost out of subject matter [since when has that ever been a factor one wonders] and as the "projection show" was not quite ready, he was threatening to perform a song and dance routine.....thankfully, we were all saved.....as John Ross stood up and gave a brief OMFC financial report. With 110 members signed up so far, the Club's approximate income for 2006 is \$20,000 with some \$7,000 going to MAAC. Our budgeted expenses for field maintenance/grass cutting, events, Fliteline, porta potti etc., are expected to be approximately \$12,200 and our income should, therefore, exceed our expenses by some \$800. Our Field fund now totals \$55k.....it should be noted that all interest earned on the Field fund is automatically rolled over back into the fund. A full copy of the "financials" are attached.

Following the above report, El Presidente read a letter from Mike Ross [a former OMFC Secretary Treasurer] which was recently presented to the Executive following a request to Mike for a review of the "OMFC books". Subject to a couple of recommendations, which the Executive is considering, Mike Ross gave a clean bill of health to the financial affairs of the Club.

Finally, over to the "Crash Video" program. Jody, Bert and a few others finally got it into gear.....great, tons of ooohs and aarrggghs. Many Thanks guys!!!!

Executive Meeting

- Last month, we reported that Wayne McKee had been reappointed CFI. However, Wayne has decided to step aside this year and with Wayne's recommendation, the Executive has appointed Brian Anderson to take over the role of CFI. Wayne has been the CFI for a number of years and has done a great job for OMFC and our students. Many, many thanks Wayne!! Happily, Wayne has indicated that he will continue as an instructor in 2006. Brian was previously the Assistant CFI and is happy to take over from Wayne. Brian will be appointing a new Assistant CFI.
- The date for OMFC's official anniversary party, presently known as the Scale and Homecoming Rally mentioned last month, has been set for Satur-

day, July 15th with a rain date of July 16th. More details will follow later.

- Work on the bus trip day outing to Toledo is continuing. It seems to be workable at a member price of between \$40.00 to \$55.00 Canadian. Plans are for a proper tour bus, complete with comfy seats and a throne room.....definitely not a school bus. The trip will involve approx 4-5 hours driving to, 5 hours there and 4-5 hours driving back. For more details, see separate article under "Closing Comments". A very comfortable pair of shoes is a must!!
- North Field Manager, Dan Morgan, advises that as the picnic tables need a new coat of paint, he will be looking for volunteers for some time in late April. Please contact Dan if you can help.
- Ground School.....Sessions at the Union Hall are scheduled for May 16th and, if required, May 17th. Actual flight instruction will start on Tuesday, May 23rd.
- Much discussion on North field concerning fences and fees, but nothing to report at this stage. We are following up with Oakville Parks and Rec regarding future planning which, hopefully, will include OMFC.

Closing Comments

Work on the Toledo trip is progressing and the price range of \$40.00 to \$55.00 Canadian seems pretty firm but, of course, that assumes we can fill a bus. It has been suggested that other clubs be invited to make sure we have a full load. Therefore, the trip will be first come, first served and the fare must be paid no later than the March meeting on the 6th. Also, as mentioned earlier, if you change your mind, you will have to sell your tickets.....no refunds!! So, if you want to go, please contact Don Wilding at 905-827-1322 as soon as possible so we can get a good idea of the numbers involved and the size of the bus we need.

This will be a great day and loads of fun even if you don't buy squat [you can buy 5 bottles of CA for less than the price of one here.....that's a saving of around \$30.00 right there]....I know people will say you should always use fresh CA but I keep mine in the fridge and some of it is a few year's old.....and, so far, none of my planes have fallen apart [those that have not made any unplanned ground contact that is]. Many thanks to Don for doing all the leg work and planning for the bus trip.

Before signing off, there is a story that has to be told, although the principal parties, for some reason, have gone to great lengths to keep this episode “quiet”. However, the writer has it on good authority that two members of the Executive, who supposedly have good flying credentials, have been engaging in extra marital indoor night flying with an inflatable missile. It appears that, on earlier flying occasions, there was much concern about the handling and flying characteristics of this projectile, especially when flying between warm and cool air currents.....obviously the air being marginally thicker than the pair in question. The problem they had was that the projectile started in warmer air and had to be manoeuvred into cooler air where most of the flying was to occur. Initially, the projectile would sink as it entered the cooler air where utmost performance and control was required. “Why constantly fight this tendency “ they thought, when surely with all of our combined flying experience [60 years plus], we can trim the vehicle so that it’s tendency to sink would be reversed. After a significant retrim, our duo, happy in their thoughts that they had solved this serious problem, boldly flew the projectile in front of hundreds of dedicated fans. Unfortunately, it does appear that there could have been some miscalculation..... the projectile was last seen on it’s way up into the rafters of the hockey arena. And you thought that what went up, must come down!

There are rumours that the pair were using ladders and each other to try to rescue the 6 foot blimp but we cannot confirm this activity. It seems extremely unlikely to the writer that this is in fact true. It makes you want to sit down and watch some Abbott and Costello movies or the Three Stooges doesn’t it.

Postscript.....The blimp has been recovered and is presently undergoing a total refit.

Our new CFI, Brian Anderson, has asked yours truly, Mike McDermott, to be the Assistant CFI. I will confirm same, just as soon as he gets down.

That’s all for now folks.....hope you are enjoying the “warm “ weather.



Adam's Curtiss Robin

\$200.00.....Special !

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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	Brian Anderson
Saturday, July 15 (Rain Date: July 16)	50th Anniversary Scale and Homecoming Rally	T.B.A.

OMFC Meeting Dates for 2006

Sunday, February 5	Erik Genzer	“Swap Shop”
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”