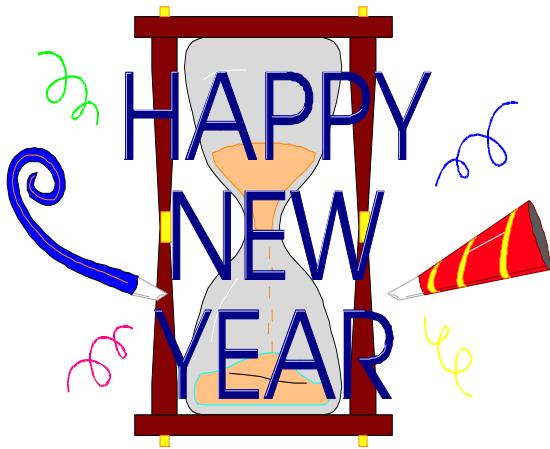


# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville Milton Flying Club  
January 2009

**\* 2009! \***



## *Opening Comments*

Welcome to 2009!!.....Let's hope it's a great year for one and all. With luck, the financial world will start to return to normal and we can all start worrying about airplanes, flying and electronics, instead of worrying about our jobs and pensions and whether or not we should buy that new gizmo.

It is sad to report that the Summer of 2008 saw the passing of Nick Rosenboom's wife Cora. Those Club members who were around during the 70's and early 80's will remember Cora well. She took a very active role in the Club with Nick, helping with event and contest score cards and such, before the days of computers. OMFC passes on it's belated good wishes to Nick; unfortunately, this news only recently reached the Editor.

## *January Meeting*

President Percy Ford-Smith opened the meeting wishing everyone a prosperous and happy New Year!

It was a very small bunch of members in attendance [approximately 25] with no new members or guests. As the Canadian Juniors "Gold" game final was being televised, many members were undoubtedly glued to their TV sets.

Jim Eichenberg took the floor to talk about the "FFF", starting off with the rallying cry "we have a bunch of wimps in the Club"..... attendance being down over past years, with only 30 to 35 people showing up and that number included several wives and children !

Only one flyable "gasser" aircraft showed up and that was the old timer "Curtiss Robin" owned by Adam Foreman. It was a very cold day and although Jim shot off his blunderbuss at precisely 12 noon for the Lemans start, the Robin did not take to the air until 12:05 or thereabouts. It took some while for Adam and his Dad, Paul, to coax the engine into life. Once it started, the engine ran very smoothly and without incident thereafter.

Adam, therefore, won the "FFF" contest and Jim mandated that Adam take off and land 3 times so that he could legitimately claim 1st, 2nd and 3rd places! It was a pretty sight to see the Robin taxi and take off in about an inch or so of snow....the wheels threw up a dusting of snow that looked like small diamonds glittering in the frosty sunshine.....ahhh, you had to be there!

Prior to 12 noon, many a member brought aircraft to the funeral pyre which, by the way, took some time to get going. Once the fuel soaked balsa wood and covering material got to the flames, the fire really got going. Erik Genzer showed up with a matching pair of pattern aircraft for the pyre and walked up holding each by their tails like a fisherman holding up a couple of large dead fish. Bob Zak also had a couple of crumpled airplanes to add to the flames.

Wistfully watching the parade of wrecked aircraft descending into the funeral pyre oil drum, Brian Anderson was heard to make the most insensitive comment yours truly has heard in many a year..... at this very poignant moment, he suggested to one member that perhaps, in future, he should just buy the kits and throw them into the fire "as is" so that he could save all the time and effort involved in building the aircraft! After several members stopped laughing and picked themselves up, Brian was severely rebuked for his insensitivity.

Most of the members seemed to have a good time as the photos will attest. Jim went through lots of hot drinks and hot dogs. Larry Henley brought a huge supply of wood which helped keep us warm for a few hours. Many thanks go to Adam for bringing the Robin, without

which the day would have been lacking a certain something!

The meeting was handed back to Percy who wanted to relate a little story about the recently completed South Field road work. It appears that Percy was onsite for 7am, being told to make sure he was on time! Well, the dump truck showed up at 9am, having fallen victim to a flat tire. The grader had arrived on time and busied itself running up and down the lane moving earth around instead of the new road grindings material. The late arriving dump truck was virtually brand new and when it came down the lane backwards to spread the road grindings, various scrapping sounds were heard .....this involved some scratching of the new paintwork and the unintended removal of the CB radio antenna. The truck owner/driver was more than a little disturbed and his load was promptly dumped and he left forgetting to return with the second load. Still, says Percy, the grader was able to complete the project successfully with the one load.

Turning to another topic, during Jim's "FFF" talk, Harvey Slaght was passing around photos of the FFF [these were remarkable photos Harvey]. The clarity and composition were exceptional. The photos follow. Anyway, to get to the point, Percy suggested that OMFC should run a photo contest. The subject will be "the best scale/real like photos.....making the plane look real.....in the air or ground". The aircraft does not have to be a true scale model as in say a photo of a Spitfire. Members can take and submit multiple photos, and they must be in a 5x7 format. The contest will run all season of 2009 and at the December 2009 meeting, they will be judged and prizes will be awarded. From looking at Harvey's photos, he has a huge head start!

Brian Anderson took the floor, still looking for more wheels [6 to 8 inches] for the new flight benches.

Erik Genzer stood to talk about the March 1st Swap Meet. As usual, contact him for tables and information. This year there will be an OMFC donation table set up. If any one has any stuff they do not want, OMFC will try to sell it and, hopefully make some money for the Club.

Erik is still looking for a volunteer to take over from himself as he has been doing the Swap Meet for about 10 years now.....volunteers please [Henry.....what about you???......you have all the perfect organizational skills for the job.....at least we think your wife thinks so.]

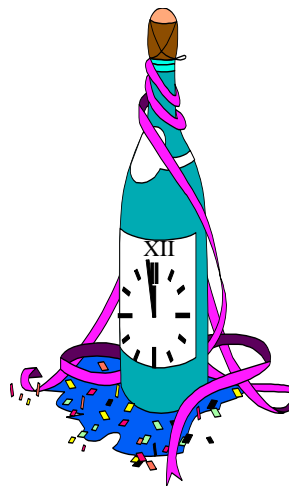
On behalf of Jack Linghorne, yours truly, Mike McDermott, stood to advise that the OMFC Electric Fun Fly date would be Saturday June 6th.

Following the coffee and raffle ticket break, Nick Jacobs talked about his latest foamie. Built of 5.5 mill Depron and using no glue and employing a removable landing gear, this 180 watt powered model using Li-Po batteries is apparently a great flyer and fun to fly. Nick expressed some "explosion" concerns about using Li-Po batteries and in seeking member input.....Helmut Schmitter suggested that there is no problem with these type of batteries.....but you might just lose your house!

Pictures were taken of the aircraft but, unfortunately, they were lost during downloading....sorry.

Nick as is usual, wanted to continue talking but by this time members were flying out the door to see "The" hockey game and "someone" turned the lights off and plunged Nick into darkness!!!!!! Nick didn't even notice for a while.....

### *Executive Meeting*



The Air Show issue was discussed at length and there is no clear direction at this time. A group has been set up to pursue and study the matter further but it has been decided that if we do go ahead with the Air Show, the likely date will be Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st. This date was used in the past and we had great attendance; lots of families showing up. Also, the previous early show date was an issue for some pilots who could not get enough air time in with their chosen air-

plane before the show to feel really comfortable about performing. The extra couple of weeks of air time will certainly help. Historically, this date has not clashed with other important events and contests.

The Executive is looking for more input on the Air Show and would like to hear from anyone with an idea or suggestion....so please, just contact any member of the Executive. **February Meeting date is the "2nd"**

## ***That' all folks!***

# 2009 Frozen Finger Fly

The sole entrant and pit helpers.



A good pit shot.

The fire is really going here.



Cheerleaders!



"2009 Winner FFF"  
Adam Foreman



Dad and Son Team!!!



Here are two great photos of the Curtiss Robin



Michael Phelp with WW1 Bird



Bob Zak at the Funeral Pyre



Paul Foreman with his  
Electric Cub



Looks like Erik Genzer is toasting his arm!



The Blunderbuss!!  
Jim Eichenberg

*Photos courtesy  
of  
Harvey Slaght*

*Many, many  
thanks Harvey.*

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## OMFC Meeting Dates for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, February 2nd	Meeting	Percy Ford-Smith
Monday, April 6th	Meeting	Percy Ford-Smith
Monday, May 4th	Meeting/Possible Beauty Contest.	Percy Ford-Smith

## OMFC Event Dates for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Director</u>
Saturday, June 6th	Electric Fun Fly	Jack Linghorne
Sunday, August 9th / Monday, August 10th	Glider Aerotow	Frank Pilih