

O.M.F.C. Meeting 4th November 2002

The meeting started with a few word from the Chief Flying Instructor, Rodger Young, and the presentation of a "Wings" Certificate to the members who had completed the program. Present to receive their certificates were: Jody McConnell, Percy Ford-Smith, George Zacal, Dennis Orgera, and Andrew Dobrowolski. There were quite a few other graduates but they were not present at this meeting. Their certificates will be presented later.

Rodger, advised that this was one of the best years we have had as far as the Flight School was concerned. New procedures that were put into place this year and a very dedicated staff of Instructors were the reasons for the success. In particular the work of Richard Els the Flight line Co-ordinator was of particular value.

The meeting resumed with President Tim Deel, advising that he had received a "Flyer" from the Peel Heritage Complex with reference to their Fall Exhibitions. The Complex is located at 9 Wellington St. E., Brampton, Ont.

(1) From October 23rd to February 16 2003 the documentation of World War I and II is explored, via: War posters, images by George Broomfield and the War Artist Program of World War I.

(2) From November 5th to January 5th 2003, a display entitled "A Dream Denied: The Avro Arrow" This display was developed by the West Parry Sound Museum and has been traveling the province. This will be the only stop in the GTA.

(3) On Sunday the 17th of November, at 2:00 P.M., Allan MacKay will discuss his experiences as a contemporary war artist. (Free with admission to the complex)

(4) On Thursday the 21st of November, at 2:00 P.M., a Exhibition Lecture titled "Images of War and A Dream Denied: The Avro Arrow". This will be a guided tour through the both exhibitions noted above. (Free with admission to the complex)

President Deel, advised all in attendance of his final thoughts as outgoing President and that they would be published in the November Fliteline. (*See Page Three*)

President Deel, proceeded to the changes proposed to the Constitution and the By-Laws, that had been brought forward at the October Meeting:

- ◆ It was Moved by Rodger Young and Seconded by Mike Ross that: Standing Resolution 2B be changed to read that the dues payable for a Open Member be increased to \$70.00 and a Family Membership be increased to \$95.00 effective 1 January 2003 - CARRIED
- ◆ It was Moved by Jim Eichenberg and Seconded by Eric Genzer that: Standing Resolution 2A be changed to read that the Club Initiation Fee be increased to \$50.00 effective 1 January 2003 - CARRIED (*The amended resolution put forward by Tony Kreg at the October meeting was withdrawn.*)

President Deel proceed with the election of officers for the year 2003:

- ◆ **Jody McConnell** was nominated by Jim Eichenberg and Seconded by Bert Armstrong for the position of Fliteline Editor. There being no further nominations, Jody was elected by Acclimation.
- ◆ **Andrew Orange** was nominated by Bert Armstrong and Seconded by Jim Eichenberg for the position of Social Director. There being no further nominations, Andrew was elected by Acclimation.
- ◆ **Vince Watkins** was nominated by Rodger Young and Seconded by Brian Anderson for the position of North Field Manager. There being no further nominations, Vince was elected by Acclimation.
- ◆ **Frank Pilih** was nominated by Brian Anderson and Seconded by Jim Eichenberg for the position of South Field Manager. There being no further nominations, Frank was elected by Acclimation.
- ◆ **John Ross** was nominated by Brian Anderson and Seconded by Jim Eichenberg for the position of Sec/Treasurer. There being no further nomination, John was elected by Acclimation.

OMFC 2003 Executive

President:	Brian Anderson	North Field Manager:	Vince Watkins
Vice President:	Jim Eichenberg	South Field Manager:	Frank Pilih
Past President:	Tim Deel	Social Director:	Andrew Orange
Chief Flying Instructor:		Field Acquisition Manager:	Mike Ross & Wayne McKee
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OMFC 2002 INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANTS

Back Row: (Lt to Rt) Mike Ross, Maqsood Ahmad, Kris Kanski, Jim Eichenberg, Frank Pilih, Tim Deel.

Center Row: (Lt to Rt): Kim Vasiliadis, Brian Anderson (Pres.)
Vince Watkins, Andrew Orange.

Front Row: (Lt to Rt): John McNicol, Mike McDermott of the Woodchuck Lane McDermotts', John Kaminsky, Wayne McKee, and C.F.I. Rodger Young



OMFC Dates for 2002/2003 Season

December	2nd	Regular Meeting of OMFC, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville. Workshops on Building/Covering/Engines/Electric Flight/Fiberglass, etc., If you have a model that requires balancing, bring it out. Engine need new bearings?. Bring it and the new bearings.
January	1st	Annual Frozen Finger Fun Fly, 11:00 A.M. North field (Drumquin Park -Jim Eichenberg)
January	6th	Regular Meeting of OMFC, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville Talk on the (full size) Fairey Firefly, by Keith Houston of this club.
February	2nd	SUNDAY. Annual OMFC Swap Shop. Time to be announced
March	3rd	Regular Meeting of OMFC, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville. Tony Kreg, will give a presentation on Scale Aerobatics.
April	7th	Regular Meeting of OMFC, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville It is hoped to have a presentation on Turbine engines.
May	5th	Annual Beauty Contest OMFC, 7:30 PM, Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd., Oakville.

- ◆ **Jim Eichenberg** was nominated by Brian Anderson and Seconded by Frank Pilih for the position of Vice-President. There being no further nominations, Jim was elected by Acclimation.
- ◆ **Brian Anderson** was nominated by Jim Eichenberg and Seconded by Jim Daley for the position of President. There being no further nominations, Brian was elected by Acclimation.

Past President Deel then turned the Gavel over to President Anderson. Brian had a few words to the membership outlining his plans and goals. In particular, Brian stated that we need to get everyone involved in our annual "Air Show".



OMFC "WINGS"
GRADUATES

Above Left: Rodger Young and Andrew Dobrowolski.

Above Right: Dennis Orgera

Center: Jody McConnell

Below Left: George Zacal

Below Right: Percy Ford-Smith



Southfield Frank Meets New Pilot



Presidents Report

November/02

“As the elections have taken place and I am Past President I now submit my final report.

It has been an interesting and exciting 2 years. When I accepted the position I had no idea what I was in for. I can't say that I regret being the President for a moment. I do wish I had been better prepared for it, but nobody has a crystal ball to see what is coming.

One of my objectives was to increase meeting attendance and “bring the club together”. The first couple of meetings were business related...boring but things that had to be done. After that the interest levels seem to pick up. We had guest speakers, suppliers, culminating to a change of venue i.e.: The Brampton Flying Club. That meeting had over 100 members present! When I undertook this there was about 30 to 35 regular attendees at the meetings. I am happy to report that I met my objective as meeting attendance is still up. What I see coming will continue on that trend.

A situation that caught us all by surprise was the proposed change in park layout by the Town of Milton. As the executive got involved by attending public meetings we came to realise how little the Town knew of our activities. The executive decided that Brian Anderson and Jim Eichenberg should be the people to educate and negotiate with them for a lease. Truthfully, I felt this was a good move as I work for the government and deal with councillors often.....I have no patience for them. I know I put a lot of pressure and responsibility on Brian and Jim and they have contributed many, many hours to try to conclude this situation. A “thank you” from me is hardly adequate and I would like the club to recognise their efforts on our behalf. As I write this, the negotiations are proceeding and making good progress. The Town has agreed that if, in the future, we must move they will assist us. There are a number of locations being looked at and they would all serve us adequately. One of the benefits of moving would be the consolidation of the club in one location, hopefully without the time restrictions we now have. I am confident the future of the club and flying fields are in good hands.

On the financial side of things, I must say that while we did not “save” much, the money spent was for the comfort and safety of the club. The acquisition of the new shed, the safety net and the starting station for the flight school all contributed to a more comfortable, safer and efficient flying experience for both winged and non-winged flyers. I must thank Mike Ross for his expertise in making the charging station, the starters box and the loan of the solar panels. The “Field Acquisition Fund” didn't grow much, but at the continuing climb of real-estate prices I don't think this thought is realistic. However, the money will be required, should we have to move to a new field, for field improvements.

The flight school underwent some changes this year that I feel has contributed to safer flying and more efficient use of instruction time. The advent of a “Ground school” to educate the students as to procedures and the inspection for “airworthiness” of the aircraft greatly contributed to the learning experience and speed of graduation to “Wings” status. My thanks go to Rodger Young (CFI), Richard Els (Pit Boss), the instructors and all that contributed time and ideas for the improvement of the school. I think we had more graduates this year than we have had for the last few years. I do offer my apologise to the flight school for my lack of instruction time. Between divorce, 3 weeks being locked up at a water plant during a strike, 3 weeks vacation and moving I didn't have a lot of time. I look forward to improving my attendance next year.

From a complaint standpoint, this year was considerably quieter than last. There have been a few complaints but nothing that hasn't been handled. Members must realise that the fields are for everyone's use and the wishes of the few cannot override the wishes of many. “Fun for all and all for fun”....I think that is how it goes.

The general membership has been very supportive of our attempts to manage the club business. While we couldn't satisfy everyone, I think we satisfied the majority.

Finally, I would like to thank my executive. The time, effort and dedication these gentlemen put forth over my term, as President has been phenomenal. We had many tough decisions to make over these last two years, but together we got through them. Without their support I wouldn't have survived. My congratulations and best wishes go out to the 2002/2003 executive.....I know we are in good hands!

Having said all of this the big question I get asked is “Would you do it again?” In a second!!! It has been educational, interesting and most of all FUN. I urge all members to get involved at any level during their membership, whether it is at an executive level or a volunteer for an event. You might get your eyes opened!!!!”