

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Milton Flying Club
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Ho! Ho! Ho!

.....and a very

Merry Christmas



Opening Comments

Well Folks.....it's that time of the year again a time when we can enjoy the warmth of family and friends and celebrate the special holiday season in accordance with our own traditions and beliefs. I know I am a little early with our Christmas wishes but next month's Fliteline may be a tad too late.

Enjoy this time of year.....generally, goodwill is everywhere and life does slow down a little even though commercialism has "mucked" the season up a bit! I think we are all lucky to live in Canada.....we have much to be thankful for when you look around and consider the situations people face in many parts of the world.

November Meeting

The meeting was opened by Prez Don, who had to use the gavel several times to bring the meeting to order [everybody was having a good time catching up with Club gossip].

Don commented on the large turnout of members and, as usual, asked any new members to stand up and introduce themselves. Kevin Amerlink introduced himself.....welcome to OMFC Kevin; plus Dave McMillan stood up and introduced himself and his lovely young daughter Sarah. Now Dave and Sarah joined the Club late last year and Dave was participating in the wings programso this their first "official" OMFC meeting.

Turning to the North Field, Don reminded everyone once again that the field is closed during weekdays until 4 p.m., due to the school being re-activated. A "new" replacement school being built at another site will be ready in 2 to 3 years.

Don then spoke about the recent meeting with Oakville Parks and Rec officials involving himself, Percy Ford-Smith and Mike McDermott to talk about future land use in Oakville, north of Dundas and the prospects of OMFC being included in those plans. To start with, there is some good news about the existing South Field. The infrastructure/facilities necessary for full scale development north of Dundas Street are located in the Neyagawa/Dundas area, and will not be completed until late 2009. This means that development above Dundas cannot really start until that time. Accordingly, it should be some time later before development reaches the South Field area. We do know however, that development of the Trafalgar/Dundas intersection is considered a high priority. So with luck and a following wind, two more years will at least give us

a bit more breathing space.

At present, there appears to be nothing available to the Club. The Neyagawa landfill site was discussed and while it has the potential for an airfield, the surrounding area that we would need to fly over will be declared "Heritage land" and virtually all land uses will be prohibited. Obviously, we pointed out we only wanted to fly over it, but they seemed to feel that this would not be permissible. The discussions with Oakville will continue and there are some other avenues that may be open to us. Some land in the general area will not be developed for 15 to 20 years and maybe something can be worked out with Oakville and/or developers. No matter what we do however, it does seem unlikely that a permanent solution can be found within the borders of Oakville but we are not giving up on our quest.

Jim Eichenberg took the floor to talk about the recent MAAC zone meeting. The meeting did not cover much new ground but he was taken aback when someone was suggesting the possibility of trying to form a committee for sport flyers. As Jim pointed out, sport flyers are the one group for sure who do not want to spend time forming a committee, being committed only to going out and having a good time flying. It appears that the proposed motion died on the floor.

There were some proposals/discussions about changing the MAAC Constitution but that did not happen as nobody had a chance to review/evaluate the proposed changes before the meeting.....?

The Electric Flyers of Southern Ontario played host to the MAAC meeting and Jim advised that they put on quite a flying show and had discussions on all the new "stuff" in the field of electronics, before the MAAC meeting started.

Following Jim's report, Prez Don asked the editor of Fliteline to stand and he then made a few nice comments about the October Fliteline.

Bob Zak then took to the floor. Bob was musing about the Club's profile in Milton wondering if we should have a model display in one or more of the newly developed areas. Milton is obviously growing rapidly and Bob feels we need to promote ourselves within the Milton community by whatever means necessary. Bob is looking for a body/member to take on this responsibility plus think about taking over the running of the Air Show in 2009. Bob is willing to work with a new



volunteer to help him along the way. Don picked up on what Bob had been saying and asked anyone interested to contact Bob or to call a member of the Executive if they wished to discuss the issue further.

It was then CFI Brian Anderson's turn to bat and to award the Wings Certificates to the successful students of 2007. Brian noted that we did not have as many students as usual and on many nights we had more instructors at the field than students. Also on many nights, we were all leaving the field early as the students had four or more flights and batteries were dying! Brian thanked the instructors for their work and took time out to specifically thank Jack Devito for his work in keeping the students in line and in the air and also Larry Henley who has become the unofficial, official "chief mechanic" [or was that the official, "unofficial" "chief mechanic???no matter, a job well done Larry!]. Rodger Young was heard to grumble that he had not been specifically recognized.....maybe it was the beard or something.

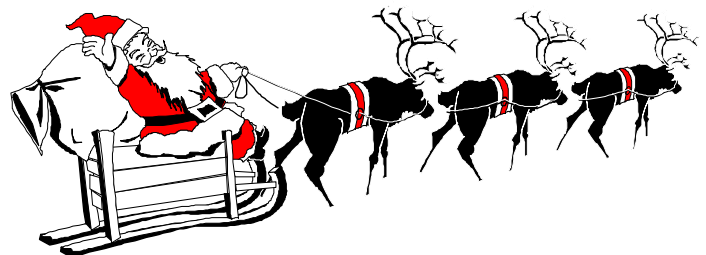
The successful 2007 "Wings" Pilots are as follows:-

- **Mark Debenedetti**
- **David McMillan**
- **Andy Manko**
- **John Zimmerman**
- **Mark Auger**



Following the presentation, Brian noted that Mark Auger initially gained his wings with a powered glider and then turned up at the field with a more normal gas plane. Brian said that if he could fly it.....he would award him another set of "Wings".....[expecting him not to be able to fly it !].....Mark got his "expanded Wings"!

Next up was Dave McMillan....Dave is an indoor electric flyer aficionado and he talked about trying to form a group or club to fly indoors. He has discovered that the U of T on Mississauga Road has an enormous new gymnasium that is the size of 8 badminton courts and is 3



storeys high. He has spoken to the U of T about renting the space and, so far, it looks like they are amenable to renting the gymnasium from 6 p.m. and on, on Saturday nights. It looks like the cost will be in the area of \$110.00 per hour. Dave also feels that the gymnasium can meet MAAC's requirements and regulations. Dave has flown at Sheridan and, in his view, it is a zoo and so much smaller. He even feels that certain helicopters may be able to fly in this new facility which, to date, has been a "no no"; 3D flying may also be a possibility.....say in the last 20 minutes of the evening. Dave has got the ball well and truly rolling and, so far, 21 people have signed up. The likely cost per individual is expected to be in the area of \$15 to \$20. Obviously, the more people to sign up will lower the individual cost.

Dave is considering a "virgin" club or perhaps an off-shoot of OMFC. There is still much work to be done but he left his email address at the front of the hall for anyone interested to contact him....his email address is :- **ief@mde-canada.com.**

Prez Don took the floor again and advised that the "new" OMFC Executive would look at the proposal re OMFC involvement at the next Executive meeting and get back to Dave. Thanks Dave.....the editor is certain this will generate a lot of interest from Club members!



Well, finally we get to the big event of the night. Prez Don hands over the gavel to Jim Eichenberg to run the 2008 Election of Officers.

Jim advised that he has received no calls or names from members wishing to run or to nominate a fellow member.

The existing Executive has agreed to stand for re-election so, without any further ado and mucking about and to the beat of the gavel and with a drum roll.....

the Executive positions were read aloud and without further nominations, the following "Executive" was elected and the members who "moved" the motion to elect and the members who "seconded" the motion are also identified [these are the members you can blame later].



President: Don Wilding
 Moved by: Brian Anderson
 Seconded by: John McNicol
Vice President: Percy Ford –Smith
 Moved by: John Pretty
 Seconded by: Jack Devito

Secretary Treasurer: John Ross
 Moved by: Jim Eichenberg
 Seconded by: Don Wilding

North Field Manager: Bill Funnell
 Moved by: Henry Vanderbeek
 Seconded by: Don Wilding

South Field Manager: Frank Pilih
 Moved by: Nick Rosenboom
 Seconded by: Keith Houston

Fliteline Editor: Mike McDermott
 Moved by: Jack Devito
 Seconded by: Nick Rosenboom

Social/Membership Director: Jack Devito
 [also chief cook and bottlewasher]
 Moved by: Bill Funnell
 Seconded by: Brian Anderson

Well folks, that pretty much sums up the election. Jim had a grand old time hammering the gavel. Brian Anderson must have been suffering a hangover as he was just about to get up and tie some foam or something on it [the gavel that is].

During the Fliteline editor nomination, Jim was pleading for volunteers to take the job..... it almost looked like for some obscure reason he was almost, almost, prepared to offer some cash for any takers!

Following the election, all sorts of disorganized rubbish was discussed.....one story had Frank Pili dropping his cell phone into the South Field loo..... understandably, Frank had to go fishing and he turned blue from the experience. Appears that when he tried to take the phone backunder the warranty provisions, no one noticed the new color tint. Now that's what I'd call bathroom or toilet humour!

We had our usual raffle draw; fuel, ball headed drivers, glue, knife blades and someone donated an old kit. Seems OMFC members are taking to the raffle idea as ticket sales are increasing. The club makes a bit of cash out of this and members win some nice prizes. Many thanks to Hobby Hobby who, as usual, gives the club a healthy discount on the items we purchase for this event [many thanks Tom!].

During the raffle, Brian Anderson, as usual, won a prize.....now I must digress and take some "license" as outgoing editorto tell you all a story.

A long, long time ago, in a Galaxy far, far away [last year], Brian and I were at a shindig and agreed to split \$5.00 to buy 3 raffle tickets. Now I put in \$3.00 and naturally expected to take 2 tickets but Brian did not think that was fair.....I let him pick two tickets with the proviso that if he won twice and I got diddly, he should share.....only fair, right?.....well didn't the #^*#@ win the draw twice!!! I expected to share in this good fortune but Brian didn't feel he could in all conscience except another prize!.....He kept his first draw prize and I got squat with my ticket!

Now there is another story I really want to tell about CFI Brian but my wife has edited the story out of Fliteline twice now.....saying that it's not nice to tell the story because it will embarrass him!!!! Now would I do that??? I will say, however, that anyone flying pylon races with small electric planes and coming last all the time, should check to see if just maybe the propeller is on backwards.

The meeting was then closed.....**Don't forget that the December Meeting features the Wilson Brothers!**



Executive Meeting

The new Executive reappointed the following positions:-

- Brian Anderson as CFI.
- Bert Armstrong as Web Master.
- Mike McDermott as Field Acquisition Manager.

The following items were discussed:-

- During this fall and winter, there will be water testing around the South Field by the City. This apparently will be occurring right through the winter and, as a result, we will be unable to put up the chain as we have in the past. [The company doing the testing must have access]. As a result, the Executive has decided that we will close the South Field on December 1, 2007.
- Financial: The Club fiscal year ends at the end of the November. It appears that the Club will stay in the black and as long as the membership stays at approximately the current level, we are in good shape. No increase in the fees for membership is anticipated. The payment of the North Field lease is due on December 1, 2007. This will cause two lease payments for the North Field to be charged to the same year. [Our first ever payment was made in the spring of 2007.]
- Discussion took place with reference to the 2008 Air Show. The Air Show will be on June 8, 2008. There was discussion about the need to get into more malls leading up to the Air Show, such as the Hopedale Mall and one of the Milton Malls. As Bob Zak advised at the November meeting, he would require assistants if we want to expand the mall shows. It was also suggested that we plan to get a table at an upcoming Milton event on May 24, 2008, as this is a popular event in Milton and we could get a lot of coverage there. The Air Show flyers will be ready much earlier this year so, hopefully, we can advertise the event better and do it earlier. OMFC will once again try to handle the catering.
- Discussion took place with reference to the indoor flying that was being planned at U of T. We will help with advertisement at our meeting and on our web site, but the Club cannot take any financial responsibility.



- CFI Brian Anderson wants Fliteline to do an article explaining the type of aircraft that OMFC will require for all members wishing to take "Wings" training. This article will appear next month.
- With the Club looking to increase activities to promote the Club, we will need more volunteers and perhaps over the holidays members will reflect and consider offering a helping hand. As with any club, we have a minority of members carrying most of the load and we really do need more members to jump in and help out. It can be fun and rewarding. The camaraderie is great and this is how great relationships are formed [Brian, are you reading this!].

Well folks, that's all she wrote, except for a great selection of photographs which have been sent in by members and friends. OMFC wishes you and yours a great Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas.

Two Photos of the Experimental X-48B aircraft from Boeing/NASA.....Sent in by Manfred "Manny" Eiberger.....Many thanks Manny!!



Thunder Over Michigan

Selection of photos sent in by friend Jay Cox



- A10 Warthogs
- Junkers J52
- P.38 Lightning
- DH Buffalo

Humbug!

Keswick Fall Float Fly

Selection of photos sent in by Percy Ford– Smith



Thanks Percy!!!

"For Sale"

1. One "NIB" A.S.P. 108 ABC Super 2 stroke with muffler
Price: \$ 160.00 or best offer.
2. One "NIB" Magnum 65/GP ABC Schneurle, 2 stroke, with muffler
Price: \$ 125.00 or best offer
3. One "NIB" MDS 61 FS , 2 stroke, with muffler.
Price: \$100.00 or best offer
4. One "brand new" custom made Flight Box with aluminum handle & stand
Price: \$ 80.00 or best offer

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OMFC 2007/8 Executive

President:	Don Wilding	North Field Manager:	Bill Funnell
Vice President:	Percy Ford-Smith	South Field Manager:	Frank Pilih
Past President:	Jim Eichenberg	Social Director:	Jack Devito
Chief Flying Instructor:	Brian Anderson	Field Acquisition Mgr.:	Mike McDermott
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OMFC Event Dates for 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Saturday, May 31	Mall Model Display	Bob Zak
Sunday, June 8	Air Show	Bob Zak

OMFC Meeting Dates for 2007/8

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, December 3	Scale Modeling/"Balsa" Wilson bros.	Percy Ford-Smith
Monday, January 7	TBA	
Monday, February 4	TBA	
Monday, March 2	Sunday - Swap Meet	Erik Genzer
Monday, April 7	TBA	
Monday, May 5	TBA	