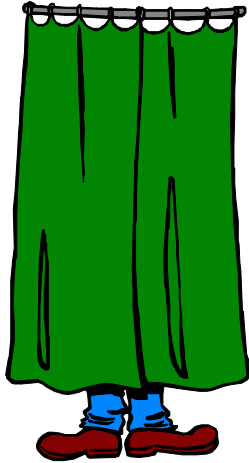


OMFC Fliteline

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November Meeting

The AGM meeting was opened by VP Percy Ford-Smith as Don Wilding was on a European cruise vacation. We had a large crowd in attendance....probably at least 60 lost souls. We had no new members or visitors in attendance.

We jumped straight into the election mode and “to make it fair” says Percy, we will give the floor to Jim Eichenberg [peals of laughter everywhere.....fair?.....pressgang expert/walk the plank Jim Eichenberg..... who are we kidding here??]

Jim was trying to put his glasses on which looked seriously like someone in a heavy SUV had run over them [he loaned his good ones to the Editor] to read out his list of nominees and Brian wondered out loud why they were all bent up.....just like he was.....only a look of disdain could be seen crossing Jim’s cruel lips as he managed to contain himself from bawdy house comments....what control this man has.

Jim advised that he was asked by the previous Executive [guess I missed that meeting] to be a “Nominating Committee of one for the 2009 Executive”. At this time, Jim read out his slate of persons, who he says, are interested in serving on the 2009 Executive.

President:	Percy Ford-Smith
Vice President:	John Pretty
Treasurer:	John Ross
Fliteline Editor:	Mike McDermott
North Field Manager:	Bill Funnell
South Field Manager:	Frank Pilih
Director of Hospitality:	Jack Devito

Jim then asked if there were any more nominations to consider???

Despite exhortations to the membership from the Fliteline Editor for more volunteers to come forward for the Fliteline Editor position, there were none.

Jim, hearing no other nominations, moved that the Nominations be closed and asked for the Nomination to be seconded and Brian Anderson was happy to oblige. The members unanimously supported the Nominations.

Jim then reminded everyone that the roles of Webmaster, CFI and Field Acquisition Manager were appointed positions and the new Executive would soon meet to vote on these positions. Again, if anyone is interested in any of these roles, please advise a member of the Executive.

Now all this democracy took about 5 minutes and Jim patted himself on the back for running such an efficient election! You had to be there!

It’s still a shame that so few members put themselves up for nomination.

At this time, our new President Percy Ford-Smith said a few words on why he wanted to become President saying he felt it was important to “give something back” to the Club. He noted he had been involved in similar volunteer work previously and welcomed the challenge to be President of OMFC.

Percy then congratulated Frank Pilih for his service in keeping the South Field so special. Frank does lots of extra mowing to keep the road and “other” field beautifully maintained. At this point, Percy also raised the issue of mowing a special strip down

the center of the field to show members where the field center was, as an aide to landing and taking off. Frank Pili thought that pilots should be watching their aircraft not the landing strip. Jody McConnell thought the idea was unworkable as far as warbirds at least were concerned, as this could create problems during transition from taxiing and landing and taxiing and takeoff, which will involve entering and exiting various levels of grass. Jody suggested perhaps we could use a white painted line and much discussion ensued. It appears this issue will be discussed more fully later.

Percy also thanked Brian Anderson for his work as CFI and for his useful discussions with MAAC personnel concerning flight training in general.

Jim took the floor again wanting to give us an update on the recent MAAC Zone meeting. Jim thanked everyone who had given him their proxy vote, which really helps if any contentious issues come up. Fortunately, none did and Bob Hudson was returned as Zone Director with Claire Murray as Deputy Zone Director. It appears that to ensure continuity, certain appointments will be for a one year term and others for two years.

Lifetime achievement awards were put forward for Roy Bourke and Jack Humpries.

The question of MAAC Leader Members came up and Jim feels that more people in the Zone should be recognized for their contributions to the hobby. It really is an acknowledgement position of a person's commitment to the hobby and to the ideals of MAAC. John McNicol is the only Leader Member from OMFC. To qualify, one has to have been in MAAC for at least 10 years, have been involved in running a MAAC sanctioned event and have a credible background in the hobby. Someone from the floor wanted to know if any "duties" would be involved....."none" advised Jim. A suggestion came from the floor to nominate Jim Eichenberg and there was a lot of support for Jim.

Editors Note: With all joking aside, yours truly feels that there is absolutely no one in OMFC who deserves the title of Leader Member more than Jim Eichenberg; this man is always there...no matter what, where or why, come rain or shine. Our hobby and OMFC would be much poorer without Jim and yours truly will find out how to get Jim's name put up to MAAC for this recognition.

Jim advised that a couple of recommendations will be going forward to MAAC for consideration:-

- 1] That MAAC will publish all details of accidents in the MAAC magazine.
- 2] That members of the Safety Committee and Zone Directors be advised of the pertinent details of accidents in the interest of safety.

There was much discussion on the two recommendations, the majority of members expressing concern that this information is not freely available. We do not need to know who is involved or where the accident occurred but the event is of much interest to all of us. How can we learn from our mistakes or take corrective action. The aviation magazine COPA puts details of all accidents into its monthly newspaper/magazine and the Government issues a periodic booklet known as the Aviation Safety Letter. This booklet goes into full accident report details and it is extremely informative. Jody McConnell, who is an airline pilot, expressed the view that reading about other peoples mishaps is the best leaning curve. There is a statement that always crops up and it is "learn from other's mistakes as you may not have the time to make them yourself".

It appears there were some 10 accidents last year and that's all we know. Don't forget that MAAC pays the first \$10,000 in most situations before the Insurers step in. Also remember that a MAAC member could be left holding "the bag" if he or she is not adhering to MAAC guidelines.

Jim mentioned that the President of MAAC has stated that there will be no more flying at full size airfields.... it appears that someone may have flown into a Harvard.

There will be much pressure brought to bear on MAAC on this issue and we will keep you advised.

Percy retook the floor and announced that we had no raffle items but would still hold the raffle. We would "promise" Hobby Hobby gift certificates, one for \$15.00, 2 at \$10.00 and one at \$5.00.

Following the coffee break, Brian Anderson took the floor to talk about the "Wings" program. "Twas a busy year to be sure" he mused.....30 plus students and the worst summer weather in years.....with many nights lost. Brian also noted we had a shortage of instructors for Tuesday nights and asked all members to seriously consider "joining up" next year.

Brian went on to say that he felt last year's group

was the best bunch of students he could remember in all the time he had been CFIalthough, maybe not Brandon Jackman. Everyone took the hardship in their stride with good humour. As a result, only 5 students graduated and one of them, Ethan Chariandy, was taught by his Dad.....he just showed up one night and passed his flight test.

Usually, advised Brian, 50% of the students graduate; so all the negative conditions took their toll.

Larry Henley was a big help said Brian, kept very busy messing around with engines and air frame components. Instructors used to get involved but that's a "No No" nowadays, as is instructors helping to find downed aircraft "even if they helped down them" [that remark brought howls of laughter and lots of finger pointing]. We cannot afford to allow instructors to stray from the flight line admonished Brian [next thing you know, they will be tied up to the railing with one pee break per night]!

Brian was hoping to award the Wings Certificates, but only Brandon Jackman was at the meeting. Brian did concede that while Brandon was a P.I.T.A., he really was an O.K. guy so he did award him his Wings Certificate [per photo].



Brian also thanked the students for arranging the BBQ for the instructors and helpers. The instructors received lots of praise [well deserved of course] and some really nice gifts that were much appreciated. It was a fun night!

Next up on the floor was irrepressible Nicholas Jacobs... [ED: now there is another P.I.T.A. candidate! If there ever was one!] Nicholas did not get his Wings but he was heavily involved in the BBQ event and he wanted to award Frank Pilih, who could not make the BBQ, with his gifts and also to thank Frank for his help as an instructor.



Percy finally got some control of the meeting and brought us back to the resolution detailed in last month's Fliteline concerning flying aircraft [with noisy, smelly dirty engines], starting from 9 a.m. on Sundays and Holidays. The vote was almost a unanimous "yes".....Rodger Young, Frank Pilih and Eric Goldring voting "no".....

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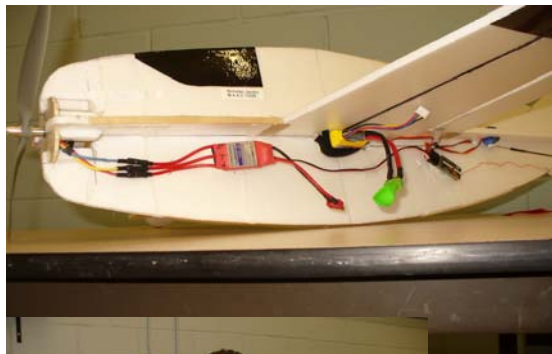
Now this makes sense for Eric Goldring who flies only electric but the other 2 are just being difficult, aka P.I.T.A.'s.

Ron Roseland-Barnes took to the floor to tell us that Charlie Fox [WW11 Spitfire pilot] who made a presentation to us last year, had passed away and asked for a moment of silence to recognise and reflect on what he and others did for us all during WW11. Ron reminded us that Charlie had injured German Field Marshall Rommel during a strafing attack near the end of the war.

Nicholas Jacobs stood up AGAIN..... did we agree on painting a white line down the middle of both the North and South runways??? Jim Eichenberg suggested that it is very hard to see a white line painted across the field from the flightline but, obviously, discussion will continue at a latter date.

Meeting closed.

Following the meeting, we noted the electric foamie that Nicholas Jacobs had brought in. Here are some photos but, by next month, we will have a article about this aircraft from him. It sounds like he got all the stuff very cheaply and it will make interesting reading so Nicholas get writing!!



This is a short Fliteline and it has to be out quickly. The Editor is going South for a couple of weeks.

That's all she wrote!

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OMFC Meeting Dates for Balance of 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, December 1st.	Meeting	Percy Ford-Smith



“Least we forget”