



OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Model Flying Club

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October 6 OMFC Meeting Highlights

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed the membership back after the summer flying season. The President called on the following to make a report:

John Ross, Secretary-Treasurer, brought the membership up to speed on the clubs current membership and financial numbers. There are currently 185 OMFC members and the club should end the year in the positive.

John McNicol, our resident electric expert, provided information on the Electric Fun Fly he hosted at the North Field on May 24, 2003. You can read his full report in the Summer edition of Fliteline.

Bob Zacharczuk gave the membership a full briefing on the Model Display we held at Oakville Place Mall and the Air Show. It appears that we were quite successful in our endeavors this year. The club raised \$450 in donations and 850 pounds of food for the Oakville Food Bank. Salt, the food and drink people, also did quite well and sold out of food twice. You can read Bob's full report in the Summer edition of Fliteline.

David Fallowfield educated the membership on the fine art of Scale Combat that he hosted at the North Field on June 21, 2003. Basically, you fly around at high speed, constantly out maneuvering your opponent trying to cut his ribbon while preventing yours from the same fate. Believe me, if you have not seen this art form of our hobby, you really are missing something quite spectacular. David had 10 pilots attend his event and together they had about 40 planes. There were only 4 midair's (apparently quite a low number) and everybody had a great time. David would like to thank the club for the use of the North field.

Jim Eichenberg, the Vice, gave us a short rendition of the saga that he and his pattern guys had to endure over the weekend of their contest on August 2nd and 3rd. You see, the weather did not cooperate with Jim and his fellow aviators and because of an Air Traffic Controller shortage, they were not allowed to fly in the clouds. From what I hear, you couldn't carry your plane from your car without going into the clouds. You can read Jim's full article in the Summer edition of Fliteline. When you see Jim, ask him about his budget!

Then it was my turn to talk about the Scale Fun Fly we hosted at the South Field on September 13, 2003. You can read my full report on Page 3.

Tim Deel came up and talked about the Oakville Air Cadet 540 Squadron and the volunteer work we do for them. Every Monday night, OMFC members act as civilian instructors for the Air Cadets and teach them how to build model airplanes. The models vary in size and complexity and the cadets start out with a basic balsa stick and tissue model. From there, they move up to more advanced models with a 1/4 scale Piper Cub being the largest project the kids will do this year. Tim still needs a few good men to help him and his crew out. The idea is to have enough volunteers to have each member come out one night per month. Contact Tim if you can help him.

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Points of Interest

- Tim Deel is looking for volunteers to help out on Monday night with the Oakville Air Cadets. Contact him if you can help.

- The Annual Toronto Hobby show is coming up on November 7, 8 and 9, 2003 at the International Centre in Mississauga, ON.

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The president then outlined the 2003/2004 schedule to the membership:

Our next meeting is on November 3, 2003 is our Annual meeting. The elections will take place and any proposed changes to the Constitution will be debated and voted on.

On December 1, 2003 we will have a presentation by Don Fisher of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum of Hamilton. Don flies the Avro Lancaster for CWHM and will be talking to us about that experience.

On January 1st, we will ring in the new year with our annual Frozen Finger Fun Fly at Drumquinn Park. Meet and greet is at 11:00 AM with the Gun firing at Noon sharp (we hope). This year we will be enforcing the rules and no one shall take-off until the Gun actually fires...loud BOOM! All in all this is a fun event and hopefully Mother nature will cooperate with us once again.

On January 5th we will have our **How To** meeting at the regular time and place. There will be members there to answer questions and demonstrate the following skills: Covering, Fiber Glassing, Motors, Balancing, Electric, Scale and this year there will be a new area to check out. Brian Anderson will be explaining to the membership the new and improved art of ARFing. Brian's new found way involves giving me hints of what plane he likes, getting me to buy it, assemble it, fly it and when I'm done, sell it to him ready to go.

February 1st is our Swap Shop at the meeting hall. This meeting is on Sunday instead of Monday and doors will open at 9:00 AM. If you have any questions about participating in the Swap Shop please contact Erik Genzer.

At our March meeting we hope to have a Scale presentation. We have been in contact with the MAAC Scale Chairman and hope to have him and some of his airplanes out for our meeting.

April 5, 2003 will have to be great weather. Nothing like last year please! We should have the Turbine guys that made a presentation to our club last year and if the weather is good, we will take a plane outside and start the turbine engine up. Too cool!! Now I've just got to convince my wife to buy me one of these very expensive birds.

May 3rd is our annual Beauty Contest. I was quite surprised last year by the small turn out and we had no entries in the novice or junior class. I hope this year we run out of tables to put all the models on. Start building guys!

There are a couple of notes for the membership. The Drumquinn park area is scheduled for Phase 1 of a major overhaul. The road that leads off of Britannia Road will be extended straight back through our road and grass area. Construction is scheduled to start in October and could take until next spring. If there is construction on our road area and you cannot access the North field parking lot, please use other areas to park or don't fly there. The contractor has the right of way and we are not to bother them.

The Wings presentation will take place next month. The following members are asked to attend the November meeting to receive their wings: Tim Elmes, Terry Killows, Bob Zach, Jake Read, Dan Morgan, Ricardo Lahaie, Don Wilding, Jim Strzalkowski, and Mike Fairley. Please try and attend so we can give your wings certificate.

The Club would like to recognize the following members for 25 years of membership with our club:

- John Jaremkow
- Peter Trishler

These two members along with John McNicol will be presented with a plaque from OMFC at the November meeting. Please attend if you can.

Who is that guy with the green hat on? He never seems to have an airplane with him.



OMFC Scale Fun Fly

On September 13, 2002, OMFC hosted a Scale Fun Fly at our South field location. Back in June, Frank Pilih approached me about holding a Scale Fun Fly in Oakville. I went to work on fixing a date, recruiting volunteers, arranging prizes and food.

Early on I enlisted the help of Dave Slote. Dave knew the right people to invite to our Fun Fly and he was a teacher for many years so if I got out of line, Dave would be able to reel me back in. I was able to line up three sponsors who donated goods to give away. Tom Bakonyi at Hobby Hobby donated a case of fuel, Don Field donated a Top-Flite FW190 kit and my wife, through her company, Zycko Inc., donated 9 golf shirts and 9 golf caps with the OMFC logo on them.

I contacted Tim Horton's about serving Coffee, Donuts and Muffins in the morning and they donated enough food and drink that everybody that wanted some got some. Tom Kalina offered to be our chef for the day and with his help we served Hot Dogs and Hamburgers.

As the final details were being arranged, Dave and I traveled to 3 Scale rallies to plug our little Fun Fly. We went to Hamburg, NY, Burlington, ON, and the KW Flying Dutchmen's big Scale rally in September. Not only did we have fun at these events but we got to do some advertising for our event as well. I think it paid off as we saw a few familiar faces at the OMFC event that we recognized.

The day of the event arrived and the weather was fantastic. We had 30 pilots register and about 100 spectators and club members in attendance. The Coffee and Donuts were a hit and Tom did a great job cooking lunch for the masses. We sold most of the food we cooked and I think we even made a few dollars. The pilots that attended were from Oakville, Burlington, Halton Hills, KW Flying Dutchmen, Bramalea and Fergus.

The first round of prizes were given out by vote. All the pilots got to pick which model they liked best in the following categories: Best Scale Civilian, Best Scale Military and Best Scale Flying display. The remainder of the prizes were given away by drawing tickets from the can until we were out or some one had already one a prize. Almost all the flyers got a prize.

I would like to thank the following persons for their help for without them I would have never been able to hold this great event. **Dave Slote**-right hand man, **Jim Eichenberg**-site preparation and day of event operations, **Keith Houston**-pilot registration and frequency impound coordinator, **Bruce Hutchinson**-traffic direction and parking control, **Manfred Eiberger**-announcer extraordinaire, **Brian Anderson**-for looking so good, **Tom Kalina**-chef extraordinaire, **Don Field**-sponsor and a member we all miss having around the south field, **Tom Bakonyi**-sponsor and owner of cool store, **Diane Anderson**-food sales and for allowing Brian to enjoy this great hobby, **Rae McConnell**-food sales, great shirts and caps and for allowing me to enjoy this great hobby, **Frank Pilih**-for a great field for this event and his parking sign and all the people that stayed behind and helped us clean up.

All in all this was a fun event to plan and I hope I can do it again next year. Thanks you OMFC!





OMFC Executive 2003

President:	Brian Anderson	North field Manager:	Vince Watkins
Vice-President:	Jim Eichenberg	South Field Manager:	Frank Pilih
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OMFC Dates for the 2003 Season

Nov	3	Regular meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM.
Dec	1	Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
Jan	1	Frozen Finger Fun Fly , North Field (Drumquin Park). 12:00 PM
Jan	5	Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
Feb	1	OMFC Swap Meet , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 9:30 AM
Mar	1	Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
April	5	Regular Meeting OMFC , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
May	3	OMFC Beauty Contest , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM