



# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville Model Flying  
Club

October 2004

## October 4 OMFC Meeting Highlights

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

We welcomed the new members and returning members to the meeting. Jim Eichenberg spoke briefly on the club's current membership strength and the financial position. The President then opened the floor for Contest Directors to speak about their events.

John McNicol updated the members on the Electric Fun Fly he hosted in May. You can read all about it in the Summer Edition of Fliteline.

Bob Zach addressed the membership on the Air Show and the Mall display. Even though we didn't hold our Annual Air Show this year, Bob still wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped out before the event. Bob also wanted to thank the members who came out to the Oakville Place Shopping Centre to help with the Mall display.

Jim Eichenberg touched on the South East Zone Precision Aerobatic contest held at our North field in July and the National Team trials held at the South Field in August. You can read Jim's report in the Summer Edition as well.

On September 18th, we hosted a Scale Fun Fly at our South Field. This event was very much going to be like the one we hosted last year except that we named it in memory of our friend and fellow modeler, Don Field. The weather was not looking very good before the weekend as Hurricane Ivan was moving northward. Luckily, Ivan turned east before Toronto but left us with strong North East winds. We only had 12 fliers show up and most of them flew something.



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### Points of Interest

- If you got your wings this year, Congrats.....Please try to attend the meeting in November for the wings presentation!
- The Frequency Board at the South Field has been removed for the winter. Please use caution when flying at the South Field.

We served Tim Horton's Coffee and donuts for the morning and Don Wilding BBQ'd up a storm for us at lunch time. All that showed up got an OMFC hat, donated by my wife's company, and some prizes from Tom at Hobby Hobby. Thanks to Dave Slote, Brian and Diana Anderson, Don Wilding, Jim Eichenberg, Percy Ford-Smith, our sponsors and anyone else who I forget to mention for helping out. Next year we will make this a great event. I put out a challenge to as many members as possible to build a new Scale plane for next year's Scale Fun Fly.

Dave Slote stood up to talk about Don Field. Dave wrote a beautiful passage about Don that you can read on the Sports Flying web page of the OMFC. Dave also spoke about a small memorial service that he, the family and a few friends of Don's attended at the South Field on Sunday October 3, 2004 that you can read about on page 3.

Next up was David Fallowfield to talk about the Onslaught Over Oakville. You can read Dave's report in the November Fliteline.

Bert Armstrong hosted a Mini Scale Aerobatic competition at the South Field on Saturday Aug 29th. The weather was a bit on the uncooperative side but all in all it worked out great. All fliers got prizes and look for more from Bert and Jim on this type of event in the future.

Wayne McKee spoke to the membership about the 2004 Wings Program and Flying School. The Wings Presentation will be held at the November meeting. Please try and attend if you received your wings this year.

Winners of the Beauty Contest will be presented with your award at the November meeting as well.

There's no spot so sought after

A most popular retreat

There's no discrimination,

But again – you'll have to wait!

This little house is made for ONE,

It's just a sheltered hole;

But what a dire disaster

When no paper's on the roll !



Willem Sikma, 2004.



## **Don Field Memorial**

**On Sunday October 3, I was invited, along with several other club members and close friends of Don Field, to attend an informal gathering at the south field to say Goodbye to Don. His daughter Pat wanted to thank those who had sent letters and cards of condolence, especially those who took time to visit Don in his last days when he could no longer live alone in his house. She asked if I would fly my Spitfire, one of Don's favourite planes, maybe second only to the C 47's that he flew in Asia, Australia, and all the way back to England.**

**We were invited to return to Pat and Randy's home for some BBQ'd burgers and to see some of the memorabilia that she has collected. The heroic event described elsewhere had developed into a BBC documentary which outlines the search for Don Field. Don had been seconded to the RCAF when he moved to Canada but somehow the records in England did not show this information. A young postman became interested in the mystery and ultimately Don was found and invited to return to England for a follow-up documentary film. He was finished travelling but did correspond with many folks who had taken an interest or even witnessed the saving bail out of his crew and the ultimate crash of the Lanc which still had a full load of bombs. The bay doors had been jammed by the same flak bursts that left Don with some small pieces of shrapnel in his leg and back. Recently he had some x-rays and the doctor inquired if he had ever been wounded. There were some unidentified spots on the negative. One piece was too close to his spine for the doctors to attempt a removal during his recovery.**

**Pat has had letters of remembrance from England and one in particular tugged at her heart. A young girl, named Megan, lives in the cottage that Don was taken to after he had bailed out of the wounded Lancaster. The explosion of the bomb-load created a 90 foot hole that is 25 feet deep and today filled with water. Don was blown, in his parachute into a nearby tree. When the locals arrived he was stunned and confused. Thinking he was still in enemy territory, he fired at the approaching fellows but luckily was not able to aim accurately. He was taken to the cottage until an ambulance arrived. Megan wrote Pat that she is proud to live in the Hero's cottage. That is the level of feeling these strangers have for Don.**

**There are so many great stories that could be recounted and perhaps they will be published later.**

**Dave Slote**



## OMFC Executive 2004

<b>President:</b>	Brian Anderson	<b>North field Manager:</b>	Dan Morgan
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## OMFC Dates for the 2004 Season

Nov	1	<b>Annual meeting OMFC</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM.
Dec	6	<b>Regular Meeting OMFC</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
Jan	1	<b>Frozen Finger Fun Fly</b> , North Field (Drumquin Park). 12:00 PM
Jan	3	<b>Regular Meeting OMFC</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
Feb	6	<b>OMFC Swap Meet</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 9:30 AM
Mar	7	<b>Regular Meeting OMFC</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
April	4	<b>Regular Meeting OMFC</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM
May	2	<b>OMFC Beauty Contest</b> , Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville. 7:30 PM

### **For Sale**

Zenoah G38 Gas engine. Less than 50 flights, Comes with bell cranks, kill switch and pitts muffler.  
\$250 obo.

Hangar 9 Cessna 182, 95" two piece wing with flaps. With Saito 1.80 4-stroke and 3 blade props. No radio equipment. \$900 or \$600 without engine.

Hangar 9 Piper Super Cub, 100" two piece wingspan with flaps. With or without Zenoah G26 Gas engine. No radio equipment. \$700 or \$450 without engine.

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