

OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the
Oakville Milton Flying Club
October 2007



Opening Comments

Well folks, the November “new Executive” election meeting will soon be upon us. The meeting date is Monday, November 5th.....this date is somewhat memorable [at least for anyone with a Limey background] in that this is the date that a gent named Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in England and very nearly accomplished his goal! He was obviously not very happy with the politics of the time.

Hopefully, many a member will attend the November meeting and any protests should be a tad less excessive than expressed by Mr Fawkes, who obviously had a problem or two with the “Executive of the time”.

Jim Eichenberg has been charged with “nomination” duties and anyone interested in running for a position or wanting to nominate someone else, should contact Jim @ 905-849-9721.

Well, way up until the middle of the month the weather stayed very warm and, with a bit of luck, we will still be flying well into the winter. Lots of members are still flying which is great! For the first couple of weekends of October, the North Field was particularly busy.

October Meeting

El Prezidente, Don, opened the meeting welcoming everyone “back” and commented on the very hot summer! Don invited any new members or guests to present themselves and we have a new member by the name of Steve Zakaib.....a very warm welcome Steve. Steve has moved to the area and used to fly in Kitchener.

Don turned to the South Field.....the Field is, of course, still open for flying and we are now dealing direct with Great Gulf Homes so, hopefully, we can all enjoy the Field for the foreseeable future without any more hassle.

At the North Field, the school is being operated as a school again which means **no weekday flying until after 4 pm.** We understand that this may only be a short term issue of 2 to 3 years. Prez Don has spoken to the Principal of the school who was initially concerned about our activities so near to the school. CFI Brian has also had a word with the science teacher at the school and we may put on a flying demonstration for the students in the Spring. So guys, please follow the rules.....the rules also **extend to electrics, even foamies.** As the school Principal noted.....being hit by a plane will spoil someone’s day if it hits them.

Don noted and decried the lack of summer event reports in Fliteline [editors note: due solely to tardy event Directors]. Bob Zak stood up and said he had sent his reports in [but not before the Summer Fliteline had gone out]. So, come on Event Directors, shape up!!!! [Heh, heh, heh.....got dem buggars!] Don also reminded people to send in any appropriate stories etc., to be published in Fliteline [if you have any inappropriate stories, send them to the editor “personally” for review].

Don also noted that the November meeting will also address any concerns/changes in the Club’s Constitution should the need arise. CFI Brian noted the “Wings” certificates will also be awarded at the November meeting.



Percy Ford-Smith took the floor to talk about the December meeting.

Ron and brother Don Wilson will be in attendance. Ron is the curator of the Hamilton Warbird Museum and will be talking "Scale" modeling and building. Ron has produced kits for the Smithsonian Institute in the U.S.A and obviously deals in high quality scale modeling/building. It should be a very interesting presentation.

Brother Ron, is involved in the sale of model building materials, primarily balsa wood and will be talking about the various types of wood available and their "properties". This will be an informative talkdid you know that there are a vast array of strengths and weight available for any given size of balsa sheet? You can contact Don @ 905-945-5647 and visit his ad in the October MAAC magazine, page 85. Why not order stuff now and have Don bring it to the meeting! It should be a fun and informative evening! Thanks Percy for setting this up!

John Ross was asked about the Club's financials but John advised he could not give us accurate figures until the Event Directors had submitted their expense/income reports.....hopefully, these will be handed in shortly.

Don was questioned from the floor about the South Field road. Unfortunately, said Don, please do not look for any road repairs/upgrades as our new agreement with Great Gulf Homes means not touching the road. Potential tax considerations are involved here so expect no work on the road.

As usual, we had a raffle, [tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00].

We had a Super Sportsman 40 size kit, a book about Bombers from 1914 [hey John McNicol.....isn't this your birth year??] up till today's date..... plus, said Don, Jim Eichenberg's Big Mother of a tow plane proudly set up for all to view at the back of the hall.....and a wing jig, a balance jig and some clamps!.....what a veritable cornucopia of goodies I ask you! Jim did make some threatening remarks about the raffle including "Mother" but, as usual, nobody paid him any mind. Luckily, Jim got second draw in the raffle and took back "Mother", so any potential ugliness was averted. Bill Fennel got first

Draw and chose the Super Sportsman kit.....over "Mother".....that say's it all.....doesn't it.

Coffee and donuts time arrived and a chance to admire Jim's Big Mother...splendiferous in it's black and yellow foliage with a delightful huge twin cylinder gas engine up front. Sincerely, well done Jim.

Before the RCTV video showing, Bob Zak wanted to make a "comment". It appears he had seen a large Yak model flying over Terra and he had talked to the pilots at the Field and the aircraft was the property of a guest pilot. Bob did not want to make a big deal of it but felt the point was worth raising again about our Club flying outside of the Club's boundaries. Yours truly also saw a plane over, or at least very close to, Terra while picking up some bushes, so please let us all watch ourselves and our airspace.

Bob also ran over his summer events and his official reports are included herein later in Fliteline.

Following the 30 minute RCTV video, Don thanked the participants involved and said he thought the video portrayed the Club well. It was rumoured that CFI Brian was heard to say how pleased he was that Jim Eichenberg was not given a speaking role in the video but, as this is only hearsay, it will not be reported officially herein...consider this an unofficial notice so as to protect the innocent.

Executive Meeting

Various items were discussed and we would ask members to consider the following items:-

- Membership fee for 2008 is still \$70.00 and new members are still subject to a \$50.00 initiation fee. The late fee of \$25.00 still applies to current members after January 1st, 2008.
- Jim Eichenberg has been named in charge of the nominations for Executive positions for 2008. Any and all members are eligible for consideration by the membership; anyone interested should contact Jim @905-849-9721.
- As advised at the October meeting, Don Wilson will be at the December meeting. Anyone needing balsa or other items can order from him as noted in the meeting notes above and Don can then deliver them personally at the December meeting.



Model Display at Upper Oakville Shopping Center June 2, 2007

We had an excellent display with a good variety of attractive models on show. The weather was bright and sunny although it got a tad warm in the afternoon (much thanks to Jim Eichenberg for dropping by with a supply of cooling liquids). Among the models and members present to spread the good word about the Air Show, the hobby and the Club :

- Stan Plausinis with his magnificent large P-51 Mustang.
- Mike McDermott and his detailed Great Lakes Trainer and Hurricane.
- Jody McConnell brought out his gleaming Canadian Coast Guard DC-3 and a Curtis P-40 (and a helicopter).
- Don Wilding had his oft repaired Vought A Corsair and a Funtana.
- Terry Sears came out with his Giles 202.
- Bob Zacharczuk had his trusty Kadet and his finally repaired Fokker Eindecker.
- Erik Genzer showed up with his Byron Extra 300.

As usual, we had a constant stream of spectators with much interest and admiration of the models. There were even a couple of offers to buy (the models, not the members).

Many thanks to the personnel of the shopping center who went out of their way to accommodate us by supplying extra tables at a few moment's notice.

Our thanks go out to the members who came out providing models, enthusiasm and their time. Hopefully, we'll do as well next year or even better!!!

Bob Z.

Annual Air Show June 10, 2007

Once more, we lucked out with the weather. Sunday was a clear, sunny day with comfortable temperatures and a reasonable breeze. Again, we were honored to have Milton's Mayor Krantz provide warm words of welcome and further confirming our new relationship with the town of Milton.

The spectators were treated to the following:

- The opening of the show to the magisterial notes of the beginning of Richard Strauss' "Sprach Zarathustra" (more commonly referred to as the music from 2001) with Frank Pili doing the honors of towing the Club's banner using his "Tug".
- Steve Johnson doing weird and wonderful things with an Ohio Planes YAK 54 .
- Randy Waugh and his Raven.
- An electric Edge put through its paces by Trevor Brum.
- Bert Armstrong doing the disciplined routines of a pattern sequence.
- Ivan Kristenson doing his magic with a 35% YAK 54.
- A Bucker ballet with Mike McDermott's Jungmeister and Stan Plausinis' Jungman elegantly demonstrating what sport flying is all about.
- Comic relief by Heinz Ernstberger with Snoopy and his doghouse (in addition to the regular powered classic, he now has a very agile electric version), plus his flying lawnmower (ably assisted by Adam Foreman).

A tribute to private flying through the ages:

- A classic 20's Sopwith Dove flown by Jody McConnell.
- Dave Slote's impressive Beechcraft Staggerwing (with retracts yet) from the 30's.
- Still with the 30's, Bert Armstrong demonstrating the elegance of the low wing Ryan.
- Adam Foreman representing the current state of affairs with his Cessna 182.
- Daniel Gautreau beating up the sky doing a Top Gun routine with his Grumman F-14 Tomcat (that little plane did move smartly! Eat your heart out Tom Cruise).

Air show Cont'd:

We had two examples of the quiet elegance of sailplanes:

- Jim Eichenberg putting his Alpina through its paces after being expertly towed into the sky by Frank Pilih.
- At the lower end of the cost spectrum, there was Hans Peter Keller flying his foam Glider with Jim Eichenberg doing the towing this time.
- Trevor Brum again, this time doing a James Bond movie sequence with an electric TREX helicopter.
- John Boyd and his Rocket Society crew were out in force with a number of spectacular launchings. (The spectators do get into the countdowns). Halfway through the rocket display there had to be a pause as a passenger jet flew overhead in its approach to Pearson Airport. It appears that one does not fire pointy thing'ees trailing smoke in the general vicinity of a commercial jet lest we get a couple of F-18s screaming in on the deck to investigate.....But just think about the publicity for the show.
- WW II warbirds beat up the sky in proper fashion with Mike McDermott's superb Hawker Hurricane, Dave Slote's classic Supermarine Spitfire Mark IX and Jody McConnell's big North American P-51 Mustang all mixing it up with Fred Mesagar's long nose Focke-Wulf 190 .
(Hey Mike and Jody! Those landing approaches just clearing the south end trees were all part of your routinesweren't they?)
The fantastic gyrations of the trainers in the post show demonstrations.

A show like this is only as good as the models and the pilots in it and again Club members did this in fine fashion with only two or three non members participating. There are as well a myriad of jobs that have to be done to such as preparing the field, help co-ordinate the acts, direct the spectators. Just a few of the people involved were: Don Wilding, Brian Anderson, Mike McDermott, Jim Eichenberg, Andy Sulkowski, Dino Duratti, Erik Genzer, Dan Morgan, Frank Pilih, Bert Armstrong...et al.

Special thanks to Mike Phelp for providing the music as he has done for the last few years. This effort is (and there is a lot of effort involved) much appreciated.

Kudos to Jack Devito and his hard working crew for supplying the excellent food and drinks.

Thanks to Glenn Wilding for once again graciously providing us with flyers and to Hobby-Hobby for use of their generator.

Thanks to the guys who donated their trainers and to the instructors for making the post show introduction to flying its usual success.

Our spectators donated some 800 pounds of food and \$403 bringing our cumulative totals over the years to 11, 905 pounds of food and \$3, 609.

RCTV was there to film the show. Their schedule is expected to be out with their first show of the season on November 17 at 8:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. on OLN (Outdoor Living Channel).

Again thanks to everybody who was involved and if I've overlooked anybody, my sincerest apologies.

Some concerns:

The number of spectators was down considerably from last year. Media coverage was not good. Despite multiple e-mailing of press releases and personal contacts, the only notice we got in the print media (to my knowledg)was a two line mention in the Toronto Star.

The other problem may have been the location of our billboard for the week before the show. The manager of the PetroCan station at Trafalgar and Iroquois Shore Roads (where we've had the billboard for the last few years) declined to give us permission to place the billboard on his property. Instead, we had to settle for the corner of Cornwall Ave and Trafalgar Road.

Perhaps it may be time for the Club to invest in a new amplifier and microphones. While the speakers are O.K., we had problems with this equipment this year. Also, we need a decent set of walkie talkies to help coordination of acts (which was much improved this year).

Maybe there should be a one or two member standing committee to address these concerns????

Bob Z.

***“A Gathering of Eagles”
Mustangs, and more Mustangs.....Sent in by Keith Houston***



2007 Airshow “Catering Crew”



C17 Globe Master 111

The four builders are shown in the image below. Colin Straus, the owner, is at the nose of the aircraft. This 1/9th scale radio-controlled C-17 model was built in the United Kingdom. It was built as the centerpiece of a 15 program television series produced in the U.K. for the Home and Leisure satellite TV channel. Built with the aid of three friends, it took one year to build and is powered with 4 Jetcat P-120 turbines with a total thrust of 108 lbs. The model weighs over 250 lbs fueled, and carries 12.5 liters (3.3 US gallons) of 95% kerosene and 5% turbine oil fuel. Other details include 5 Futaba PCM receivers, 16 battery packs (93 cells), 20 Futaba servos, on board air compressor, electro/pneumatic retracts, etc. Wingspan is 20 feet 8 inches, and the top of the fin is 74 inches (6 feet 2 inches) above the ground. Takeoff weight is 264 lbs. The rear cargo doors open and they drop an r/c jeep on a pallet, as well as 2 free-fall r/c parachutists. The model also has smoke systems on both of the inboard turbines, and uses a 2.4 GHz data link to provide real-time data to a laptop computer on the ground while in flight. This data includes airspeed, turbine RPM, EGT, fuel consumption, etc. Built mainly from balsa and ply, with many glass and carbon fiber moldings to reduce weight. It is covered in fiberglass and epoxy resin. Complete with retractable landing gear and pneumatically operated flaps. This C-17 Globe Master III is one of the largest jet models in the world today!

Sent in by Percy Ford-Smith [and two other members]
Keep 'em coming!!!.....



Subject: UPS Repairs

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one. Reassurance for those of us who fly routinely in our jobs or vacations. After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet", which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

Cont'd:

P: Aircraft handles funny (I love this one!).
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last.....

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget.

Editor's note: This humorous article was sent to me by Erik Genzer. "Many thanks Erik ".....keep 'em coming!

Closing Comments

Well folks, that's all for now.....please try to attend the meeting on November the 5th and become involved in the election of the 2008 Executive!!!

P.S. To Brian.....later my love, later.....

That's all folks!!!!!!



OMFC 2007 Executive

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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, November 5	Election Night for 2008 Executive	Don Wilding
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	