

OMFC Fliteline

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All Hallows' een!



Opening Comments

Hi everyone and welcome to the start of the Fall and Winter meetings. We hope you all had a great Summer with your families and sincerely hope that the recession did not spoil it all too much. The Summer flying season was a bit rough and for yours truly, the best of it all arrived early September and stayed till early October. The Fields are in great condition due to all that rain and, hopefully, the weather will allow us a few more weeks to enjoy our hobby.

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 2nd and is of course “**ELECTION**” time. Jim Eichenberg, who runs the Election Committee, will be at it again and anyone wishing to run for election can contact him to be put on the slate. As always, anyone can put their name up..... it would be great to see a few more names thrown into the mix.....see you there!

October Meeting

Club President, Percy Ford-Smith, opened our first Fall meeting.....lots of members in attendance. We had no new members or guests present.

Percy welcomed us all back and hoped we all had a great flying Summer [what planet has he been on???]. The weather has been great of late and the Fields are in great shape, albeit the South Field has some very rough patches. The road “down” however is “amazing”.....a testament to all the hard work that went into rebuilding it from top to bottom.....you all know who you are..... thank you on behalf of OMFC. As a side note.....lots of you have found your way to the South Field this year and have become fans of this Field.

Jim Eichenberg was the first to speak and he talked about the recent MAAC Zone meeting. Unfortunately Jim said, the Zone meeting date was changed to occur prior to our first meeting and, as a result, he could not get member proxies as he has done in the past. However, not much happened at the meeting. Interestingly, the Zone Director and Deputy Zone Director did announce that they would be switching roles with each other.

One issue that was raised will affect some Club members. The MAAC UAV committee has defined a UAV as a flying aircraft out of the direct line of sight of the pilot. This means that if you fly with a heads up display or are looking into a monitor [i.e., not actually looking at the aircraft while flying].....your aircraft is by definition a UAV and is not covered by our MAAC insurance. The Federal government is behind this and a UAV falls under different government guidelines [I guess they don't want us flying fully armed Predator type aircraft].

Jim also talked about the new MAAC Insurance Advisory committee and the role of this new group came up at the MAAC meeting. Essentially said Jim, the existing MAAC Insurance committee was being replaced by the Advisory group and that this did not sit well with everybody. The Advisory group was formed to include MAAC members with an extensive insurance background to help and advise the existing Chairperson. There was much discussion about the effect this might have on member driven insurance issues and this led to comments about the recent MAAC insurance changes, primarily those that have basically restricted MAAC coverage to MAAC approved/sanctioned sites.

The majority of flyers at the MAAC meeting were not happy with this change as it means that the insurance will not apply, as a case in point, to someone flying a plane off their cottage dock.

A resolution will be going to the MAAC Executive to change the insurance coverage back to the previous coverage format.

Jim also told our OMFC membership that yours truly had been appointed to the new Insurance Advisory group and asked me to say a few words. I advised that I had to been appointed to give advice on technical insurance issues [my 35 year career involved U.S. and Canadian third party liability commercial exposures] as they relate to MAAC and the insurance problems they face going forward.

Following the above address, it became apparent that many OMFC members were not aware of the recent insurance coverage changes, and comments were flying about..... "what do you mean I can't fly off my dock.... when did that happen? "Why was the coverage changed anyway and why can't we change it back?".... was another question. Yours truly advised that my understanding was that the change was put into place to protect MAAC and the Insurers. People flying at other than MAAC sanctioned sites face insurance exposures not anticipated by the Insurers or MAAC. Flying off a dock for instance can involve other cottagers, people in boats and obviously there is no designated flying area. MAAC/clubs/members bear the first \$5,000 of any and all claims, and many of us do not properly focus on what that really means. We also have to protect the interest of our Insurers. Our insurance is what allows us to keep our Fields and to fly and we have to work with the Insurers to make it work for all parties.

Viewing the fact that many Club members are not really aware of the insurance changes or the fact that individual clubs and individual members will have to "pay" [as in share] the MAAC deductible in the event of a claim. Yours truly suggested that OMFC would issue an insurance primer to members on the MAAC insurance in the near future but this information can be obtained from MAAC or online and it is recommended that all Club members bring themselves up to date on this very important issue.

It was then Bob Zak's turn to give a brief rundown on the Mall shows and our Air Show. Well, starting with the Air Show said Bob, it was a sunny day and quite windy, as in a 90 degree 15 km crosswind windy! The show went off very well except for the fact that the Rocket boys were a no show [...Jim stood up and said it was as a result of them leaving the MAAC family so to speak..... something that was reported at the MAAC meeting]. Bob advised that 900 lbs of food items were collected for the food bank and the Kinsmen Group who provided the food advised that approximately 800 people showed up [that probably means 798 people showed up, as Jim Eichenberg and Brian Anderson were seen to be demolishing 2 burgers each!]. Especially rewarding advised Bob was the training session at the end of the Show. We had at least 4 instructors and 5 student aircraft and must have had close to 100 people give it a try. Ted Chudleigh, a local Milton area politician had a go. The Air Show probably did much better than the last couple of years due to the change of date back to "Father's Day".....so we will stick with this same date for the Air Show next year advised Bob.

The Mall shows were not as well attended as in previous years for some reason and perhaps we should re-think our approach.

The Breakfast TV show went very well, thanks again to Terry Sears. Hopefully, you all had a chance to see Breakfast TV and it's coverage. We did send out a flyer in the Summer with lots of great photos courtesy of Harvey Slaght.

Jack Linghorne brought us up to date on the Electric Fun Fly. For the first time Jack can remember, the weather was just perfect. Surprisingly, only 19 flyers showed up and Jack feels that this is the result of a lack of promotion. Jack says he has contacted the EMFSO and they are promising to better promote the event next year. Electric pylon racing may be introduced which will help juice up the fun quotient and should bring in a few more amps. Jack thanked the OMFC volunteers for all their great help. Jack says he is willing to run with the show again next year and is thinking about an early June date.

Jim Eichenberg wanted to say a few good words about the EFF and noted that there were some great models on display. "Thanks" said Brian Anderson butting in..... "no, not yours Brain" was Jim's lightning response.....all to howls of laughter! While Jim admits he is not really an "Electric guy" [not sure what that means and best not to speculate], he really enjoyed the day.

At this point, Brian took the floor and asked that all students awarded Wings during the last flight training year should make a point of attending next month's meeting to receive their Certificates and Wings.

Percy declares "break" time for coffee and encouraged one and all to buy raffle tickets for a host of goodies!

Adam and Paul Foreman show off their new "Texan"....purchased from Henry Vanderbeek.



Following the break, Percy asked if there was any new business or other items to be discussed. Other than members recounting some of what they had done over the Summer, there was no new business brought forward.

Percy advised that he had a fibreglass specialist from Noah's attending the December meeting and he will impart a veritable fountain of information on how to do what, when, why and where! This should be a great evening for everyone wanting to learn how to make cowls, wheel pants and other body parts!

Bob Zak advised that someone from the St John's Ambulance will be attending the January meeting where we can learn how to glue our fingers back on, plus other safety procedures to keep us all healthy on and off the field.

At the November meeting, the raffle will include a fully built SIG CADET .40 size.....plus a very special but small [say .25 size] built but not covered DH Tiger Moth.....plus a new, but old, kit for a .40 size sport plane. This kit is donated by John McNicol and is in pristine condition, but all the parts have to be "cut out".....yes, "cut out".....can you remember!!!

The meeting was then closed.

Executive Meeting

Items for discussion :-

- As you all know, the Annual Swap Meet has been run for almost 10 years by Erik Genzer. Erik put us on notice some time ago that last year was his last year. Erik is obviously willing to help out and guide a new member to take over the role but, so far, we have no takers. OMFC would like to see the Swap Meet continue and we are hoping that a member will step forward and volunteerany takers "Please"???
- The Executive have discussed a general membership fee increase. Due to rising costs, a motion will be brought before the membership to increase membership dues by \$5.00 to \$75.00 [adult members only, no change to family or junior dues]



Closing Comments

Throughout the Summer, many of you have sent in photos and videos and the Editor has tried to pass on as many of these as possible. Some of you have expressed a desire to see this material and others of you would prefer not to have it. The end result is that there are now two e mailing address lists. Hopefully, you are now on the mailing list you wish to be on but, if not, please advise and we will make the appropriate changes.

Many thanks to all of you who have sent this information in. It's been a explosion of material. Barely 3 years ago virtually nothing was sent in.....now I get stuff several times a week!

**That's all for now.....
see you at the meeting!**



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OMFC Meeting Dates for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, November 2nd	Election of Officers Meeting	Percy Ford-Smith
Monday, December 7th	Regular Meeting	TBA

OMFC Event Dates for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Director</u>
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There are no events scheduled at this time