

# OMFC Fliteline

The Newsletter of the  
Oakville/Milton Flying Club  
October 2010



## *Opening Comments*

**H**i everyone and welcome to “Fall”. We hope you all had a great flying season. The weather cooperated mostly, so no excuse for not getting out there [except for family, house chores, work and so on and so on].

Monday, November 1st is election time for the new 2011 Executive, so remember to come out and vote!

Yours truly has just returned from a trip to the UK and, during the trip, I visited a small full size grass airstrip near my sister’s house in Kent. I was taking pictures of a Tiger Moth [see over] when I heard a plane start up. Out from the hangers came a 1936 Bucker Jungmann [see above]. The aircraft ran up it’s engine and did some other checks and then proceeded to take off right in front of me. He got half way down the runway, lifted off and at about 50 feet, and at what seemed to be a very slow speed, proceeded to do a roll and continued on his climb out. I was dumbfounded. I don’t even do rolls at that height taking off with my model Bucker!!! Following this, he got to about 100 feet [maybe less] and flew back down the runway inverted! Turn the page and you can see the nutbar inverted. He then did tip stalls at a couple of hundred feet and then went into spins and spirals. I was standing 50 feet away watching this marvelous flying. My wife was 200 feet away in the car and almost fell out thinking the guy had a death wish. I watched this guy in awe for some 25 minutes before he landed. I gave him a thumbs up and hoped to speak to him but he

went into the hanger area and I had to leave wondering who he was.

Well, a couple of days ago, I discovered that the guy and the airplane performed this year at Duxford in the UK with the Duxford Fighter collection group! Some nutbar!

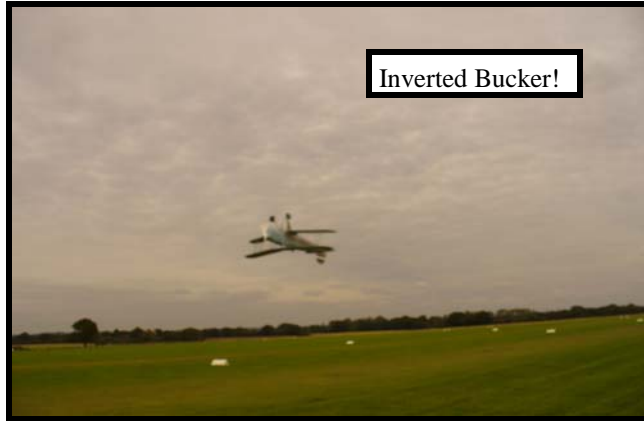
Anyway, enough of that. As I was away for the October meeting, Andy Sulkowski graciously agreed to take the notes of the October meeting and his notes follow. Many thanks Andy.

## *October Meeting*

The meeting was opened by Percy Ford-Smith. First up was John Pretty, giving a summary of our 2010 Air Shows. This year we held three – two static display shows and a flying display on Father’s Day. The Upper Oakville Mall Show was a bit of a disappointment, not a lot of models and also not a lot of spectators. The show at Hopedale Mall was much better attended; about a dozen models and there were plenty of spectators showing interest and asking questions. It was felt that our presence at Upper Oakville should be rethought; being outdoors makes the display much too dependent on the weather. Members again suggested a showing in Milton or at the Oakville Place mall for next year. The annual Air Show on Father’s Day was very successful. About 500 spectators took in the flying program, and there were also a lot of models on static display. We collected \$380 and 1100 lbs of food for the Oakville Food Bank – in the 13 years that we have been keeping records, we have collected \$4600 and about 15,000 lbs of food for that very important cause. The Kinsmen again handled the food concession this year; they did a fantastic job and made some money to boot. So, a big thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year’s Air Show a resounding success. It is perhaps our most important event of the year, as it is the face our Club presents to the public.

This year our Electric Fun Fly unfortunately had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Organizer Jack Linghorn is hopeful the event will again be on next summer’s schedule.

The 2010 Swap Meet, organized by Erik Genzer and Terry Sears, was held early in March, and had more tables sold than normal but less people than last year showed up. Seems to be a general trend lately, perhaps due to the economy. It was mentioned that next year's meet needs to be advertised earlier and more often and hopefully there won't be conflicts with other meets in the GTA. The 2011 meet will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>. (There is a full Swap Meet report in the February 2010 Fliteline)

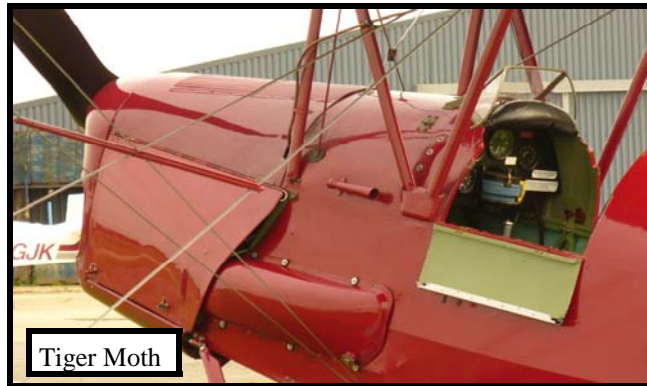


Inverted Bucker!

Points were awarded towards the SE Zone Championship. The Zone Champion will be decided at the Kawartha Lakes Contest (the last of three events this year).

Next year we will have to move our contest dates since the Precision Aerobatics World Championships fall on our usual date. At the moment, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are tentatively being considered.

Jim Eichenberg then gave his report on this summer's Precision Aerobatics Contest (aka the 'Pattern Contest'), held on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We had 18 pilots attend; most were from Ontario, but we also had one entry from Quebec and one from New York State. Saturday was spent dodging rain storms and, as a result, only three rounds were flown that day. Sunday was much better weather-wise; another three rounds were flown, for a total of six rounds per class. Judging and scribing was handled by the contestants themselves, but Jim would like to thank:



Tiger Moth

Jim was also our representative at this year's MAAC Southeast Zone meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Richmond Hill.

Due to a procedural matter, there wasn't an election for the Deputy Zone Director. Clair Murray advised that as a result of the resignation of Bob Hudson (Deputy Zone Director), he had appointed Gord Weaks to act in that position until elections could take place later this fall or early winter.

- Brian Anderson: Asst C.D. and flight-line coordinator
- Kim Vasiliadis: Registration and Fees
- Terry Sears: Obtaining, cooking and serving lunch on both days
- Bert Armstrong: Computer and Generator

Nominations are open for the position of Deputy Zone Director. Bill Thorpe, presently an Assistant Zone Director, advised that he is in the race.

"Without the help of other members of our Club, I wouldn't be able to do this event."

Hall of Fame member Ray Bourke had brought several models built by the late Jack McGillivray. Ray spoke about the models and Jack McGillivray.

The final expenses are not in yet, but Jim expects we will break even or make a small profit.

Martin York spoke of his 30% Super Stearman from a Balsa USA kit. It is powered by a 150 3W engine swinging a 32 X 16 propeller. It is finished with Sig Koverall that has been painted with dope. Finished weight is expected to be approx. 55 lbs. Martin hopes to have the maiden flight next summer.

This year's winners in the events were:

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| Sportsman    | Ted McNaught                 |
| Intermediate | Scott McNaught               |
| Advanced     | Ethan Chariandy              |
| Masters      | <b>Kim Vasiliadis</b> (OMFC) |
| F.A.I.       | Dezo Vaghy                   |

Tom Gottlieb, Humber Valley Flyers made a presentation on Club newsletters - What should be in them and what shouldn't?

It was then established that we had a Quorum and the business portion of the meeting began.

A recommendation was made that the Scale Committee should have the power to decide whether or not a team trial was required to select a team for scale competition. The motion was carried.

A recommendation was made that a “Jack McGilivray Memorial Library” be built at MAAC Headquarters out of the money that Jack left MAAC. The motion was carried. (Ray Bourke circulated a petition urging MAAC to do the same thing.)

A recommendation was made to reduce the MAAC rates by 50% for indoor flyers. Discussion ensued. The motion was defeated.

A recommendation was made that the annual membership card issued by MAAC indicates whether or not the pilot has his “wings”. Discussion ensued. The motion was defeated.

**Nominations for Awards -**

**Hall of Fame**

- Peter Ulnutt - Motion carried
- Jim Mosley - Motion carried

**Leader Members -**

- Gord Shindler
- David Patten
- Mike McDermott
- Brian Anderson
- Jim Eichenberg

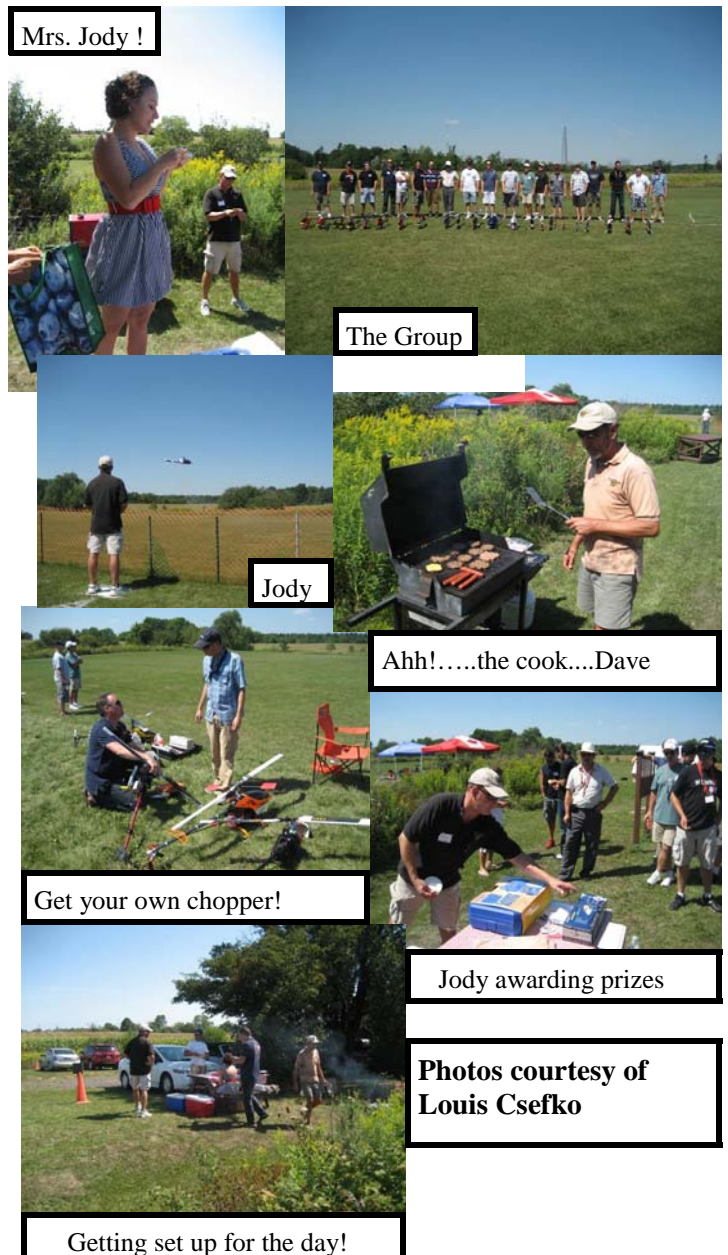
This was one of the better Zone meetings that I have attended. The speakers were interesting and the meeting ran better than a lot that I’ve seen. Procedures that were put into place: Written Recommendations and Resolutions, Written list of Committees where the position of chairman and member could be written in, averting the time consuming practice of going round the room filling the same document out.

Fred Messacar is to be congratulated for the work he did setting this procedure up.

Thanks go to all the members who gave me their proxy votes.

Jim Eichenberg

OMFC held its first (and hopefully now Annual) Helicopter Fun Fly, organized and hosted by Jody McConnell, on August 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 pilots in attendance at the South Field event, mainly from the GTA. The weather was great, with many pilots getting in five or more flights during the day. Thanks to Jim Eichenberg and Frank Pilih for helping set up the field, Dave Slote for doing all the lunch-time cooking and to Jody’s wife Michela for selling food and assisting Dave. Thanks also to Tom Bakonyi of Hobby Hobby for donating some awesome prizes! Everyone went away with something! Jody would be interested in holding the event again next year, possibly with more emphasis on scale models and perhaps with a more task-oriented flying program.



Mrs. Jody !

The Group

Jody

Ahh!.....the cook....Dave

Get your own chopper!

Jody awarding prizes

Photos courtesy of Louis Csefko

Getting set up for the day!

The OMFC Aerotow, organized by Frank Pilih, was held on the second weekend this August. About 12 pilots, from as far afield as Ottawa and Michigan State, attended. Frank reported that they started the event with four tugs, and had one left at the end!! People are now flying five and six meter gliders, and getting flights of 45 min. to an hour. A bit of kidding ensued as to whether certain of the tug ‘incidents’ were equipment failure or pilot error!!

Following the above reports, there was a coffee break and the raffle draw.

Tony Kreg had brought his DA 85 powered Extra 260 – the plane is for sale. Contact Tony if you are interested.

Bill Funnell brought the membership up-to-date on the grass cutting equipment that was purchased by the Club this year. The cutter cost \$17,000, but last year’s cutting cost was \$6,000, so the equipment will pay for itself in three years – and the grass has never looked so good! Thanks to the volunteer cutters and floaters, and also thanks to Brian Anderson and Bill and for all the legwork that was put into researching the purchase.

Percy noted that the school at the North Field is not in use at the present time, so the flying there will no longer be restricted to when students are not present in the playground.

Club membership was fairly static this year, 148 members this year vs. 150 last year.

Next month’s meeting (November) is the Club’s AGM, and a proposed slate of officers will be prepared and presented to the membership at that time. Nominations from the floor are also welcome and encouraged.

### *Closing Comments*

**As advised earlier, the November meeting is the election of officers for the 2011 season. If you are interested, put in your nomination. Whatever, please show up and cast your vote. The Club runs on volunteers and cannot exist without them.**

Prior to the election and as a flyer, yours truly wants to especially thank our two field managers. Frank and John who do an amazing amount of work keeping the fields in great shape, and now they are cutting the grass and maintaining the equipment!! We may have problems from time to time but we can never fault them for lack of commitment. Thank you guys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# *That's all folk's!*



Look at the clouds!

Jim's SCHLEPPFLUGER or-something like that !

Concentration!!

Frank's lovely P. Porter

Frank and Jim mucking about.

Manny with a handful.....sky???

Hanspeter with his cradle an' all

Gliding is soooo demanding!

Photos courtesy of Louis Csefko and Nicholas Jacobs.

## OMFC 2010 Executive

<b>President:</b>	Percy Ford-Smith	<b>North Field Manager:</b>	Bill Funnell
<b>Vice President:</b>	John Pretty	<b>South Field Manager:</b>	Frank Pilih
<b>Past President:</b>	Don Wilding	<b>Social Director:</b>	Terry Sears
<b>Chief Flying Instructor:</b>	Brian Anderson	<b>Field Acquisition Mgr.:</b>	Mike McDermott
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## OMFC Meeting Dates for 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, November 1st	Election of Executive for 2010 /11	Percy Ford—Smith
Monday, December 6th	Regular Meeting	TBA

## OMFC Event Dates for 2010/11

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Director</u>
	TBA	