



# OMFC Fliteline

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Oakville Model Flying Club

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## Special Summer Edition

### Don Field Memorial

On August 13, 2004, Donald William Field passed away after valiantly battling illness. He was known by most members of O.M.F.C. for the person he was; a gentleman of the first order. I met him at the field about twenty years ago and we had an almost immediate rapport and through the years we became good friends. I shall remember his presence at the Southfield where he regularly demonstrated his consummate skills as a model builder and pilot. Not only did he fly there, he also held court and bestowed on us his intelligence, his wit and humour, and his generosity, with the time he spend on our airplanes, specifically on our engines.

In due course I came to call him the "Engine Guru". He would walk up and down the flightline and tweak here and twiddle there until whatever engine he was working on would purr like a kitten. Once a young man who just received his wings asked him, what his secret was that made him so successful with engines, and he answered "Well son, first I adjust the high end, then the low end, and if that does not cure it I address the engine and threaten to pee in it's carburettor and most of the time that does it". He was a very active member of our club and seldom missed a meeting. He was a past president and a very colourful one at that.

Although he was reluctant to speak of his experiences during WW II, like most true heroes, during his last years he told me how he flew his Lancaster 48 times over enemy territory, often returning with his aircraft horribly shot up. During his times in the RAF his plane had to be replaced 11 times. Some of his crew did not survive and he himself was wounded badly. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and if anyone deserved it, it was him.

I must say, that his passing has affected me more than the loss of some of my own family. It was heartbreaking to see him in his decline, yet whenever I visited him he still managed a smile and a wink. His daughter Pat truly impressed me with the loving care she gave her Father to the very end. Nothing was to much for her and I could see in Don's eyes how much he loved her and how he appreciated all she did for him.

On the day after Don's death I sat outside in my garden, contemplating life without my very special friend. All of a sudden I heard this tremendous roaring sound in the sky. The Warplane Museum's Lancaster flew right over my house, banked towards the lake and disappeared in the distance. I took it as a message from Don telling me to get on with life and quit moping. It made me feel a little better, nevertheless he will be sadly missed, by me especially and I'm sure by all of us who knew him.



Henry M. Vanderbeek

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- The OMFC is hosting a Scale Fun Fly on September 18 at the South Field. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jody McConnell.
- The First meeting of the fall is scheduled for October 4th at Unit 13, 785 Pacific Road.
- The Annual Scale Air Show at Kitchener is coming up on Sept. 11 and 12. See you there!

## Electric Fun Fly

I am now completely convinced that the Almighty ( as opposed to G.O.D. who is of course Brian Anderson ) is a modeller. How else can you explain having eight annual electric funflays in a row blessed with half decent weather sandwiched between inclement stuff?

First flyer up was our Prez taking advantage of the early morning still air to do some circuits with his GWS Tiger Moth. By noon 27 flyers had registered and well over 50 different aircraft had taken to the air.

As usual a wide variety of aircraft were flown, from helicopters to gliders and most types in between. Laddie Mikulasko had a nice foam Canadair CL-415 which flew well. Has anyone in the world designed and built more different models than Vlady? John Werner had a very pretty and nice flying Aquastar. Rob Campbell from Dundas has become a really proficient heli pilot with his Logo 10 and 20.

EMFSO president Robert Pike brought his new, unflown, Venus pattern type model which unfortunately remained unflown due to undiagnosed range problems. Many flyers were using the new and revolutionary Lithium Polymer cells which are capable of greatly extended flight times with higher power to weight ratio. Dedicated chargers are mandatory for these cells and price at present is high.

Several flyers including Mark Thompson and Adam Rogozinsky put 3-D airplanes through their paces very capably. There is no doubt that today any type of aircraft you want to fly can be powered by electric motors.

By noon everyone was ready for hamburgers and hotdogs done to perfection by our own Don Wilding on the club barbecue. Many thanks to all who helped including Brian and Diana Anderson, Bruce Mitchell, Jim Eichenberg and Don and Anne Wilding.

John McNicol

## OMFC Annual Air Show

It was with much regret that the OMFC Executive made the decision to cancel the Air Show this year. Due to construction at the Drumquin park site and limited access to our North Field, it was prudent to not hold this event.

We will endeavour to make next years Air Show the best and biggest yet and encourage you to get involved and help the club out. In the meantime, thank you to all the members that came out and brought a plane to the Mall show held at the Oakville Place Shopping Centre.

## 2004 CANADIAN NATIONAL PRECISION AEROBATICS CHAMPIONSHIP

31 JULY 2004 & 1 AUG 2004

The Oakville Model Flying Club, once again hosted the Canadian National Pattern Championship. At the same time we ran the long standing, Southeast Zone Precision Aerobatics Championship.

I would like to thank the many members of O.M.F.C., who donated their time and expertise, setting up and running this event. In particular, President Brian Anderson and this years "Student" pilots. This event wouldn't be as successful as it is without the help of the membership.

Right up until the last minute the weatherman was forecasting a lost weekend, but the predicted gloom and doom failed to arrive and flyable weather prevailed all weekend. Twenty - four pilots registered and flew in the 5 classes. This is approx., 15 pilots short of our normal total. It appears that quite a few pilots listened to the weatherman and stayed at home. As a result our Expert & Advanced classes were very short of pilots.

Because of the upcoming Canadian Team Trials, (August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), I decided to fly the FAI class on a single line by themselves. A big "Thank You" goes to Karl Mueller and Tim Pascoe, who, even though they weren't flying attended both days and assisted judging the FAI pilots.

The classes broke down as follows:

FAI	-	6 pilots
Expert	-	3 pilots
Advanced	-	1 pilot
Intermediate	-	11 pilots
Sportsman	-	3 pilots

The Intermediate class also contained the "Cricket Brigade" of Gord Silver, Scott & Steve McNaught and Ross Erwin. They had quite a good time at the contest.

The results are as follows:

FAI	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Chad Northeast of Alberta
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	Dezso Vaghy of Ontario
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Harry Ells of Ontario
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	Richard Vigneault of Quebec

Followed by, Xavier Mouraux of Quebec and Kim Vasiliadis of Ontario.

Expert	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Ken Velez of Delaware, USA
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	Steve Miller of New York, USA
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Tony Kreg of Ontario
Advanced	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Alan Hewson of Ontario
Intermediate		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Nicolas Pinzon of Ontario
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	John Santonocito of New York, USA
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Ralph Perillo of New York, USA
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	Steve McNaught of Ontario

Followed by, Ross Erwin, Maqsood Ahmad, Scott McNaught, Bert Armstrong, Gord Silver, Ron Francis and Lloyd Graham.

Sportsman	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Ken Hendry of Ontario
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	Eric Genzer of Ontario
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Chris Larson of New York, USA

The Southeast Zone Championship Trophies went to:

FAI	-	Harry Ells, Cobourg, Ontario
Expert	-	Tony Kreg, Mississauga, Ontario
Advanced	-	Al Hewson, Thorton, Ontario
Intermediate	-	Nicolas Pinzon, Mississauga, Ontario
Sportsman	-	Ken Hendry, Goodwood, Ontario

The entire weekend went very well with only two incidents. Lloyd Graham had a heavy landing on his first flight which effectively knocked him out of the competition.

On Sunday we had a "Mid - Air" between Bert Armstrong and John Santonocito. John's plane made like the energizer bunny. After chewing Bert's "Swallow", into several pieces, it just kept on going. John's throttle stuck, forcing him with the assistance of Steve Miller to fly a damaged aircraft around until it ran out of fuel. This incident lead to an event that makes pattern flying worth your and my time. John's plane was out of action with one more flight to go in the contest. John was in third place right on the heels of the second place contestant. Ralph Perillo, offered John his aircraft so that John could fly the last round. John accepted Ralph's offer and as a result moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place beating Ralph 976.8 to 943.3 on the last flight. This is why we fly pattern and associate with other like minded enthusiasts.

Jim Eichenberg  
Contest Director

## Tri Club Fun Fly

On Saturday August 14, 2004, I attended the Tri Club Fun Fly hosted by The Bramalea Radio Control Flyers.

The Pilot meeting was at 9:30 AM and flying started about 10:00 AM. There were about 30 pilots in attendance with a broad range of aircraft types. During the day I spent most of my time with Dave Slote and Mike McDermott. We spotted each other and had a great time seeing who could do the best scale flying. Mike could have taken the prize if it weren't for his OS 120. Just kidding mate!

Next year it is our turn to host the Tri Club Fun Fly and I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces I have seen at these events over the last two years.

Jody McConnell



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### Fliteline Footnote

If you are a member in good standing and you do not receive this newsletter by mail or e-mail, please contact Jody McConnell at [jmmis@sympatico.ca](mailto:jmmis@sympatico.ca) and let me know your e-mail address.

Alternatively, if you have no e-mail or computer access, call me at (905) 257-8629 to be added to my mailing list.

The Executive would like to thank John Schmitt for donating two model engines to the club that will be sold at the Swap Shop in February. The proceeds will be donated to the club.