



Newsletter of the
Oakville Milton Flying Club

www.omfc.org

NOVEMBER 2011

Our next club meeting is

Monday December 5th

at 7:30 pm

Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville

Cat's Cradle

It's been a long time since I have put virtual pen to virtual paper and revisited this byline – 18 years to be exact! These past few years have been a time of catching up on all aspects of the hobby; so much has changed!! But, as in the past, Cat's Cradle will be a collection of news, comments, some soapboxing, pleas for material to publish, miscellaneous ramblings and anything I can find that's (hopefully) interesting in general. White space is an editor's enemy!

I hope you'll bear with me as I wax nostalgic a little – the layout of this issue of the Fliteline is as close to the 80's and early 90's layout as I could manage. This November issue is also a bit of hybrid—it's still officially Mike's issue, but he is on holiday, so I'm jumping the gun somewhat and filling in. The new executive doesn't actually take office till December 1st.

First of all I must congratulate Mike for the fantastic job he has done over the nine years (incredible!)

he's been 'Fliteline' editor. Mike has had the unenviable task of not only writing most of the articles for the newsletter (that's how it works, folks), but also bringing this publication into the "modern era". In an age of two second sound bites and one-line communication, it's very hard to command attention, month after month, but Mike has done an admirable job!

Publishing the 'Fliteline' has seen many major changes since my first stint in 1984. Back then I started using a computer, but it was a mainframe (!!) and the layup was all cut and paste with finishing done at a printing house; by the end of my second stint in the early '90s publishing had moved to a PC (using DOS programs), but layup was still at a printing house and mailing was all Canada Post. You learned to hate licking stamps, especially when the club membership was over 300! Now the entire procedure is digital, the whole publishing process can be done from your desk, and almost all the distribution is email.

So – for me, the last few years, after reconnecting with the hobby, have been spent getting some planes flyable, and then getting said planes into the air (and back in one piece, more or less).

What hasn't changed much is that the editor has a certain amount of white space to fill every month, and unless he is given material, he has to write the whole content by himself.

So, if you have any articles of interest, or photos of events or of your latest creation (or purchase), by all means pass them along! (asulkowski@cogeco.ca)

November Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by President John Pretty on November 7, 2011 at 7:30pm with about 30 members present.

This was the Club's Annual General Meeting, where we elect the next year's executive, as well as make any required changes to the Club's Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions.

John welcomed the all the attending members and any guests and then asked Jim Eichenberg to give us a summary of the club's financial position to this point in the year.

Even though our bank accounts are relatively healthy, we are in a position of having fewer members than last year, so our income is less and we will incur a loss this fiscal year. Hopefully this will be offset by the proposed fee increase next year; however, the drop in membership year to year remains a concern to our club, as it does to other clubs as well as to MAAC.

The meeting then went on to deal with the proposed changes to the Constitution. As these had been posted in last month's Fliteline, there was minimal discussion, except for the Standing Resolution dealing with 'special' Executive powers. This particular S.R. was amended and then passed as amended.

For a complete listing of the changes passed this year, see the following article on 'Constitutional Changes'. Also, the most recent copy of the Club Constitution is always available on our web site—you can download a PDF copy from there.

Jim Eichenberg had brought a model to show from the estate of Bill Chalmers. It was an R/C version of a 1940's 'Answer' called the Super Scorpion. The model was designed for a .40 four-stroke and had rudder, elevator and throttle con-

trols. Very impressive workmanship; this model and several others from Bill's estate will be sold at our upcoming Swap Meet.

We then had a short break to allow everyone to get their refreshments and raffle tickets, and the raffle was held before the meeting returned to business.

Next came the yearly executive elections—as has been the case in the past several years, 'Sergeant-at-Arms' Jim Eichenberg presided and the matter was dealt with very quickly (probably much to everyone's relief). Only a couple of new faces on the Executive this year — see the list following the minutes below.

Nicholas Jacobs showed us a foamy trainer called the 'Blue Baby'. This is for electric power and is made from 6 mil foam and features a rib-less wing made of wrap-around foam based on a wood and carbon-fibre spar. A very strong and light structure when made that way.

That being the last item on the agenda, John declared the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

After the AGM, there was a short **Executive Meeting** at which time the 2012 appointed positions were filled. Denis Loo volunteered to take on the Social Director's position; he will be confirmed at the December meeting. Thanks Denis!!



It all comes back very quickly!

2012 OMFC Executive

President	John Pretty
Vice-President	Terry Sears
Past President	Percy Ford-Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Eichenberg
North Field Manager	Bill Funnell
South Field Manager	Jody McConnell
Publicity/Fliteline Editor	Andy Sulkowski
Social Director	TBA
Chief Flying Instructor	Brian Anderson
Field Acquisition Manager	Mike McDermott
Webmaster	Bert Armstrong



Constitutional Changes

Article IV. Area of Operation

Oakville, Milton and District

ByLaws Article II. Organization 2. Officers (d) Field Manager/Safety Director

(one Field Manager/Safety Director for all fields or one Field Manager/Safety Director for each Club flying field as required)

Standing Resolutions (2) Dues and Initiation Fees

B. Resolved that the dues payable by the commencement of each membership year be as follow:

Junior Member (under 18 as of Jan. 1)	\$35.00
Open Member (age 18 or over Jan. 1)	\$80.00
Family Membership	\$100.00
Half-year Open Member	\$40.00
Honorary (Lifetime) Member	nil

Standing Resolutions (7) Flying and Safety Rules

B. Flying of models or starting of engines is not permitted before the hour of 9:00 AM on any day, except engineless sailplanes and electric aircraft which are allowed to fly before 9:00 AM on any day

T. A simple majority of the Executive may grant exceptions to the rules with respect to noise/time/flight restrictions

Standing Resolutions (12) Gold Sticker Standard

SR deleted in its entirety

Standing Resolution (12) Club Name (new #12)

Resolved that the legal name of our Club is: The Oakville Model Flying Club; the name 'Oakville Milton Flying Club' may be used as an alternate to reflect the realities of our geographic area of operations.

Cover Page

Revised November 7, 2011

Index (pg. 3)

Standing Resolution (12) Club Name14

The O.M.F.C. Archives

The Club archives contain all of the available newsletters, announcements and meeting minutes from the Club's founding in 1956 to the present. They are digital copies of all documents that are currently in the paper archives, up to the point when the newsletter began to be published as an email document in late 1998. From then on they are copies of the original digital documents.

I hope to be publishing excerpts from the archives on a semi-regular basis, and perhaps getting them added to our web site.

The archives are a fascinating glimpse into our past, giving us a look at not only our hobby but also life in our community. There is a lot to be read between the lines of some of those dry meeting minutes or newsletter articles. We get to see places that don't exist any longer, or are totally unrecognizable, or now exist in a completely different format.

We are only missing newsletter issues from the early '70's (1971—1974), so if you have, or know where there are more documents that could become part of the archives (and are willing to part with them for a short period of time) please contact the current Fliteline Editor or the Club Secretary/Treasurer.



OMFC 2011 Executive

President:	John Pretty	North Field Manager:	Bill Funnell
Vice-President:	Terry Sears	South Field Manager:	Jody McConnell
Past President:	Percy Ford-Smith	Field Acquisition Mgr.:	Mike McDermott
Social Director:	Louis Csefko	Chief Flying Instructor:	Brian Anderson
		Assistant CFI:	Mike McDermott
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jim Eichenberg 1316 Gainsborough Drive Oakville, Ontario L6H 2H5 Telephone: 905-255-3063 jeichen@idirect.com		
Fliteline Editor:	Mike McDermott mike.mcdermott@sympatico.ca		
Webmaster:	Bert Armstrong bert@virtuhost.com		

OMFC Meeting Dates for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, December 5	Regular Meeting	John Pretty

OMFC Event Dates for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Director</u>
-------------	--------------	-----------------------