



HAPPY HALLOWEEN !

Opening Comments

Well everyone, here we are again, another Fall is upon us. The early weeks of October were unbelievable weather wise for flying but yours truly was stuck up a ladder for 10 or more days fixing up and painting the Tudor façade of my house. Complaining to the wife brings no mercy....."if you hadn't been scoffing off flying the past few years, the paint would not have required this much attention!".....what a load of malarkey, says Nancy!!!

This will be my final Fliteline. I have been doing this since the late 80's with a few years off when Jody McConnell and Jim Eichenberg each did a stint. Apart from all you guys probably getting bored with me, I feel it is time to move on and pass the torch so to speak. I have enjoyed doing Fliteline over the years, especially giving digs to various Club members. Jim Eichenberg and Brian Anderson have been fond favourites, but then they constantly provide a source of mirth and incredulity to yours truly. The really sad part is that I will lose my license to make fun of them and castigate anyone who fell afoul of my pen!

A great guy is running to replace me and, assuming no one else volunteers and wins an election run off, I am positive he will do a great job for the Club and I wish him or any else who may show up, the very best of luck!

Thanks for the ride.

Mike

October Meeting

John Pretty opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first Club meeting of the Fall. He felt a review of the past season's Club activities was in order and asked Erik Genzer to start off giving us all a report on the February Swap Meet.

Erik advised that he had rented out all 21 tables for the event and Jim Eichenberg kindly showed up with one more for a total of 22. There was lots of activity and it appears that the Club made a profit of some \$450.00. Erik is game to do it again next year but is thinking of a date around Valentine's Day, possibly February 12, but this day is by no means carved in granite at this time. Erik wants to keep the date away from the Super Bowl weekend which he feels drains away customers! Erik also thanked Terry Sears for his support in setting up the meet. John thanked them both for a job well done.

John then addressed the issue of Mall Shows. There were no Mall Shows! John and members of the Executive have felt for some time that these shows were not delivering any real results for us as a Club. We did participate in the Milton Farmers Downtown Market event in the old downtown area and there was lots of interest shown, plus we picked up a new Club member. Even Brian was enthused about the day.

John then asked Jack Linghorne to talk about the Electric Fun Fly. Well, said Jack, it was something else this year! The weather prediction was lousy and it turned out to be accurate. He arrived at the field early to be greeted by drizzle and 7 or 8 guys who showed up from the east end of the city. About 10:30 a.m., they all gave up and went home. The next day dawned with great weather, but the 7 or 8 guys could not come and only about a dozen or so pilots showed up. Jack says they made \$140.00 but we lost about \$30.00 on unsold food and drinks. Jack did say that he was a bit disappointed with the OMFC turnout. He advised that he had recently gone to an electric event in Bolton and they had a great show. Large scale aircraft included, right down to foamies. There was a jet type aircraft there that was reportedly clocked at 150MPH [that's what he said]. He told us that there were several crashes but, all in all, it was a fun day.

Jack then commented that he sees all the innovation today coming from the electric side of the hobby and sees very little innovation coming from the gas side anymore.....

He is willing to do the EFF again next year, but he reminded us all that he is 82 and time [his] is limited, so he will require some help. He then reminisced about John McNicol who he felt started up the electric flying side of the hobby, especially in OMFC, and that he is sorely missed. This sentiment echoed around the room.

From the floor came the comment that a member had seen an electric powered 60" Piper Cub at a recent event and the aircraft weighed in at 20 ounces! [that's 1 pound and a quarter!!!].

John thanked Jack for his participation and stated that we will do another EFF next year. John also stated that perhaps we need another "basic" discussion on electrics as lots of people in the Club still seem mystified with the subject. "Especially with the age challenged members", some wag from the floor suggested! Another comment from the floor was "make it very basic".

Turning to the OMFC Air Show, John said that it was a great success due to lots of people doing a lot of work. We had fabulous weather, lots of pilots and aircraft, including many on display at the front of the field. The "come have a try at flying" session at the end of the show was as popular as ever and the Mayor of Oakville gave it a try. Thanks as always to our wings trainees who allowed their trainers to be put at risk for this popular part of the Air Show.

Both Mayors from Oakville and Milton showed up and addressed the crowd, albeit half way into the show, due to a technical snag. Jody suggested from the floor that perhaps next year someone else should send out the letters to the Mayors viewing the discrepancy contained therein [the technical snag] about when the Air Show would actually start. John quickly responded that 6 or 7 "others" [the Executive] actually did proof read it!!



Stangely enough, the show seemed to work well with the break in the middle and it will be considered as a feature for next year. John feels that our relationship with the Mayors is crucial for the Club. This contact helped us with the Milton lease renewal earlier in the year. The Mayor of Oakville commenting on the Dundas construction work near our South Field suggesting that he felt it may still be a couple of years or so before it affects the field. Unfortunately, donations to the food bank were down and we need to do something to improve the situation.

Jim Eichenberg was supposed to report on the Pattern Contest at this point but he was just about to step on a plane to jolly old U.K. to visit his talented son [these things sometimes do happen].....thought we had dogged a bullet here but Brian Anderson felt the need to step in and read Jim's report, which can be seen on the following pages.

Jody was up next to report on the Heli Fun Fly in August. This was the our second year advised Jody, building on the success of last year. The weather was good and lots of pilots showed up. People stayed late and one guy had

to be practically thrown out at 7:00 p.m. as we could not get him to leave! The Mayor of Oakville showed up and by all accounts had a good time at the event. Jody also feels our relationship with the Mayor is good for the Club's future.

Jody also wanted to make a comment about the South Field. As Field Manager, he is concerned about damage to the edge of the laneway, caused by some drivers driving too fast down the lane.

Please, guys, slow down...we do not need any more repair bills.

He also noted that earlier in the year he and Dave Slote discovered a section of tree in the culvert going under the laneway, which they removed. Hopefully next year the accumulating water in the Spring will flow through unimpeded without pooling and damaging the banks and lane bed.

Jody's Heli report and a couple of photos are on the following page.

HELI REPORT

On Saturday August 27th, OMFC hosted its second annual Helicopter Fun Fly. Building on the success of last year's event, we welcomed over 25 heli pilots to our South Field. Many of these excellent flyers came from Mississauga and Toronto.

The weather was great for heli flying with a clear blue sky and light winds from the south west. The temperature topped out at 28c. Not bad for any type of event.

The Club provided coffee and timbits for the first few flyers and then we had a "cash" BBQ at lunchtime. Thank you to Diane Anderson, my wife Michela, Terry and Jim and Brian for their help with the BBQ and with the day. The food was a hit and we even had to send out for more burgers as supplies got low.

We flew from 9am to well after 6pm. There were nitro, electric, scale and even a turbine powered helicopter in attendance. Tom from Hobby Hobby, Sean from Rotorquest and Eugene (fellow RC flyer) donated prizes and everybody got at least 2 prizes. I also wanted to thank Frank Pilih for his help setting up and encouraging me to host this event again next year. We may even make it a 2 day gig.

Jody



Terry was up next talking about the Club's first Family Fun Fly day in July. This was another perfect day, 28 pilots and a large variety of aircraft showed up. We also had some wives show up. The Club will do it again next year and hopefully it will be bigger and better and, hopefully, more significant others will come out and a few kids would be nice. Please note, Terry and wife Janis, were again doing the BBQ!!

Following on from Terry was Frank Pilih reporting on the Glider Tow event. Now this was supposed to be a two day event but was reduced to one day due to lack of interest. Frank advised that he sees no growth in this sector and interest is waning. Only 7 or 8 people showed up. He will not volunteer next year and he feels that the event should be

shut down. Frank's feeling is that it is not fair to close off the Field for members for just a handful of guys.

Frank also advised that a 5 meter glider [that's approx. 15 feet or 180 inches!!] was lost at the event, disappearing into the adjacent cornfield!



2011 OAKVILLE PATTERN CONTEST August 13 & 14

The OMFC Contest was held later than normal this year. This was because of the World Championship in F3A and the US Nationals being held in Muncie, Ind.

This year we had 15 contestants flying in 5 classes. The weather co-operated enough that we flew 6 rounds.

The following are the winners in their respective classes:

Sportsman:	1 st - Ted McNaught 2 nd - Paul Brine
Intermediate	1 st - Darnley Beausoleil (OMFC) 2 nd - Scott McNaught 3 rd - Dale McGill
Advanced	1 st - Ross Erwin 2 nd - Ken Hendry 3 rd - Jim Eichenberg (OMFC)
Masters	1 st - Kim Vasiliadis (OMFC)
F.A.I.	1 st - Dezso Vaghy 2 nd - Colin Chariandy (OMFC) 3 rd - Harry Ells

No contest is run by one person and I would like to thank:

Brian Anderson - Assistant C/D, Kim Vasiliadis - Registration, Terry Sears aka - "The chef", Bert Armstrong - Photographs & Trophy's, and all the other guys who helped with Field set up and the million little things that are required for a successful contest.

Jim Eichenberg
Contest Director.

Last but not least was the report on the late September Scale Fun Fly by Percy Ford-Smith. Phenomenal day and weather said Percy. Some 15 pilots showed up representing 5 different clubs. We had WW1 and WW11 aircraft, and everything in between, both gas and electric. For every flight you got a ticket in the barrel. At around 2PM we had a draw and yours truly won a 60" wingspan Piper Cub kit! Brian Anderson was heard to give a sigh of relief at the thought of winning a full blown "Kit".

We had great food ,supplied and cooked once again by Terry Sears and his wife Janis. Thank you two!!

Percy wants to do it again next year although perhaps a little earlier in the season. John Pretty interjected his agreement and that we should encourage more clubs to join in. Percy also expressed the desire to move the event to the South Field next year.

Everyone had tons of flights and by 2-2.30PM many pilots were running out of battery power.

Jody wanted to thank Terry and Janis for doing virtually all of the BBQueing throughout the season and made a point of saying that he needs more help before he burns out!



SCALE FUN FLY

Following the event/contest reports, John Pretty advised that, as of today, we have 130 members; that figure is down from last year but the number does include 15 new members. As a result, the Club may be faced with a small deficit by year end and a fee increase for next year may be in the cards, but more on that later.

Rodger Young interjected saying that 15 years ago we had 200 plus members and lots of younger members, so why not now [well, even I was young 15 years ago!]?

Well said John there are probably many reasons:-

- Most newcomers to the hobby go for park flyers
- Lots of distractions now that were not available 15 years ago

At this point, Bill Thorne, MAAC's Deputy Zone Director became involved saying that this is not just an OMFC problem and that it is happening to many clubs and to MAAC membership, plus:-

- Potential newcomers want to fly NOW
- Parents nowadays seem to find it an effort to drive the kids to flying fields
- Phones, I pads, Facebook, games etc., all give the youngsters instant gratification
- The perennial favourite ,girls
- Potential good news is with more retirees, new members will come from this group
- Clubs should not give up, keep the focus on new members.

While he was up, Bill Thorne expressed thanks on behalf of MAAC for providing the hall for the recent MAAC zone meeting. The meeting was well attended and Bill stressed the importance of members attending and or giving proxies. If people have issues, this is the place and time to present them. He advised that the new MAAC president was a no nonsense guy and MAAC clearly wants to move forward.

The MAAC meeting was a five hour democracy run he said, democracy at it's best. MAAC is not a policeman he said "you are". MAAC is more than insurance. If you are a MAAC member, you can fly at any club and feel comfortable. MAAC is about safety. Is it worthwhile going to an AZM, yes.....do not stay at home and complain!

Kim Vasiliadis stood and advised that he had heard that MAAC will now offer insurance to people flying park flyers. Bill replied that was not correct. Insurance

coverage only applies to sanctioned fields/events and at private property with the owners permission. Not at parks and not on water, again unless permission has been given.

A question came up about sanctioning an event and Bill said any event should be sanctioned. It's easy to do and it is information the insurance company likes to have, especially where members of the general public are involved.

Bill then awarded "Leader" member certificates to several OMFC members, adding that the award was quite an honour and recognition for many years of Club/MAAC involvement/work and support. The OMFC members awarded "Leader" certificates were:-

Brian Anderson
Frank Pilih
Mike McDermott

Following the above, a Mr. Zolton gave us a demonstration of FPV flying. This borders on UAV type flying but a FPV flyer has a body standing next to him to advise if he is getting out of sight and he will then change direction. An aircraft is fitted with a camera/transmitter and the pilot flies obviously using the camera as his eyes. We were shown a copy of a flight video and the images were pretty good; we were also shown the flying glasses that are used. The equipment all seemed amazingly cheap.

John then asked Brian Anderson to give us an update on the Flight School training.

It was a "rough "year advised Brian. Overall attendance was down and we had to contend with irregular attendance from our 13 students. Students would miss nights and also some would come late in the evening. Only 2 students were awarded Wings in 2011. We had one student who initially showed up with a park flyer....he was convinced to buy a proper training aircraft and he did very well. One potential student showed up and basically said "why should I pay you \$200.00 when I can go to a park and fly for free?"....."so go fly in the park" was Brian's tactful response.

Brian wanted to thank the instructors and thanked our newbe junior instructor Bob Hudson who volunteered and joined up late in the season.

Brian also alluded to the fact that we as a Club do get criticized for not getting involved with one to one training anytime the student wants it. Brian says that would

be a concern to regular flyers having to contend with a trainee on a buddy box whenever and also to our instructors who already donate 2 nights a week for almost 5 months. John thanked Brian for the good work at the flight school.

John took the floor....a couple more items

- We made a \$100.00 donation to the FAI team and received a nice letter back thanking us for our support.
- Coffee break time and time for those of you who have not purchased a ticket to get one. The raffle is for 3 items, the 2 aircraft kits and one 90 2 stoke engineplease help with our deficit!

After the break the raffle was held.

- Prize #1 From the Toronto area, "Bhushan"
- Prize #2 From the Cobourg area, "Scott McNaught"
- Prize #3 From OMFC "Kim Vasiliadis"

Terry Sears advised that the non Club winners will be contacted and the prizes will be forwarded to them. As a result of the raffle, OMFC made \$345.00. These items were donated to the Club by Ian Ross who was a long time member and passed away this year.....thanks Ian.

John took the floor again and reminded everyone that next month is our AGM and the month to elect a new Executive. John told us that he had a full slate of volunteers but as usual anyone from the floor or the Club in general can volunteer and stand for election.

John then advised that there are some items that the Club would like to change in the Constitution and Standing Resolutions as they are as follows:-

Constitution

A] Article 1V. Area of operation

Change from : Oakville and District

To : Oakville, Milton and District

B] Article 11. Organization, 2 Officers, [d] Field / Safety Director

Change from: One Field Manager / Safety Director for each flying field.

To: 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

Open Member [age 18 or over Jan 1st] **From:** \$ 75.00
To: \$ 80.00

Family Membership **From:** \$ 95.00
To: \$100.00

Half Year Membership **From:** \$ 37.50
To: \$ 40.00

Standing Resolutions: [7] Flying and Safety

Rule B:

Change from: Flying of models or starting of engines is not permitted before the hour of 9:00AM Monday through Saturday and 11:AM Sundays and Statutory Holidays except engineless sailplanes and electric aircraft be allowed to fly after 9:AM on Statutory Holidays.

To: Flying of models or starting 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 9:00AM on any day.

Rule T: Delete in it's entirety.

Standing Resolutions: [12] Gold Sticker Standard

Delete in it's entirety

Standing Resolutions: [12] Club Name [New]

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 operation.

Members will be asked to vote on the above changes and amendments at the November AGM on November 7th, 2011.

There were some discussions from the floor regarding the changes but there appeared to be no dissent at this time. John explained the need for a fee increase due to our expected deficit stating that with everything going up, it was prudent to protect the Club's financial base.

Erik Genzer raised the issue of 25 year plaques and if we are still doing this. John replied that we had not awarded any plaques of late and that Jim Eichenberg was reviewing the issue.

The issue of non approved transmitting and receiving equipment came up. It appears that people are buying some of this equipment, which is mainly coming direct from China. Receivers and transmission modules are the items causing some concern. Bob Hudson [former MAAC zone Director] stated that this equipment may not be FCC or Industry Canada approved and it is up to all of us to make sure that the equipment we use is approved.

While we are on this subject, a notice was sent out to Club members a few weeks ago referring all Spektrum radio owners to the Spektrum 8 Ch Bulletin, as follows:-

Subject: FW: Spektrum 8 Ch Bulletin

There is a recall on Spektrum radios (link below). Please check the numbers on your receivers. Also check the System Features on Page 6 of the manual - "Note: The DX8 is not compatible with the original DSM AR600 receiver."

<http://www.horizonhobby.com/Products/Support.aspx?ProdID=SPM8800>

In closing, John Pretty wanted to thank the Executive members for all their efforts and for taking on the bulk of the work at all the past season's events and in the upkeep of our flying Fields.

John suggested to members that they should not expect the Executive members to do all the work. We have had great events this year, so thanks to all. John ventured that if we have no events, we really have no Club.

At this point, Jody felt he had to apologize for not always being able to attend to the grass, but the Executive has been aware from the outset that Jody's pilot scheduling could be an issue, so no problem.

Meeting closed.

Closing Comments

Well everyone that's it.

Please attend the AGM on Monday, November 7th if you possibly can. The Club would appreciate a good turn out and it's important for you to vote for the new Executive.

NOTE: The Gold Edition kit for the 63" Wingspan P.47 won at the raffle is up for sale.....the first \$100.00 buys it! Contact Terry Sears for further information. Great buy!



This really is
"That's all folks!"

OMFC 2011 Executive

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OMFC Meeting Dates for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Monday, November 7th	AGM and Regular Meeting	John Pretty
Monday, December 5th	Regular Meeting	John Pretty