



Newsletter of the  
Oakville Milton Flying Club

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Indoor Fun Fly -  
Andy Sulkowski

(Dennis Milenkovic photo)

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Our next club meeting is:

**Monday, April 3rd**

at 7:30 pm

Unit 13, 785 Pacific Rd. Oakville

## Attention: All Potential Wings Students

Ground School this year is Tuesday, May 2nd@ 7:00 pm

**ALL NEW STUDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER**

**WITH THE CFI via Email BY April 22nd AT THE LATEST**

CFI: Brian Anderson      [brian@virtuhost.com](mailto:brian@virtuhost.com)

**(First day of on-field Instruction is Tuesday, May 16th)**

## OMFC Beauty Contest—May 1st

This year's event will feature the same model three categories as in the past:

**Self-Built:** This can be totally scratch built, built from a kit or built from commercial plans.

**ARF:** Any type—ARF, RTF, BnF etc. Included are any of the former that have been modified to add detail, change of colour scheme, etc., etc.

**Previously Flown—** Any self-built or ARF model that has been flown previous to this year's Beauty Contest, but has never been entered in the contest. (This does not mean the plane has to be a rebuild after a crash).

**Note:** These three categories apply to any class of model (glider, helicopter, gas, glow, electric, foamie,.....)

There will also be one model (from any of the three above categories) that will be voted  
**Best of Show**

## Minutes of March Meeting

The OMFC March meeting was brought to order by President Aldo Agostini at 7:35 pm on Monday March 6th, with 26 members present. There were no guests or new members present this month.

First on the agenda was Brian Anderson with the report of the Rotary Wing Committee. Brian stated that as long as we abided by the MAAC rules we would be able to incorporate rotary wing into our training programme. The programme would teach a student how to hover and fly a circuit. Mike McDermott stated that due to possible insurance ramifications, it would be prudent to have rotary wing students sign a form stating that they will not fly their machines at any location other than the OMFC approved one while their training is in progress. Once they have graduated, they will receive a rotary wing pilot's card, which may be different from the standard wings card. The committee had investigated possible locations for the rotary wing training

areas. The one chosen is an area north of the storage container, and facing towards the tree line. This area will be reserved for hover practice, and low level manoeuvring training. Once a student has mastered these aspects of rotary flight, they will fly circuits as do the fixed wing students.



Brian reassured the membership that the committee will stay active until all the issues and potential problems with the rotary wing training programme are ironed out.

The next step is for the Rotary Wing Committee to present their recommendations to the Executive, and for the Executive to announce their decisions to the club at the April meeting.

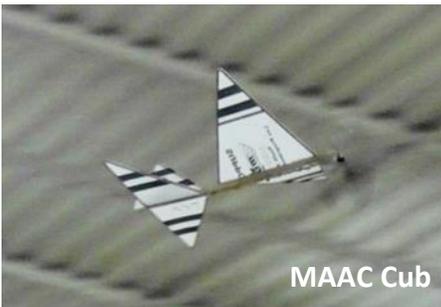
The issue of Executive Meeting minutes being published in the Fliteline was discussed. This had been done by a previous editor, but is not a requirement. Historical archives also contain some Executive Meeting minutes, but many of these are from pre-newsletter days, when the club and exec minutes were the only existing records of club business.

Aldo then gave a brief run-down of this summer's planned events—all events are going ahead on schedule. In some cases, long range activities have already begun.

After some time to have coffee, get raffle tickets and have the draw, the business end of the meeting concluded and we moved on our first Indoor Fun Fly in a long, long time (19 years to be exact!) .....

## Indoor Fun Fly - March 6th

Last year, at our February meeting, the guest speaker was John Marett, the chairman of the MAAC Indoor Free Flight committee. John gave us a fascinating talk on rubber-powered indoor flying, and sold a number of his 'Lenny' A6/living-room stick models. His talk rekindled renewed interest in indoor flying at OMFC—in the past we have had a number of 'Indoor Evenings'; meetings that consisted of a single-design fly-off. While the living-room sticks would probably fly very well, the easiest model for beginners to build is the MAAC/AMA Cub (Delta Dart). But, while they may be the easiest to build, flying them successfully in a small room like the Union Hall is another matter! The Dart is basically an outdoor model—to make it fly well indoors takes a bit of doing, and so while our times may not have been stellar, everyone looked like they had a lot of fun! Yep, free flight is different— you build the flight characteristics right into your model! Once you let go of the plane, it will fly according to the way you built it! That's usually a big shock to people who are used to over-powered radio controlled planes that have a thousand different ways to trim them.



MAAC Cub

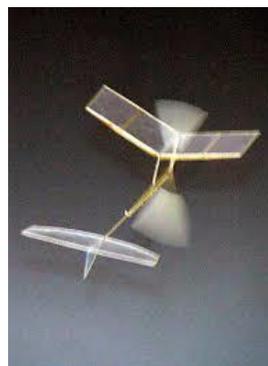
Anyhow, our first indoor event in nineteen years we can be regarded as a success. A lot of our membership had never built an indoor plane before, but we had fourteen entrants that evening. Many people would have done much better if they had a chance to practice (or at least test-fly their models). Free flight is not very forgiving; the Dart is actually quite fragile and those walls and chairs are not soft!

Almost all fourteen flyers were able to put in at least two timed flights, and when the balsa dust finally settled, the results were as follows:

1st	Andy Sulkowski	17.6 sec
2nd	Brandon Tulloch	14.2 sec
3rd	Fred Messacar	8.5 sec

Hopefully, we can make this a more than a 'once every twenty years' event, maybe with models other than Delta Darts. For example, living room sticks are just what the name implies—you can practice in your living room!

**Btw - Keep the red or black prop assembly from your MAAC Cub.** It is the starting point for a lot of easy-to-built indoor planes. We might re-use them next year!



(Example of a Living-Room Stick)



The photos on this page (and the front cover) are courtesy of Dennis Milenkovic, who quietly took videos while the rest of us were busy destroying Delta Darts! Thank you very much, Dennis!! (It's not very often I get to publish a photo of myself.)

The videos are found at :

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B9H4MygR6y63dDExbGgzOW1JNTQ?usp=sharing>

If you find one that you are featured in, download it, since the videos will not be there forever.



## Proposed By-Law Amendments

One of the Club By-laws states that the By-Laws and Standing Resolutions are to be reviewed every three years. Review on a regular basis ensures that the rules of the Club are both current and correctly stated, and out-of-date material is removed.

The following proposed amendments are a result of a scheduled review— there are no major issues addressed, simply clarifications and bringing up-to-date.

Below I will give the reference, the proposed amended wording and the reasoning behind it—you can look up the original wording in the By-Laws posted on the web site. Amended or added wording is in **Red**

1. The office of Past President has always been taken for granted. The following will clarify how the position is filled.

Page 6, under ELECTIONS

### 3. ELECTIONS

- A. **With the exception of the Past President**, the Officers of the Club shall be elected once each year at the Annual General Meeting. Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall assume office at the start of the following membership year.
- B. No member shall be elected President for more than two consecutive years
- C. All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, unless otherwise directed by unanimous decision of the Club Executive.
- D. **The position of Past President shall be offered to the outgoing President at the Annual General Meeting. If the outgoing President turns down the position, it will remain unfilled for that term.**

2. At one time in the past, In the Social Director was envisioned as having a greater role with regards to the needs of the membership, so the title was renamed Membership Director. The envisioned increased role never really materialized and the position reverted back to Social Director, but was never officially changed back in the By-Laws.

Various locations in the By-Laws

Change all instances of Membership Director with **Social Director**

3. Some wording clarification: both the CFI and Webmaster are appointed by the Officers of the Club, not by the Executive Committee. They are in fact part of the Executive Committee.

Page 8, for both CFI and Webmaster

### **Appointment and Responsibility**

**The CFI is appointed yearly by the Officers of the Club**

**The Webmaster is appointed yearly by the Officers of the Club**

4. When a membership applicant's fee payment is returned NSF, we don't really want another cheque, but would prefer a more reliable form of payment. This wording leaves it to the Treasurer's discretion.

Page 11, Dues

## 2. Dues

D. Resolved that, A membership applicant is responsible for any financial penalties incurred by the Club as a result of his/her cheque being returned NSF. The applicant's membership, if already granted, will be suspended until such time as he/she issues **suitable payment** for the amount of the required membership fees plus any NSF penalties incurred by the Club.

5. The issue of membership cards being available rather than visible was decided upon in the past but never articulated in the By-Laws. Also, some safety rules wording is brought up-to-date.

Page 11 & 12, Flying and Safety Rules

## 7 Flying and Safety Rules

- A. **While a member is flying at a Club field, their membership card must be displayed or available for inspection.** Guests of Club members may fly provided they are .....
- P. **Models shall never be flown directly at spectators or other flyers**
- Q. **Glider hi-starts or winches** must be used in areas other than those used for take-off/landing of powered models.

6. The Standing Resolution on Noise Abatement makes reference to a non-existent committee. That reference will be removed. Also, there is a sub-article dedicated to Ducted Fan Models; this is no longer relevant. In the case of the following articles, passages marked in **Blue** will be deleted.

## 10. Noise Abatement

### A. General

Resolved that, Whereas it is the objective of the Club to pursue a programme of noise abatement, and that systematic checks of aircraft noise emissions will be made during the flying season, it shall be the responsibility of individual members to ensure that their aircraft meet the requirements of 98 dBA or less at three meters (measured at ground level), or failing this, to take such steps as are necessary to modify their aircraft in such a way that it will qualify before continuing to fly at Club fields. **Advice on noise emission problems will be available from the Noise Abatement Committee.**

### B Ducted Fan Models

**Resolved that no ducted fan model may be flown at any club field until it has been noise checked and shown to meet the Club's noise emission standards.**

## OMFC 2017 Executive

<b>President:</b>	Aldo Agostini	<b>Field Manager:</b>	Bill Funnell
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Roger Young	<b>Membership Director:</b>	Terry Sears
<b>Past President:</b>	Denis Loo		
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## OMFC Meeting Dates for 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
<b>Monday, April 3rd</b>	<b>Adam Foreman—Vintage Carl Goldberg model</b>
<b>Monday, May 1st</b>	<b>OMFC Beauty Contest</b>

## OMFC Event Dates for 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Sponsor</u>
<b>May 2nd</b>	<b>Wings Ground School</b>	<b>Brian Anderson</b>
<b>May 16th</b>	<b>First Day of On-field Instruction</b>	<b>Brian Anderson</b>
<b>June 3rd</b>	<b>Electric Fun Fly</b>	<b>Denis Loo</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Milton Street Show</b>	
<b>June 18th</b>	<b>Annual Air Show</b>	<b>Aldo Agostini</b>
<b>July 29-30th</b>	<b>Pattern Contest</b>	<b>Jim Eichenberg</b>
<b>August 26th</b>	<b>Family Fun Fly</b>	<b>Terry Sears</b>