



Newsletter of the  
Oakville (Milton) Model Flying Club  
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## Big Red back to business - so that flying could resume!



Photo: Andy Sulkowski

After a rocky start this spring due to the pandemic, Bill Funnell and his crew once again prepared our field for the time when we could get back to flying. This year represents the tenth anniversary of Big Red which has provided reliable service (for the most part) for the maintenance crew. A big thanks to Bill for his many years as field manager as he will be stepping down from this position. He and his crew of volunteers have done a great job over the years to keep the field “manicured” for our use. By special permission they were able to get on the field in the spring, when the field was closed to flying, to attack the spring growth so that the grass did not become so wild that Big Red would not have been able to manage it.

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**Featured:**  
September BBQ fly-in/meeting

**Keep safe and keep distance.  
Check our website for updates about  
the field (Open with conditions) and  
other activities.**

Our next club meeting is:  
**To take place Virtually  
November 2, 7:30 p.m.**

## Summer Flying Summary

Well this past spring/summer has certainly been an unusual one. We finally received permission to resume flying at the field on June 8, albeit with specific conditions that have evolved over time. The numbers allowed by government decree had slowly increased and then as Covid cases increased, went down again. Fortunately the number limitations did not affect us as the number of flyers and those members just coming to watch at any one time never seemed to exceed 10. What was directly affected of course was our flight training program, which had to be cancelled for this season. The executive has been working on a plan to allow temporary "individual" training by instructors approved by our CFI. This would allow a more informal flight training on a one-on-one basis if the student could find an instructor willing to work with them. All normal flight training concepts would still have to be adhered to, except that since it was on an individual basis, the restriction of when this could be done (normal flight training times of Tuesday and Thursday evenings May - Sept) would now be possible at any time flying was permitted. More specific details of this will be forthcoming from our President. As the pandemic situation and resultant restrictions may well continue well into next year's season, this temporary measure is even more important so that those students that wish, and are able to find a willing instructor, can still enjoy the hobby and progress in their skills and eventually get their wings.



The other major effect was the cancellation of all our usual club events, from the Milton street show to the annual airshow and everything in between. Of course our spring and fall monthly club meetings were also cancelled with the March 2nd., 2020 meeting being our last regularly scheduled club meeting. Our electric fun fly and the Jim Eichenberg memorial precision aero contest and family fun fly all fell victim to these times. As the summer progressed with only informal interaction "at a distance" at the field, Percy Ford-Smith and Dave Slote suggested, and offered to host, an informal club BBQ and get together with some flying. A big thank you to them for getting this much needed "rendezvous" organized.

Percy's report follows...

Since all official club sanctioned events were cancelled this year, it was thought to be safe if we conducted a club BBQ fly-in on Sept 26th. A thorough review of the present health and safety concerns were evaluated and met. In order to obtain the correct food and stay within the group requirements set out by the province, the members were requested to confirm their desires to attend. All in, 22 signed up, so we were within the limits.

The morning started out with a thick fog, so flights were postponed. Eventually some E powered brave souls ventured up and stayed within the field bounds. Soon after Nitro and Gas models joined in and there seemed to

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be constant movement in the air all morning. At noontime the winds piped up, as most people had sufficient flying, the event was called and our President Denis Loo addressed the members for a short meeting, all while practicing Social Distancing.



Dave Slote fired up the BBQ and amazed us with his fantastic burgers with all the condiments. Vinyl gloves were worn by all serving themselves at lunch and shifts at the picnic tables allowed all to have plenty of space.

It was a great turnout and those that came, had a good time.



I guess the prop wash is keeping the air circulating so that distancing is less critical!

## AGM Info

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is due to be held in November as required by our documents. As we will not be able to hold this at our usual indoor venue due to the pandemic restrictions (and the safety of our vulnerable members) the executive - with input from members - has decided to hold this and possibly future meetings “virtually”. I have been looking into the best platform for us to use and after reviewing and demoing a few, have determined that the ZOOM platform is best suited for our requirements. It is easy to join and allows the use of phone in participation (audio only of course) for those not able to join through a PC, tablet or mobile smart phone. The invitation will be sent out prior to the actual date of the meeting **Nov. 2nd**, and I may try a trial meeting in the next week or two to test and familiarize those wishing to join (probably on a Monday evening).

As for the actual AGM itself, some of the existing elected executive members have indicated they will not be seeking another term, so we need new members to step forward. Our President, Denis Loo has indicated he is willing to stand for another term (this would be his second consecutive and last without a break per our by-laws), however our Vice President, Harvey Slaght has decided not to stand again for that position, but will instead stand for the field manager position that is to be vacated by Bill Funnell after many years in that position - thanks again Bill for all your hard work. I have not heard that Rick Wilson will not be standing again as social director, so assume he will seek that position again. As for myself, I will stand again for the secretary/treasurer position, but would welcome someone else to stand for the Fliteline Editor position (I will however continue if no one else stands, but hope to get more content from the members). This means that we need someone for sure to step up and stand for the Vice President position, as it, along with the President and Secretary/Treasurer position, are the three designated as the Corporation’s directors as required by the Corporations Act. The role of the V/P is to assist the President when called upon and of course to take over for the President in the event he is unable to finish his term. With this being the last year Denis could be President, it would be practical if the V/P stood for the Presidents position the following year as he would have gained the experience of being on the executive for a year.

I would encourage all members to think about serving in some capacity so that the work load is shared and the club has an ongoing group of members able to keep the club functioning - it does not run by itself!

**If anyone wants a proxy, let me know and I will send one out like last year so that you can designate another to represent you at the virtual meeting. With a quorum being 20 (20% of 100) for the AGM, it should not be hard to get the required attendance since it is so easy to attend virtually.**

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## OMFC 2020 Executive

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## OMFC Meeting Dates for 2020/21

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
Nov. 2 (Monday)	AGM - <b>Virtual</b>
Dec. 7 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>
Jan. 4 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>
Feb. 1 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>
Mar. 1 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>
Apr. 5 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>
May. 3 (Monday)	<b>Virtual</b>

## OMFC Event Dates for 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Contact</u>
Jan. 1 (Friday)	FFF - TBD	(OMFC Field) TBD
Mar ?? (Sunday)	Swap Meet - TBD	(?? ) TBD
May ?? (Tuesday)	Flight School - TBD	(OMFC Field) TBD
Jun. ?? (Saturday)	Street Display - TBD	(Milton) TBD
Jun. ?? (Sunday)	Air Show - TBD	(OMFC Field) Exec.
Jul. ?? (Sat/Sunday)	Prec. Aero. Contest - TBD	(OMFC Field) TBD
Aug. ?? (Saturday)	Electric Fun Fly - TBD	(OMFC Field) TBD
Aug. ?? (Saturday)	Family Fun Fly - TBD	(OMFC Field) TBD