



Newsletter of
The Oakville (Milton) Model Flying Club
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1) Message From the President



I'd like to begin by taking the time to thank all the members for their support throughout this season, through volunteering for tasks, for a supportive word and helping with club overall maintenance. The improvements that we have accomplished this year will benefit our members for many years to come. The addition of approximately 20 new members is also an indication that the changes made were positive and on the right track.

It began this year with completion of the completion of the solar power station by Ron McWaters and the generous donation by Tony Kreg of the controller and solar panels. A great starter system that enables club members to now charge flying batteries at the field. Moving forward the club can look at now either expanding the system we have or having the city add electrical to our facilities.



This swap meet was well attended with many of the sellers very happy with providing members from our club and other clubs great deals and selling a great deal of their goods. Thank you for all who participated and helped in the event. Next year, the club is looking into possible hosting the swap meets twice, at the union hall as usual and on pilot's day. Our first fun fly of the year also saw us paying tribute to Brian Anderson (retired CFI) with his signage ceremony.



The second improvement was the addition of a new canopy next to the green bullet. With many more flyers during the weekend, due to the construction restrictions during the week, the extra shade provided our members with an alternate area to relax. While not



a hard top, the new canopy fits well into our existing canopies and provides much needed more shade on those hot summer days.

The completion of the third improvement, the geotextile runway, went smoothly over the 5 day installation process. Many members attended in laying down the geotextile fabric on the Sunday to complete the project. This runway allows additional types of aircraft to now fly at our field, in particular those with smaller wheels that are found on EDF jets.





Due to the cancellation of the air show, the executives decided that it would be nice to have a grand opening for the new geotextile. During that time we could collect food items for the Fareshare Food bank. The club invited our Zone Director Leslie Farkas to be present at this grand opening.

A wonderful article of the opening appeared in the October MAAC magazine. Furthermore, thanks go out to the Oakville Beaver and their tactful way of submitting that we were collecting food, as not to invite the general public but still allow them to visit and drop off their donations. The food bank sent a letter of thanks to our club and were very appreciative of our donation.



EST DE L'ONTARIO (L)

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During these past two years, I had the pleasure of visiting a number of clubs and meeting many great members of our association. One of those occasions was when I received an invitation from the Oakville Model Flying Club for the opening of their new Geotextile runway.

I arrived at their Drumquinn Park field on July 16th at 10 a.m. and was welcomed by the Club President Mr. Aldo Agostini who introduced me to the Club's Executives and Members. As we were getting closer to the opening ceremony at 11 a.m., you could feel the excitement of the crowd. With the blue sky above, beautiful sunshine was bouncing off the new Geotextile runway.

About fifty people gathered to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony and applauded the inaugural moment. It was followed by the first ceremonial flight by Pete McKenzie with his A-10. The others could hardly wait for their turn to try the new runway.

Part of the celebration was their BBQ which gave me an opportunity to discuss with Mr. Agostini and other members the commonalities between clubs of our zone and the future direction of our wonderful hobby and MAAC. It was good to see that the Mississauga Model Flying Club members also came to show their support and joined the celebration. To me, this demonstrated that they are two great organizations with outstanding leadership and operating in the true spirit of our sport.

The Oakville club is also very active in their community and, as good citizens, collected a lot of food for the Fareshare food bank.

I would like to congratulate the OMFC leadership and members for their new runway and wishing everyone a lot of happy flying for many years to come.

HISTORY WITHIN MAAC
MAAC was established in 1949 but other than that, nobody is talking about the amazing history in our organization.

During my recent visit to OMFC, I asked Mr. Aldo Agostini if he could tell me the history of his club. Here is the club's story.

SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO (L)

UN BREF HISTORIQUE DE L'OAKVILLE (MILTON) MODEL FLYING CLUB
par Aldo Agostini - président

« Cette entité a été créée le 3 mai 1950 grâce à un groupe original qu'avait formé en 1947 le regretté Warren Hitchcock. Ce regroupement a été baptisé Oakville Model Flying Club et comptait six membres. Al Cook en a été nommé le premier président. »

« L'intérêt à l'époque se situait en vol circulaire et les vols se déroulaient au parc situé derrière l'arena d'Oakville (à l'angle de la rue 66) »

UN BREF HISTORIQUE DE L'OAKVILLE (MILTON) MODEL FLYING CLUB
By Aldo Agostini - President

« Founded on May 3, 1950, from a group originally formed in 1947 by the late Warren Hitchcock, the reorganized body assumed the name "Oakville Model Flying Club" and boasted a membership of six modelers and Al Cook was elected as the first club president. "Control-line flying was the major interest, and flying was done at the park behind the Oakville Arena at Rebecca and Kerr Streets. After a year of increasing activity, flying site was relocated to an area on the south side of the Queen Elizabeth Highway, which served the club until 1960. "The first R/C field was located at the farm continued on page 69



The final improvement to the field was added late summer with Pete and his nephew, Herbert, placing a large plane starting station on the south part of the field. Thank you, Pete and Herbert.

Last but not least, I invite all members to download and read the updated constitution and by-laws of our club. Some of the changes made this year worth mentioning impact e-voting, lifetime members requirements and safety regulations/guidelines due to the CARS IX regulations.

Moving forward, the club should expect the city to trim bushes and trees, especially at the north end of the geotextile runway and the pattern hole opening. This will provide us with safer landing areas.

Thank you all once again, it was my honour to be your president this year. Thank you too Pete, Wajeeh and Bill for all your hard work behind the scenes and endless dedication and support.



Sincerely,
Aldo Agostini

2) Flight School

This year's flight school was held Tuesday evening with instructor Pete McKenzie and Saturday morning with CFI and instructor Aldo Agostini and started in late May and ended the long weekend in September. The school began with six students at various levels from beginners to experienced pilots who were coming back into the hobby and wanted to get the cob webs off their skills. Of the six students, four students obtained their wings classification and are ready to take flight as new pilots.

Congratulations goes to:

Mike Harris
Mike Pavel
Xing Chen
Krystof Romain



3) Pilot's Day

Pilot's Day is a chance to look back at the year and to thank the members for their continued support for our club over the years. This year's pilot day was marked with presentations to our long-standing members with quarter century plaques and half century trophy that showed our clubs appreciation for their continued loyalty and dedication to the success of our club. It gave the members receiving the awards a chance to speak about their experiences of our club, our history and the changes that have occurred over time to our club and to our hobby.

Quarter Century plaque Awards

Harvey Slaght
Dan Morgan
Hemant Samaroo
Ilia Voronov
Erik Genzer
Stan Plausinis
Kim Vasiliadis
Luis Peral
Mike McDermott
Richard Davis
Chris Kanski
Ronald Birchall
Michael Ross
John Januszczak
David Slote
Tony Kreglewski
Tom Bakonyi
Rodger Young
Jim Mansfield



Half Century Award

Robert Hudson

At the meeting, Aldo Agostini donated a lifetime membership plaque, now placed at the club house with the names of all current life time members of our club.



4) AGM and Open Positions

This year's AGM will be held on November 6th, 2023 as a hybrid meeting at the union hall and on Zoom.

As many know, this is the time we elect our new executive and as I mentioned during the Pilot's day meeting I will be stepping down as president.

The following individuals have come forward as candidates and I have also showed vacant positions:

President: Wajeeh Khan

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary/Treasure: Pete McKenzie

Field Managers: Zane Bechervaise and Paul Miller

CFI: vacant

Webmaster: vacant

Social Director: vacant

Events Director: vacant

Fliteline Editor: vacant

As always, our hobby runs on the volunteer time provided by committed individuals who simply love the hobby. The current executive ask if you are interested in any of the positions, please feel free to email Pete McKenzie at sec-treas@omfc.org.

5) Vote on FEES and Membership Year

With the start of the new year and with many more years to come, the executive felt it was time to reinstate the membership fee and align our membership year with the MAAC year. As a result, during pilot's day the following motion was presented and passed by the members present at the meeting.

Recommended Annual Fee 2024

a) Junior Member (under age 18 as of Jan 1)	35.00
b) Open Member (age 18 and over on Jan 1)	85.00
c) Family Membership	105.00
d) Honorary Member nil	0.00
e) Social Member	35.00
f) Initiation Fee	50.00



Membership year

Part 1

Change the membership year to January to December,

Benefits:

- i. Match MAAC year
- ii. Member no longer need to pay MAAC fee in advance

Part 2

Extend the current membership for 2023 from November 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Geotextile Video

Thank you, Zane for the video of our Geotextile Ceremony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDRL36xYzU4>

Thanks you, Wajeeh for the videos of our Runway.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfFC8tdAc4y2nTYF93tScYBjAtE13-2Ob>

Thank you, Andrew for your Pilot's Day vid:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SHkbA_LMW0whZVK5kOM0y4xbKgMvBGJP/view

OMFC 2023 Executives

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OMFC Event Dates for 2023

(for all events please contact: president@omfc.org)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun. Jan 1, 2023	Frozen Finger No Fly	Drumquin Park
Mon. Mar 6, 2023	Indoor Free Flight Competition	Union Hall
Sun. Apr. 23, 2023	Swap Meet	Union Hall
Mon. May 1, 2023	Beauty Contest	Union Hall
Sat. June 10, 2023	Electric Fun Fly	Drumquin Park
Sun. Jun. 18, 2023	Father's Day Air Show	Cancelled
July 15 & 16, 2023	Jim Eichenberg Pattern Contest	Cancelled
Sun. Aug. 20, 2023	Grand Opening of Geotextile	Drumquin Park
Sat. Sept. 23, 2023	Pilot's Day	Drumquin Park

OMFC Hybrid Meeting Dates at Union Hall

Date:	Agenda
Mon. Dec 5, 2022	Constitutional Changes & Fees
Mon. Feb 6, 2023	Guest Speaker - F-14 - EDF Jet - Tom Porter
Mon. Mar. 6, 2023	Rubber Band free flight Competition w MAAC cub
Mon. Apr. 3, 2023	
Mon. May 1, 2023	Beauty Competition – Winner Jim Mansfield
Mon. Oct. 2, 2023	
Mon. Nov. 6, 2023	OMFC AGM Meeting - Hybrid