



The
OAKVILLE MODEL FLYING CLUB
Inc.

WELCOME TO OMFC

The Oakville Model Flying Club Inc. is a non-profit Club organized for the purpose of promoting model building and flying in the Oakville area, with particular emphasis placed on radio-controlled model aircraft.

It is our objective to promote the ideals and activities of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada, with which we are affiliated as a chartered Club. MAAC provides, along with other services, low cost liability insurance for the protection of the Club and its members during involvement in modelling activities.

As a member of OMFC, you will enjoy the association with others having the same interests as you have and you will learn from their experience.

The Club hosts or participates in a number of events which present our hobby interests to both the general public and other area modellers. For example: our annual Demo Day and Scale Rally, to which the public are invited; the SE Zone Pattern Championships, also held annually; as well as ad hoc presentations and demonstrations to various groups in the community.

We meet regularly during the months of October through May, on the first Monday of every month - these meetings will usually feature a keynote speaker, with the topic being drawn from any aspect of our hobby or interest area. Demonstrations to provide members with advice on construction methods, care of equipment, finishing and radio installation etc. are also provided at some meetings. In recent years, the February meeting has been devoted to a Swap Shop, and May is 'Beauty Contest' month!

The benefits of membership in a MAAC Club are many. You will have ample opportunity to learn all you are capable of. Our instructors can help greatly in your efforts in learning to fly your R/C model, but that is only the beginning. By being an active Club member, the sky is the limit!!

THIS IS *YOUR* CLUB

This great hobby of R/C modelling can be enjoyed more fully by sharing your experiences with others. Joining a club such as OMFC is the one way of ensuring that you will be associated with some very fine individuals who started out just as you are.

When you become an OMFC member, you are required to join the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC). You must maintain your affiliation with MAAC for as long as you are a member of the Club.

As a Club member, you will receive, as well as this Introduction, a yearly Field Guide outlining our flying field rules and etiquette; a Flight Training Manual (when you start your Wings Training Program), and a monthly Club newsletter, the Fliteline. You should also pick up a copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws for your own reference.

A Club such as ours exists and prospers only through the volunteer work of its members - the more diverse the talents we have at our disposal, the better and more enjoyable the Club will be for all its members. Participation in Club activities will be an important part of your involvement as an OMFC member. You are expected, to the extent you are able, to attend regular Club meetings, assist at scheduled Club activities, contribute suggestions and advice for the improvement of the Club, and generally be an active member.

Because safety is such an important aspect of our hobby, and to demonstrate our respect for everyone involved, certain rules have been established for each flying field we utilize. You are expected to familiarize yourself with these regulations and you must abide by them whenever you are at any of our fields, whether actively operating an R/C model or merely observing.

Also, it is mandatory that you operate your R/C models in a responsible manner and in compliance with the MAAC safety code at all times. Your refusal to comply with field regulations may result in revocation of field use privileges. Persistent violations may lead to complete revocation of membership, and you may be denied renewal in OMFC.

The amount of satisfaction you derive from this hobby is directly related to the amount of effort you are willing to put into it. As an OMFC member, being active in Club affairs will really pay dividends and provide you with a great deal of pleasure.

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Just about everyone getting into R/C modelling will have some questions. If you have previous modelling experience, you know what is involved in constructing a model. However, you may not be familiar with some of the more recent developments in the areas of building materials, adhesives and covering.

If you are a newcomer to the hobby, you will probably have many, many questions on a large variety of topics. The radio-control aspect of our hobby can be particularly puzzling to newcomers. The most frequently asked questions by those wanting to get started in R/C modelling include:

What type of model should I build?

What size and type of engine should I use?

What type of radio control unit should I get? What will I use to cover my model?

Will I need special tools for model building?

Is there someone who can give me assistance with construction and installation of equipment?

Will I need help with my first flight?

Where can I purchase my model, engine, radio and other equipment?

How much is all this going to cost?

If you need answers to any of the above, or if you have your own list of questions, the best place to find the answers is in talking with an experienced R/C modeller, either at a meeting or at the field. Our Flight Instructors will be happy to review your problems and work with you so you get started properly.

Remember, the only silly question is the one that isn't asked!!

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- DO** Seek advice from experienced R/C modellers.
- DO** Buy a trainer type model (medium size) with a flat bottom high wing for your first aircraft. There are many to choose from; either as a kit or that you can scratch build.
- DO** Be patient when building your first model. Read the instructions for the model thoroughly and ask questions about anything you don't understand.
- DO** Buy a radio system of good quality with at least four channels and rechargeable nicad batteries. The transmitter must have an R/CMA gold sticker.
- DO** Buy and read the better model magazines. You can learn a lot from their articles.
- DO** Be an important part of the Club by participating in Club functions and activities.
- DO** Build and fly safely and have lots of fun!
- DON'T** Try to learn to fly on your own.
- DON'T** Fly on your own or at 'private fields'. **DO** stay at the Club's fields!
- DON'T** Turn on your radio at the field without getting proper frequency clearance.
- DON'T** Be a show-off. **DO** obey all field rules and MAAC safety rules.
- DON'T** Fly without giving your model a safety inspection. **DO** make sure your model's control rods are properly connected, the engine bolts and prop nut are tight, and the batteries are fully charged.
- DON'T** Fly if you aren't feeling well. Your reflexes and judgement may not be up to the task!
- DON'T** Be afraid to ask questions about building and flying.