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Newsletter of
The Oakville (Milton) Model Flying Club
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April 2021



Fadi Ibrahim (1917) and his son Andy (2104), with the just built Eagle 2 trainer to get Andy into the hobby.

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Eagle 2 build by Andy Ibrahim and
Father Fadi

**Keep safe and keep distance.
Reminder of latest rules for gatherings
outside is now at 5.**

Our next club meeting is:
**To take place Virtually
May 3, 7:30 p.m.**

April club meeting - Synopsis

We held the April 5th club meeting virtually again with 18 members in attendance. Our president, Denis Loo, noted that the signage at the field had been updated to reflect the recent changes in pandemic requirements. In particular the gathering number is only 5, so be sure you do not gather as a group of more than that. The actual number able to be in the field boundaries was set at 15. The gate is also to be kept closed (need not be locked while members are present) to deter the general public from wandering in as happened previously. The enforcement of only members continues, and everyone is expected to sign in and out. ***Editors note: On April 11, it was noted that the shed was unlocked and open - it is imperative if you are the last to leave that you check that all is closed and locked before leaving and locking the gate behind you.***

It was stated that the numbers of active members is about the same as noted last month (74 - with another 20 who have not yet renewed, that were members last year), although there have been some requests for check flights that may lead to new memberships. A few renewals are still coming in. Students that still wish to be members this year, but were not able to fly last year (and anyone who joined after September last year), although they will have their fees waived, must still submit a completed renewal membership application to be considered a member for 2021 and issued a 2021 card.

The position of field manager has become vacant due to the resignation of Harvey Slaght, and our previous field manager, Bill Funnell has offered to take over until such time as a replacement is in place. As this is an elected position, it needs to be brought before the membership for a vote. If any member wishes to put their name forward, please let the Sec-Treas or the President know so that you can be added to the slate of candidates, and a vote can be held. This is scheduled for the May meeting, assuming we have candidates! In addition, the appointed position of Webmaster has been vacant since the passing of Bert. Steve Goldring has been acting as the webmaster and keeping the site updated as required in the meantime. The club's Facebook page is now administered by Denis Loo and Aldo Agostini since Bert's passing, although not much has been done in recent months.

Our new CFI, Aldo Agostini has indicated a new (temporary during the pandemic) procedure will be instituted for flight training this season. It will be based on a one-on-one instructor and student pairing (see CFI report following). As well the "ground" school will be held virtually with students and instructors.

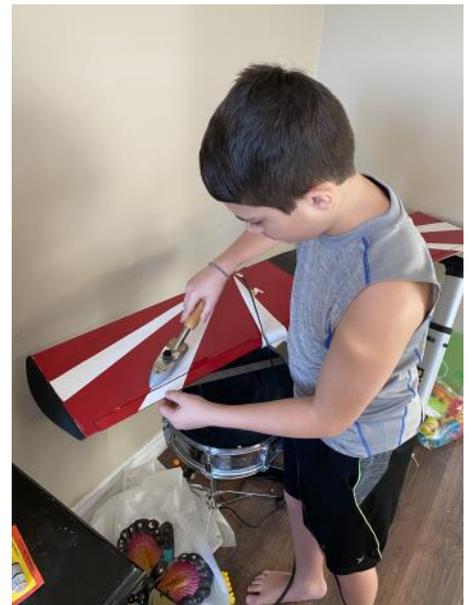
Then a lively discussion arose regarding pilot categories, designations, card colours and what each enabled a member to fly. At present there is no written description of what each category, represented by the different card colours, entitles a member to be qualified to fly at our field. Up till now it has been a "verbal policy" administered by whomever was the current CFI. In the interests of consistency, and to conform with MAAC requirements as it pertains to our exemption with Transport Canada, it was felt that a written direction for all members to know was required. At present there is also no distinction between helicopters and multi-rotor "drones" as far as card colour, so it was thought that perhaps an additional colour should be introduced to separate the types which have differing flying characteristics and flight skill requirements. It has also been generally understood by most members that the "white" card entitled a member to fly any other type of category, as the basic flight skills learned through flight school for wings were transferable to the other categories. There was some disagreement on this, particularly with helicopters. This item is being referred to the executive for further study.

Finally a club policy on what should be done on the passing of a member was talked about. It was decided that going forward a \$100 tribute (towards flowers or charity) would be the policy, although it was noted that more had been given for the passing of Bert because of the unique circumstances.

Eagle 2 build - by Andy & Fadi



This was a Christmas gift for Andy. Initially I was looking to get him a foam ARF, but thought that this kit would add more value for him as it will teach him good craftsmanship and hand skills. I found this kit on Kijiji with the Royal 40 engine. The "workbench" is 1/2" drywall on top of 1/2" plywood for a good flat surface.



The build started (after reading the instruction manual - *who does that*) after Christmas and took about two months on and off between school and my time off. Andy did most of the work under my guidance. I got him a new DX6E radio and it is linked wirelessly to my JR11X and works well. *Editor: This is great to see and perhaps the art of building will not die out with members like Andy coming along - good luck.*

Auction Winners



Item 1 - Flair Puppeteer

Winning Bid \$150

Byron Wong



Item 2 - Dynafite Spitfire 40

Winning Bid \$75

Dan Morgan



Item 3 - Mirage 550

Winning Bid \$95

Kris Rumian



Item 5 - Eagle 2

Winning Bid \$50

Jim Mansfield



Item 6 - Futaba 6CH FM

Winning Bid \$50

Kris Rumian



Item 7 - Super Skybolt

Winning Bid \$135

Jim Daly



Item 8 - SIG Four Star 40

Winning Bid \$125

Paul Brine



Item 10 - Extra 300

Winning Bid \$165

Kris Rumian



Item 13 - Field Box

Winning Bid \$35

Paul Miller

Thanks to all that participated in the auction. All of the major items, except for the Bucker Jungmann, were sold, netting the club \$880. The unsold items will be listed in the swap meet, which is tentatively planned for the summer, outside at the field, pending pandemic restrictions. Thanks too, to Jim Mahony for donating these items to the club.

CFI Report

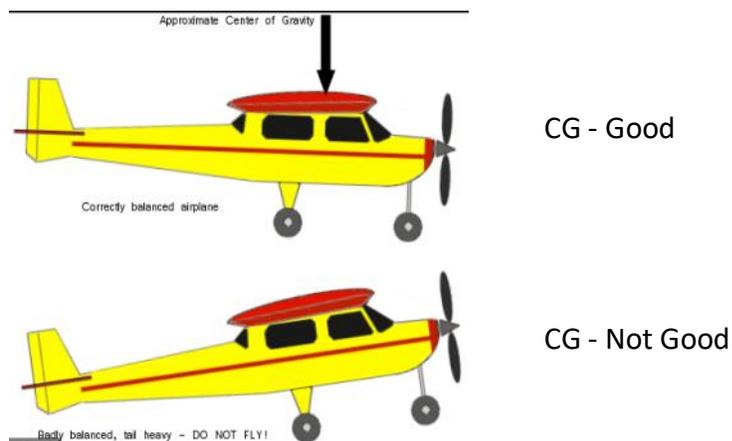
A message from the CFIs,

As Spring is upon us and better weather is over the horizon, it's time to dust off your wings and get ready for another flying season. With that said, and the new safety regulations that Covid-19 brings to our clubs, we must be ever more vigilant to safety concerns that have arisen. As a result, this year we will forgo the normal Tuesday/Thursday night flight school and move to a one on one (student-instructor) flight school. Thank you, instructor volunteers, for your time commitment and dedication to the club during these trying times. As club members we will need to be tolerant of this new Flight School model for this year.

Students and instructors have the ability to fly on any day and time of the week. Brian and I will do our best to set up schedules so that we never have too many students at the field at one time, to minimize any effect to our "Pilot" members wanting to fly at the same time, and to stay safe from the dangers of covid-19. Feel free to introduce yourself and welcome our students and thank our instructor volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to the club. But remember, always practice social distancing to stay safe. To help our membership identify our instructors, I have listed them below:

OMFC Flight School Instructors

Rick Wilson (Vice President)
Mike McDermott (City Liaison)
Kim Vasiliadis
Adam Foreman
Umberto DiMarco
Fadi Ibrahim
Chris Kanski
Tony Kreglewski (multicopter)



To begin flight school, instructors will contact their assigned students in April to set up a meeting to check over their planes before the first flight. **There will be a virtual zoom meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to serve as our ground school. Instructors and students will be emailed details prior to that date for joining the meeting.**

Once again, thank you instructors, club members and welcome students.

Brian and Aldo
(Co-CFIs)

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OMFC Meeting Dates for 2021/22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
May. 3 (Monday)	Virtual - Dan Tulloch Presentation
Oct. 4 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD
Nov. 1 (Monday)	AGM - Virtual - TBD
Dec. 6 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD
Jan. 3 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD
Feb. 7 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD
Mar. 7 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD
Apr. 4 (Monday)	Virtual - TBD

OMFC Event Dates for 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Contact</u>
Apr. 26 (Monday)	Pre-Flight School	(Virtual) CFI
May ?? (Tuesday)	Flight School - TBD	(OMFC Field) CFI
Jun. ?? (Saturday)	Swap Meet - TBD	(OMFC Field) 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