

Smiths Falls Flying Club

Spring 2004

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The President's Message

Well the nice weather is finally here, the good flying is starting and we have some improvements planned for the Field this year.

On the topic of service improvement, we have gone for quotes on the installation of Credit Card operated pumps and as of this writing we have 2 suppliers in the running. Hopefully we can secure the funding, settle on a supplier and get the system on line by June.

The second improvement activity is that of a clean up and paint program. As seen in the following "workday" paragraph, we will be dressing up the grounds, buildings and pavement/lighting.

The members and directors need to be vigilant for opportunities for cost improvements. At our last meeting, we elected to terminate our subscription to paper CARs and switch to electronic access with a saving of over \$500. If any member has ideas for savings, please contact a director or me.

Membership fees are now due; if you have not sent in your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Also if you are an Associate member and would like to have your membership level changed to Active with voting privileges, please apply for the change.

The Fly In Breakfast is just around the corner and we need helpers. Any member willing to help out for a couple of hours, please contact Jack at mailto:tedfordjm@sympatico.ca.

In closing I would like to thank Jack for helping to make my transition to President quite painless. Thanks Jack.

Floyd Graham

President SFFC

The Vice-President's Message

I want to welcome our newest members, Bob Goguen and Harold McCrum. Harold is the son of one of the founding members, Bob McCrum and we are happy to have Harold as a new member. I look forward to seeing them around.

If you are an Associate or Active member and your membership is paid up more than a few weeks ago, you will find two tickets for the Fly-in Breakfast with this Newsletter. Those of you that receive the Newsletter in electronic format and are due tickets, I will be mailing them to you at the same time I send out the Newsletter to the other members. If you have just sent in your renewal Margaret will be sending you your tickets later.

Floyd and I have started to look at some fly-outs for this summer. We had been hoping to have one organized for May the 1st out to Sydney, New York, as mentioned in past emails. This trip is being pushed back to some time in June. If you have any other destinations for one-day trips, fly-out breakfasts or weekend trips please let Floyd, Peter or myself know.

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of witnessing another student pilot reach that milestone of solo flight. Alex Tolton completed several circuits with instructor Kim Cote before going off by myself for one circuit. Congratulations Alex. The same to Kim, for Alex is her first student to go solo.

Until next time, safe flying.

Douglas Therrien

Vice-President SFFC

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Join the AFAC

As members of SFFC we are eligible for "regular membership" in the Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC) and in particular the local 443 Wing of that association. The AFAC 443 Wing sponsors the Smiths Falls 585 Air Cadet Squadron with accommodation and financial support. In addition to supporting the Air Force and aviation in Canada, the 443 Wing provides a place of fellowship for the air minded in our community. If you are interested contact Dick Donaldson at 283-3274.

443 Wing, AFAC is located at:

44 Abbott St. N. (adjacent to the canal)

Smiths Falls

284-8295

OAS

We at OAS would just like to welcome Kim and Rhonda to the Smiths Falls Flight Center, they will be filling in for Keith while he finishes up his schooling. They absolutely love the location and are having a good time. Rhonda is looking to work down there more, as she is a bit of a local and has a place out in the country. We hope that they will continue to carry on the tradition of "friendliest" little airport and get more of the Montague area folks out to fly.

Teri at OAS

Written Aviation Exams

Interested in learning more about the written exam you take as a pilot then read on. Beverley Harvey, Civil Aviation Inspector, Flight Crew Examinations, Transport Canada, will be discussing those dreaded written exams. This will be an information filled meeting. I am sure Beverley will be interested in our comments, questions and concerns about written exams. Equally important will be the tips she gives us on writing the exams.

So if you want to know how TC puts written exams together, or how to write one, come to the meeting. All are welcome.

Meeting Details:

Date / Time: 28 April 2004 / 1930 to about 2100

Location: Ottawa Flying Club Lounge

Contact and information supplied by Michael Shaw

Captain COPA Flight 8 (National Capital Area)

613-824-7145

airmail@rogers.com

Smiths Falls Flight Center

Our latest ground school ended in February. It was a small class this time with only 4 students showing up on a regular basis. We are looking at starting our next ground school sometime in May.

We've had a slow cold winter, but with spring approaching things are starting to pick up. You may have noticed two new faces doing some instructing for the Flight Centre. They are Kim Cote and Rhonda Hamilton. If you have any questions about flight training, don't hesitate to ask one of them.

Until next time, enjoy the flying and the approaching warmer weather.

Keith Kelly

Workday at SFFC

We'll have set a date for this year's workday at CYSH. Saturday May the 15th with a rain date of Saturday May the 29th. Hangar owners should make every effort to come out to help spruce up the Airport. If your hangar needs painting or repairs this is a great time to do the work. A Director or member will head each task and they would oversee that the work is done. Here are some of the jobs that we will be undertaking: Painting the runway markers for 33, painting the club hangar doors, and painting the faded white on the blower shed. Clearing up brush along the fences behind the clubhouse and at the south end of Van Exan Drive. We will also have people cleaning up the clubhouse meeting room, raking ruts on the infields and gravel by the pumps. Our local Air Cadets will be out helping in any way they can. If you can think of other work that would help beautify our airport or would like to volunteer for the morning helping please contact Floyd at 613-692-4055 or Douglas at 613-258-7188 or you can sign up on the list posted to the left of the white board in the Clubhouse.

Email

Have you recently changed your email address or do you now have email? If so please update our Club records by contacting Margaret or Douglas. Another way is to send an email to our web site with your name and we can then update our records from that, as your email will contain your correct address. Also if you have moved please contact Margaret and inform her of your new mailing address. It is best if you can do this as soon as you know your new address.

Hangar For Sale

Don Selkirk has his 40' by 32', electric bi-fold door hangar for sale. This is a new hangar built in early 2003. It has an insulated office/work shop, the hangar area is lit with hi-output cold start lights, it has a clearance 12' from the concrete floor to the rafters, contact Ron MacEwen at (home) 284-1892 or 284-2396 at his hangar for more details.

2004 Fly-in Breakfast

Just an early reminder that our annual fund raiser is not far off. This year it is set for June 6th. As always Jack will be looking for volunteers to help out. If we all help a little we all help a lot. Don't forget that you can help on Saturday with the set-up or early Sunday afternoon with the teardown. This is also the last year that Jack will be at the helm, and on that note we are looking for someone that would be interested in working with Jack this year as an assistant and then organizing future breakfasts. For more information contact [Jack](#).

Next General Meeting

Our next General meeting is set for May 12th at 7:30 PM. We will have a short business meeting followed by an informative evening that Peter is calling: **Owning your own airplane: The Agony and the Ecstasy.**

What is the cost? Is it practical? Do marriages survive aircraft ownership? Should you build a plane to save money? These and many other issues will be discussed at the CYSH aircraft ownership forum. Again some lucky participant will win a prize, and as before we will have the coffee on.

Past General Meetings

Peter Ceravolo is working hard to keep the Club a busy place with more frequent meetings. On March 10th we had a very well attended meeting with guest speakers Belinda Bryce and Tim Barrington from PSA Insurance. They gave us a very interesting talk on the aviation insurance business and how it affects us. Neil Tompkins was the winner of the Streamlight LED flashlight that Ed Moore donated.

And on April 14 Peter invited Rick Benoit and Jean Beauregard from Nav Canada to come out and talk about the new transponder requirements for Ottawa Class C and D, which came into effect place on April 15. We had a very good exchange of questions and answers. 22 people made it out including a few visitors that flew in from Kingston for the meeting. Maria Topping won the door prize, which was Garth Wallace's latest book "If Clouds Could Talk". Thanks to Ed Moore again for the donation.

Air Cadets Return to SFFC!

After a successful gliding season in 2003 the Air Cadets have been given permission to return again this year. Starting the first weekend in May the retraining of glider instructors will begin. This spring the Air Cadets will only be winch launching and only one glider will be used. The Air Cadets will operate the Unicomb and keep all traffic up to date with the glider's location. As last year they are only here for the month of May and will then return for a few more months in the fall. Capt. Greg Smith for the Canadian Forces is again in charge of all glider operations at CYSH, and if you have any concerns he will be more than happy to look into them with you. We had no problems with the glider operation last year and feel that with proper circuit and right of way procedures we will have another safe and enjoyable flying season.

East Hangar site Available

The Board Of Directors would like to advise any member that may be interested in building a hangar that we have one site available for construction. This site will accommodate a hangar of 40 ft wide and 33 ft deep. Interested parties are asked to call Glenn Davies @ 613 283-7111

Attn: Piper and Cessna Owners

Want to lower your aircraft hourly cost, not flying enough hours on your aircraft? Several club members are looking to buy some block time on your aircraft. We are current in C172's and PA28 and fly year round. If you would like to see your aircraft flown a little more often to keep the moisture out of the engine then call Douglas at 613-258-7188, Steve at 613-258-2728 or Richard at 613-275-1098.