



## Spring 2003

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## New S.F.F.C. Executive for 2003

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## The President's Message

As you all know, our Annual Fly-In Breakfast is just around the corner. As always Ken Hughes has donated the use of his hanger, as he has done for years. Thanks Ken. We will start setting up Sat. May 31 at 10:00 AM, so if you can help come on out. I will be calling the workers starting May 25<sup>th</sup>, if you like you can [email](#) me, and let me know if you would like to do the same shift as last year. Personal congratulations from myself, the Directors and Members to Jim McKenna who was the first student at Smiths Falls to solo with the new school. The Town of Smiths Falls has sent me an invitation to pass on to the club members who are interested in attending A Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. They would like at least 4 representatives from the Club to attend, if you are interested please let me know. Also hats off to OAS and Keith for the excellent job that is being done with the Flying School and the setting up of the Smiths Falls Flight Center.

Jack Tedford

## Annual Membership Dues

Membership dues are now due; if you have not sent in your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Members that have not renewed after 90 days of invoice date will be removed from our membership list and thus lose all the rights and privileges of membership. If you have not received your membership invoice please contact Brenda by email at [Bhaggett@smithsfallsflyingclub.com](mailto:Bhaggett@smithsfallsflyingclub.com). Or call her at home 613-275-2527.

Also if you are an Associate member and would like to have your membership level changed to Active with voting privileges, please let one of the Directors know so that this can be brought to the Board for consideration.

## Do we have your Email Address?

Over the past year, many members have seen their email address change. If in the past you received Club Newsletters by email, but this one came by post, please take a few minutes and send us your email address. Over the last few years that we have used email for the newsletters we have saved well over \$250.00. This money is then available for other uses. To send us your email, just go to the home page of our web site at [www.smithsfallsflyingclub.com](http://www.smithsfallsflyingclub.com), click on one of the email links. Place your name and address in the body of the email along with the email address you want us to use.

## A Big Thank you to the Vlasblom's.

On behalf of Jack Tedford, The Board of Directors and the members of the SFFC, I would like to thank Mr. And Mrs. Gozewijn Vlasblom for their donation of a beautiful framed picture of our late CFI, Bill Whaley. Mr. and Mrs. Vlasblom both received their flight training from Bill. Bill's portrait has been hung by the main panel box in the clubhouse. The next time you are out, take a look.

## Aircraft Radio Licenses

Did you know that a Radio License is no longer required for most GA aircraft? For all you aircraft owners, the radio license renewal invoice may be a thing of the past. If you plan to only fly in Canadian or US airspace, you are no longer required to have a radio license for your aircraft. The next time you receive an invoice from Industry Canada, simply fax them back that you will not be paying the invoice for that reason. This change was brought about by COPA, another reason to be a member.

## Fuel prices going up?

If you have been flying around the last little while you may have noticed the high cost of fuel at some of the other airports. I have been to several airports where the price of 100LL was well above the \$1.20 per litre level. The Directors have been informed from our suppliers that we would also see a large increase on our next load. That information came when the barrel price of oil was in the high thirty's. Now that crude has fallen down to the low twenties we may not end up with much of a change. The Club has a set policy that fuel is sold at a small profit and we will always do our best to keep our fuel prices the lowest in the area.

You may have noticed the temporary sign on our 80/87 pump stating the fuel to be a mix of 80/100LL. Once this is sold off the pump will be changed over to straight 100LL.

The fuel hose on the 100LL pump is in need of replacement and will be done shortly. It is felt that pulling it out all the way may have damaged it. Please take care of these hoses for they are expensive.

## 2003 Fly-in Breakfast

Just an early reminder that our annual fundraiser is not far off. I may not have another newsletter out before then, so keep an eye on the Club's white board for updates. Let's make this June 1<sup>st</sup> the best one ever. 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. For more information contact [Jack](#).

### The Smiths Falls Flight Center

Spring is here and things are busier than ever. For those of you wondering, "What is the Smith's Falls Flight Center?" it is going to be the name of the school when we get the new Operating Certificate. Same people, just a different name.

The first ground school, which ended in February, had about nine people who came on a regular basis. So far, Jim McKenna and Rick Long have both written the Transport Canada exam. They both did very well. Maria Topping will be attempting the exam in early April. Our next ground school will be starting on Tuesday April the 8<sup>th</sup>. at 7 PM. We still have plenty of space if you know of anyone who has always been interested in learning to fly.

March has had a couple of notable events. Rick Long has gone solo again. He did his original solo under Bill Whaley. Jim McKenna has also done his first solo. Club president Jack Tedford was on hand to dump the ceremonial bucket of water on Jim's head. Fortunately for Jim it was a fairly nice day. Congratulations to both Rick and Jim.

Due to maintenance scheduling, we have had KLA down in Smith's Falls, but April will see the return of LIN.

Until next time, enjoy the warmer weather and enjoy the flying. By Keith Kelly

### Air Cadets to come to SFFC!

As you may be aware, The Airport Commission and the SFFC have given permission for the Air Cadets to receive flight training in gliders at Smiths Falls this Spring and next Fall. Operations are to start the first Sunday in May and end the last Saturday in May just before our Fly-in Breakfast. We will be having a club level meeting on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>. at the Clubhouse where the Air Cadets will brief members on their operations and how this will affect your flying at Smiths Falls, meeting is set for 10:00 AM. Come out early and have Nik make you up one of his big breakfasts before we get under way. Glider flights may be available after the meeting.

### Any Ideas for a Fly Out?

Well the weather has sure turned around finally, and with that comes thoughts of where to fly this year. I have already been cornered by a few members wanting to know what we have planned for this year. As of yet, we have no concrete destinations but here are a few ideas to think about. June 13<sup>th</sup>. to the 15<sup>th</sup>. we have the Canadian Aviation Expo and COPA Convention all rolled up in one at the Oshawa Municipal Airport. Also that weekend is the 50<sup>th</sup>. anniversary of the Prince Edward Flying Club at the Picton Airport. You may remember us flying out to their breakfast two years back. In July, on the 12<sup>th</sup>. and 13<sup>th</sup>. there is the 7<sup>th</sup>. annual RAA Northern Region Fly-in at the Midland/Huron Airport. With an endless list of places to go, some are even thinking of heading back East again, now is the time to start planning, so if you are interested in any of the above or have a great idea of your own, please let us know. Also keep checking the Club's white board for updates. Contact myself ([Douglass](#)) at 613-258-7188 or [Floyd](#) at 613-692-4055. And safe flying.

### And to the Snow Crew.

Glenn Davies would like to take this time to thank all the members who came out and helped this winter with snow removal and shoveling around the runway lights. Also a big thank you to Ed Banford for looking after things when Glenn was down south, getting away from the snow.

### Next General Meeting

Don't miss our May 14th general members meeting. We will have lots of exciting news, what with Air Cadets, the upcoming breakfast and other new business.

The highlight of this meeting will be a group training refresher. The course material will focus on the Transport Canada "Flight Crew Recency Requirements" and when we are done, we will have completed the requirement of the 24 month recurrent training. CAR 401.05(2)(a). Hope to see you there.

For details contact Floyd Graham 692-4055

### 2003 Christmas Party

By all reports, our 2002 Club Christmas party was a resounding success. When we set out to arrange the event we were hoping for a minimum of 30 revellers, but when it was all over were pleased to report that we had over 60. We owe a thank you to the Lorretos (OAS) and to the SFFC for the generous donation of door prizes. These were gratefully accepted and the presentations gave us a chance to introduce the winning members and to do a little teasing. The ladies of the Smiths Falls Legion Auxiliary served a great turkey dinner and the facilities of the Legion hall, including the cash bar turned out to be the best. So much so that we have reserved the same for next Christmas.

Thanks to President Jack, who lined up the hall and the meal and bar arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you in Dec for our next party.

By Floyd Graham

### Spring is here!

Just a reminder with spring comes a soft infield. Last year we spent a fair amount of time fixing ruts in the infield. Please stay off the grass until it is dry enough to support your aircraft. Thank you for your consideration.

### New Lifetime Honourary Members



The SFFC has two new Honourary Members, Paul Howard (right) and Richard Knott (left). Jack Tedford presented the awards at the monthly Directors meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Both of these lawyers have given much to the Club behind the scenes. Neither is a pilot but both have been instrumental in saving the club a fair amount of money. Richard worked on the LIN engine problem and Paul fought to have the property tax issue fixed. Thank you Paul and Richard. More information will be on the website.