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The President's Message

Well summer is almost over and what a hot one. Some news on past few months: Our Fly In Breakfast was a great success. This is the first year that we managed the day. In the past Jack Tedford handled the details so going into the event I was a bit uneasy, but with the combination of a guidebook from Jack, excellent leadership from our Directors, an army of volunteers and super weather, it was a great success. Our profit for the day was \$2000.00. A special thanks to those who donated: John Simpson (eggs), Levac (propane), Jim McKenna @ Giant Tiger (bread, coffee), Neilsons Dairy (creamers and OJ), Cogeco (advertising), Wayne Hughes (hangar), the Air Cadets (serving and traffic control) and Isobel Anderson and Jack Tedford (for generous cash donations). We served over 900 breakfasts (including to volunteers) and hosted over 100 fly-in aircraft. A detailed report is available.

Our Credit Card fuel system has been operational for a year now and has been great. Our plan was to double our fuel sales and over 3 years recover our installation cost. With the going rate it looks like we will achieve that goal. Thanks to Doug for keeping the tanks from running dry.

As many of you know, we had a big clean up day in June with dozens of volunteers out cutting up logs and piling brush in the farm property west of 06. There is still some work to do, but we did remove the material from the fields. On the same day we had a work crew scrubbing and painting in and around the clubhouse and tidying the grounds. Thanks to the many who came out.

If you have been around lately you will have noticed that 3 new hangars are in the final stages. Welcome to the new owners, Mike Richard, Peter Wright and Fred Grey. Our airport is attracting increased attention from aircraft owners looking to find a home, due in part to our superior facilities/services, friendliness. Affordability is a factor and we can maintain this if we can keep a flow of volunteers. Glenn Davies is our administrator of hangars and has been doing a fine job.

On the Procedural side of things we have completed an update to our Rules and Regs and Constitution to accommodate changes in Hangar ownership rules. We have completed a revision to our Airport Operations Manual and are now working on our Emergency Response Plan, both for Transport Canada. In the wings we are required to prepare 2 new Docs for Transport and implement the process: A Safety Management System and Wildlife Management Program. In a different vein we are working with the Airport Commission (The Town and The Township) on a new Master Plan for the Airport. Any members wishing to help on these programs would be welcomed.

There is lots more to talk about but space is limited, so you should just come out on Sat or Sunday and visit and by the way we have great new canteen operators, which reminds me: Many thanks to Douglas and Barbara Therrien and the girls for a great job of running the canteen. The food and service was superb and the kids were fun. One last thing, we have instituted a new service within the Board, that of Director for Member Services. Richard Buckley is the man and looks after all things related to new and old members.

My two year term for President will be up in Dec. so start thinking about your pick for the President and other Board positions, our elections are in early January.

Floyd Graham

President SFFC

The Vice President's Message

First I want to thank all the members that supported Barbara and I when we ran the canteen. I am very happy that Alena and Ian have stepped up to give it a try. Please support them as often as you can, we all know that without a canteen our airport is a very quiet place.

I had thought that after leaving the running of the canteen, I would have been able to spend more time at the airport doing all the other work that I never was able to get done before. That was until we decided to install an above ground pool at home for the girls; little did I know the work I was getting into. I have been trying to get out to the airport at least once a weekend, most often on Sunday morning. So over the last few trips I have rechecked the APAPI approach lights and worked on repairs to runway lights after what looks like lightning damage to 20 plus bulbs.

Starting this week, Airport Commission Member and Club Member Jim Crosbie is overseeing the heavy equipment out at the airport, looking after the annual bush hogging of the fields around the runway and work being done to dry up a low spot near the threshold of 24, to see if we can persuade the geese to move on to another area next spring.

I also want to take this time to thank Club Member John Muldoon for his effort in getting us a new pop machine from Pepsi. John, working with Jim Meagher of Pepsi had our old machine taken away and a new one that works with Loonies and Toonies put in its place. The new machine is much quieter and also easier on the hydro. Thanks John. This is a very good example of a member using his contacts to help the Club out.

We now have a second Aircraft Movement Logbook located down in the Fuel Pump Control building. All members are asked to record their aircraft movements in one of the two log books. We would like to be able to provide the Airport Commission with more information on airport usage, which will help them with planning and in their quest for more operating money for the airport.

Until next time, safe flying.

Douglas Therrien

Vice President SFFC

Mower Operators

Dale Lamport would like to thank all the grass-cutting volunteers for their hard work this summer keeping the grass around the airport trimmed up and looking nice. This year we had a few more members step up to help out and this has reduced the amount of work each has had to do. So along with Dale the Board sends a big thank you also. We still have a few more months of cutting left before we can put the mowers and trimmer away for the season and then it will be snow removal time.

Do you have hangar space for rent?

The club has been receiving lots of inquiries about hangar space. If you have space that you would like to rent, please post it on the board or better, let Glenn Davis know. You can contact Glenn @613-283-7111.

Flight Line Café

By Ian Stuart

Dear Members, Friends & Flying Enthusiasts,

As you have already heard or tasted the Flight Line Cafe has, after a turbulent time in the wind tunnel tests of three weekends ago, and then extensive taxi trials of two weekends ago then, finally an actual flight test last weekend with our new chief chef pilot "Alena" along with minimal help from the ground- Crew "Ian" (Hubby) & "Natalie" (Daughter) is up and feeding!!! Now, after its first successful test flight, Alena and the ground support (such as it is) are hopeful of orders from further-a-field as the fame of the Flight-Line protein type grows maybe as far away as other Province's or even from abroad!!!

So, as our new chef in the sky takes us on an exotic world cuisine tour to tempt our plane pallets, I am sure we all wish her fame and compliments flying in to The Flight Line from all over the world.

Newsletter/Website helpers needed

I am still looking for a member interested in helping out with our newsletter and or website. If you could give us some help we would be happy to hear from you. Contact Floyd or myself. Remember the Directors can always use your help.

Next General Meeting

Our next general meeting is set for October 12th 2005. We are planning on this being another bring your partner evening. More information will follow when we get closer to the date.

Fall Work Day

We are planning to have another workday this fall. Some of the items to be looked at are the black topping of the ramp to our hangar also we still need to finish the firewood work that was started last spring after our work on the approach to 06 in the winter of 2004/2005. We are hoping to tie this into an afternoon get together as well. A date is yet to be set, so watch the white board in the Clubhouse and emails for more information.

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Director of Membership Services

By Richard Buckley

I hope everyone has had as successful summer as I. There has been a great deal of change to the club over the past year, and my involvement in it. The position on the Board of Directors of Membership Services is relatively new so I have been applying some thought as to what I should be doing. One of my most important tasks is maintaining membership roles. I hope to centralize this information in a way that facilitates delivery of information to the members in a way that is efficient, and easy to manage. This will involve a lot of data entry so, if you become aware of any errors in your membership data, address etc. please bring it to my attention so I can correct it. With an accurate central repository of membership data, the president and board will be able to provide the each member with pertinent information.

I would like to welcome new members joining since the spring: Dareck White, David Kravacek, Walter Wolfe, Ian Stuart, Eric Barr and George Brigs. There seem to be a steady number of new students joining the club. I am sure they will find Russ Beach one of the best places to learn to fly. Our airport is one of the best examples of general aviation because of the efforts of our members. It is through the great volunteer efforts of our members that we can keep the airport in great shape, and the cost under control. I look forward to seeing our new members helping out around the field. Talk to any of the directors to find out what you can do to help.

Finally, to what I consider the most important part of my job. The club exists to foster general aviation, so if there is something you think the club could do to foster your participation in general aviation please let me know. We have had a great summer, let's have a great fall.

Air Cadets are back.

The Air Cadets are back for their fall session. They will be using the winch launch method this fall. They hope to start the weekend of Aug 27 and no later then September 3rd. Remember the gliders fly right hand circuits to our left hand circuits. They will again be running the Unicom on gliding days. If you have any problems with their operations please let us know, and you can also talk direct to Capt. Ed Cremer.

Email Addresses

If you received this newsletter by snail mail and have an email address, why not send us the information so that we can update our data base. Some members have change Internet providers but have not remembered to update our records. Currently half our members use email, and this saves us \$40.00 in postage for every newsletter we send out.

Smiths Falls Flight Center

By Shawn Montgomery

Hello Smiths Falls flyers and friends,
My name is Shawn Montgomery and I have taken on the role of Chief Flight Instructor for Smiths Falls Flight Center. Along with Bruce Trudel and Rhonda Hamilton I'm pleased to announce that we will be offering flight instruction throughout the week, if you've got a tight schedule we'll do our best to work around it. We will also be doing a private pilot ground school starting Mid September. The course will depend on the amount of interest we receive and the dates will be determined by our student's schedules.

For those of you who are worried about your currency, or those that may be a little foggy on the requirements, we would love to hear from you- we're not here to judge just to help. We will be putting together a short work shop, the date to be announced, to help steer you through the latest and greatest in topics such as: flying across the border with out getting an unwelcome military escort, how to save time yet stay safe when landing at an uncontrolled aerodrome, and my favorite, how to stay on the good side of ATC. The workshop will fulfill the two-year currency requirement so we look forward to seeing you there.
Rates: Instructor: 37.45 per hour.

Aircraft: 117.70 per hour.
** Price includes tax and fuel **

Best regards and good tailwinds,
Shawn Montgomery

Automated Fuel Pumps

I have to report that our new system is still working well, but that we have had to make a few small adjustments. One problem that several members have noted was that the system would shut off the pump while they were moving from one wing tank to the next. I have increased the pump idle time to help alleviate this problem. The other comment was in the form that one pilot didn't feel that he received the amount of fuel that the pumps showed they dispensed. This would be a form of a pump calibration error. To this end, and since we have not had the pumps calibrated in the last few years, GP Maintenance was hired to do a full fuel pump meter calibration test and I am happy to report that our pumps are in full working order and that the metered fuel is correct to the pump display. A copy of the report will be posted in the Fuel Pump Control Building down at the pumps.

The directors are also looking into the idea of a second grounding reel to allow two aircraft to fuel at once. If you feel this is a good idea, please let a Director know to show your support for this purchase. The cost of a second ground reel is about \$400.00.

Now for the bad news, yet again fuel prices are on the rise and our next load of 100LL which will be delivered shortly will cause another increase at the pumps. Ultra-lights are looking better everyday!