



Winter 2004

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The President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me for President in the recent elections. I would also like to congratulate each person on our new Board and to welcome Steve Vokey, Ron MacEwen and Peter Ceravolo, our new guys. Thanks as well to those who accepted nominations for Director positions. Jim Crosbie and Mark Steenburgh chose not to stand for Director this year and we will certainly miss them on the Board.

I am encouraged by the input and ideas I have already received from several members on ways that we can improve our Club and the Airport. On behalf of the Board I encourage these ideas, suggestions and proposals and will do my best to make it happen.

Some members have offered to work on projects and to help out where they can. Related to this topic and before the nice weather comes we will organize project/work teams and arrange a workday to spruce up the site. This workday can end in a barbecue or some other social gathering. Any member wishing to help organize this event can contact Doug, any Director or me.

One of our goals this year is to promote more participation on the part of the OWNERS of hangers and aircraft. These are the people who benefit most as members of this Club and as we all know, this Airport is the best because it is operated by volunteers.

And finally I must thank Jack for all his ongoing help in getting Doug and me up to speed.

Floyd Graham

President SFFC

The Vice-President's Message

First I want to thank Floyd for stepping up to the plate to take over from Jack. I know that Floyd went through a lot of soul searching before offering to stand as President. Some members think that the job of President is an easy one. Let me tell you that it takes a hard working, dedicated and organized person to tackle that job. Floyd is currently enjoying a holiday down south but he is still carrying on the duties of President, as seen in the emails that I receive. I also want to thank Jack for the training he is giving me in the ways of diplomacy and working with others.

Congratulations to some of our newest Active members, Darren Raycroft, Norm Hull, Steve Vokey and Bob Ungrin. Again this year I am hoping to organize some fly outs, both one day trips and longer. If you have some ideas or would like to help organize a trip please let me know.

The Smiths Falls Airport Commission has directed us to look into having the Air Cadets back again this year as part of the Air Cadets 50th anniversary. By all accounts it went very well last year and we look forward to meeting with Capt. Smith at our next meeting to go over the details. Also we will be looking into the automated fuel pumps in more detail along with some new security issues. All in all it is shaping up to be a very interesting time at the Smiths Falls/Montague, Russ Beach Airport. Come on out and be a part of it.

Douglas Therrien

Vice-President SFFC

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Ron MacEwen

Dale Lamport

Peter Ceravolo



Back row, L to R, Ron Patterson, Brian Egan, Steve Vokey
Middle row, Don Grant, Ed Moore, Dale Lamport, Margaret Ransome
Front row, Douglas Therrien, Floyd Graham, Jack Tedford
Absent, Glenn Davies, Ron MacEwen, Peter Ceravolo

2003 Christmas Party

At the party we had approximately 60 guests. Many tributes were bestowed on our past President Jack including those from Ken Graham, Chairman of the Airport Commission, Jim McKenna reading a message from Frenchie Labelle, by Floyd Graham and the presentation of great Icom hand held by Isobel Anderson (a cherished friend of Jack's). The highlight of the night was a bit of a roast of Jack by long time friend Jim Crosbie. Jim even managed to get Maxine in on the act. Some serious teasing brought much laughter from the floor.

The ladies of the Legion must be commended for doing a wonderful job again.

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

SFFC Airport Safety Committee

The Board of Directors have accepted a suggestion from one of our members, Norm Hull for the development of a formal Safety Program at CYSH. An "Airport Safety Committee" would administer this program. The goal of the Airport Safety Committee would be to ensure that the airport environment and airspace is safe for everyone. If there is an identified mechanical, structural or environmental safety deficiency the Committee would ensure rectification as soon as practical. If the perceived danger was a result of the actions of a visitor or member, the Committee would work with that offender to correct the situation. This committee approach would have 2 major advantages over the current way of addressing danger. Firstly the supposed offence, violation or situation would be rationally evaluated as to its danger before the committee representative approached the offender and secondly the person observing the offence would not be personally dragged into an emotional confrontation with the offender. The requirement for a Safety Officer has existed for years and the responsibility has by default been carried by the President. Our Airport Operations Manual on file with Transport Canada will be updated declaring the change in responsibility as soon as we work out the details. When we complete the documentation of the Program we will make details available to the members.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to provide input or suggestions is invited to contact Norm Hull.

Workday at SFFC

The Directors are planning some workdays at the flying club this spring. A general clean up will be done and other work. We will be looking for members to come out and roll up their sleeves. Good with a paintbrush, then we have a place or two that can use your help. The clubhouse has not had a good top to bottom cleaning since Mary Lynn and Murray ran the kitchen.

We are looking at some kind of barbecue after and should take no more than 4 to 6 hours of your time if we can find enough helpers. Watch the whiteboard and the next newsletter for more information.

Membership and Lease Invoices

All members should have received their 2004 membership invoice and also your lease invoice, if you are a hangar owner. Any member not renewing is asked to let us know in writing so your account can be cleared. Also if you have any questions about Club invoices please contact Margaret. She can be reached at 613- 275-1098 or by email through the Club's website.

Fuel Pumps

Old habits die hard. Just a request to fuel purchaser, please try to use both pumps equally. We still sell about twice the amount of fuel from the north pump as from the south pump which is the old 80/87 one. Try to alternate pumps every fill up and this will help us to keep the tank filled with the newest fuel.

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 you name and we can then update our records from that, as your email will contain your correct address.

Next General Meeting

Our next General meeting is March 10th. 2004. Peter Ceravolo has lined up Tim Barrington of PSA Insurance will be here. Tim is an active pilot with 1,000 hrs logged in 12 different types of aircraft including ownership of two Mooney's. Some of the topics that Tim will be covering are:

- How the Aviation markets works.
- Coverage Available and what they mean.
- Deductibles, insuring to market value and liability limits.
- Typical exclusions.
- Markets and what their appetites are.
- Coverage changes.
- Pricing.
- Broker of Record letters.
- How to choose a broker.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM with the reading of the financial report and other general information. There will be a Streamlight LED flashlight for a door prize this evening (on behalf of the Entertainment Committee). Colleen will have the canteen open and will be selling coffee, tea and light snacks. Hope to see you there.

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](#).

The Past-President's Message

Well this is my first letter as Past-President and I just want to let you know how much I am enjoying it. I want to thank Jim Crosbie for his many years as a Director & then as my Vice-President. Mark Steenburgh for the years he looked after the gas-pumps.

Special thanks to all the other retired Directors that I had the pleasure of working with in the previous years.

Congratulations to Floyd & Doug and rest assured, they will do a great job and carry on the name our Club is known for "The Most Friendliest Club In Canada". I also welcome the newest Directors Ron MacEwen, Steve Vokey and Peter Ceravolo. I am also sure they will bring forth many new ideas and will also do a great job.

I look forward to training a replacement to learn how to organize and set up the FIB, as this will likely be my final year of doing that.

I am looking forward to doing more flying as "SKYKING". My good friend Jim McKenna has been pulling me out of my woodworking shop to make sure I am airborne on a REGULAR BASIS (Thanks a lot Jim).

As you know Jim Crosbie and I are still on the Airport Commission and will continue to bring good things to the Field. We hope to have Floyd appointed to the Commission shortly.

Happy & Safe Flying

Jack Tedford