



Winter 2002

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The President's Message

It is nice to be able to send out some good news to our members and hanger owners. To all of you that own hangers at Smiths Falls, I am happy to tell you that I have just signed the Minutes of Settlement in regards to our fight to have the commercial property assessments reversed back to Residential. It has been a long fight, but it is all over now. Once the Property Assessment people notify our local Municipal Office we should see how much our refund is and when to expect it. Once we have this information Brenda will be able to work out how it will affect each individual hanger owner. So hang in there, it is all clear skies from here.

Another big change at the Club will be the operation of a Flight Training unit by Ottawa Aviation Services. The Directors and myself have put in many hours trying to come up with the best arrangement we could after Bill Whaley's retirement, and with the positive vote we got at the general membership meeting on Feb 13. you agreed, as seen by your vote in favor of OAS operating a satellite school here. We are hopeful that OAS will start operations here on April 1/2002. Once OAS takes over the care of our aircraft and the operation of the flight training unit, we will have a great responsibility lifted from our shoulders, this will make my job and that of the Directors much more pleasurable. More on OAS elsewhere in this newsletter. With this taking place we have voluntarily surrendered our O/C to Transport Canada. We will apply to get it back once and if we need it again, this is a requirement of CARs.

You have elected one new member to the Board of Directors, Ed Moore. Welcome aboard Ed. I would like to take this time to personally thank all the members of this year's Executive for helping make my job a whole lot easier, and to Steve Bennett for all his hard work in the past on behalf of the club. Steve has stepped down for a few years, and we look forward to his future involvement in the club.

Jack Tedford

2001 Saw A Few Changes:

As many of you already know, we have seen a few milestones this year. First our long time CFI Bill Whaley had to step down from a job he loved due to health reasons. We can never replace Bill. Finding someone with his love for training and his commitment to our club will be impossible. Another change came with the retirement of Murray and Mary Lyn, our great canteen operators. They will be missed, and I am sure going to miss their big breakfast of eggs, bacon and pancakes. Enjoy your retirement and on behalf of the SFFC members thank-you Bill, Murray and Mary Lynn.

Ottawa Aviation Services Partners with SFFC

Wed. Feb. 13 at a general meeting of the membership saw OAS present a proposal to manage all flight training and aircraft control for our Club. Our Board of Directors, after several months of searching for a class one CFI to replace Bill Whaley, decided that our best course of action was to contract the operation to OAS. The OAS proposal was shared with the general membership and after a question and answer session a vote was held and the proposal was accepted.

In a nutshell, OAS will take over the operation of the school for a six-month trial period. They will run a ground school, will do the flight training, will do check rides, flight tests and will manage the bookings and rentals as well as all maintenance on the 2 aircraft. With OAS we will see some changes, some good and some not so good. On the plus side you will be able to book and know that a plane will be airworthy and ready for you. On the minus the rental rates will be going up, this was foreseen last fall with the increase in operating costs and insurance. More details on our web site.

S.F.F.C. Executive for 2002

The Members welcome Ed Moore our new director, replacing Steve Bennett. Many thanks to Steve for his ongoing work on the blower and around the Club house.

President	Vice-President
Jack Tedford	Jim Crosbie
Secretary	Treasurer
Don Grant	Brenda Hagggett
Directors	
Ed Moore	Barrie Macdonald
Bob Labelle	Douglas Therrien
Dale Lamport	Mark Steenburgh
Glenn Davies	Floyd Graham

Next General Meeting

NAV CANADA GUESTS

Make sure to mark MAR 13 on your calendar. This is the night of our general meeting and we have arranged two guest speakers from the Ottawa Tower. Mike Lush and his associate will talk to us about flying in the Ottawa airspace and will give us advice on radio work, flight following and other safety related information. This session will be open to questions and answers and should be very helpful to those flyers that are uncomfortable about flying into YOW but would like to. Please plan to attend this general meeting. The meeting will start at 7.00 PM with coffee, donuts and some serious Club business. The Nav Canada presentation is planned for 8.00 PM.

New Honorary Life Members

The SFFC has issued Lifetime Memberships to the following members for their long time contribution to our club and because we think they are pretty nice folks;

Al Ryan	Ed Banford
Bill Whaley	Hartley Marsh
Bernie Tugnett	
Murray and Mary Lynn McLellan	

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Message from OAS Flight Training

As a bit of a background, OAS Flight Training began as Woodwind Aero with a couple of tail-draggers out in L'Original in Prescott-Russell Township. Lary and some partners did the spray program in the summer and turned out a few pilots annually. It was meant to be a small hobby business for Lary and Donna Loretto, so they would have something to do in their retirement. Lary was a Captain with Air Canada and was looking forward to a little downtime. Donna flew her little Champ for peace and quiet (*I imagine from her four kids – daughter Teri, operations manager at OAS says*) and well, about 15 years and 8 aircraft later, OAS has given the city clubs a run for their money (or is that a fly for their money?) OAS has been in Ottawa 10 years this March and still going strong. L & D still have the Champs, private now, and sold off the old C150s to invest early in the Katana, Canadian built composite trainers. This plane has kept us competitive in the Ottawa market, and our friendly staff keeps the clients coming back. It is important to OAS to maintain a high quality of service and friendliness, regardless of airport, small or large. It is our hope that the 'family business' we started for fun, stays fun! We also hope that this satellite will set the groundwork to extend our aviation family and yours to include each other!

Smith's Falls Flying Club has graciously opened their doors to OAS Flight Training for a 6-month satellite! OAS is looking forward to this opportunity to fly out of such a fantastic rural airport. Russ Beach has everything an airport needs for flight training, with only half the headaches we get at MacDonald Carter International! The benefits for both operations are myriad. The C172 usage should increase as OAS rental pilots join the SFFC. A Katana will be available to the Club members for checkouts as well. An instructor will be on staff (limited days) at Russ Beach, and OAS staff will take care of all the licensing and paperwork needs of the club members as well as OAS students.

Aerobatics training is available on the GROB, an all-composite low wing aircraft, and if anyone is thinking of getting a Multi-rating, the Aztec can be brought in and out as well. We hope that SFFC pilots will also use this opportunity to get comfortable flying in and out of control zones, as they will be welcome to park on the OAS area at the Ottawa Airport during training, or just stop in and say 'hi'. OAS hopes to increase social activities, as SFFC is ideal for such occasions. A groundschool is planned out of Russ Beach at the end of April, running one day a week for 16 weeks. This will be an evening course, 7-10PM and all books will be available to be purchased in Smiths Falls. OAS CFI Nick Taylor is also a designated flight test examiner, so if you need Recreational, Private or Commercial Flight Tests, he is more than willing to accommodate.

We see this as the beginning of, well, a beautiful friendship! Of course a few things will seem strange at first and a lot of changes will be forthcoming. The aircraft remain the property of SFFC; it is only the system that is changing. You will be required to sign out aircraft, and keep active records at the club, but all of these things will be introduced in simple and friendly ways. It is important to follow Transport Canada rules, yet maintain the friendly and personal service that SFFC is known for. Our hope is that when the 6-month trial period is up, SFFC will be bustling and an instructor can be put on full-time as a SFFC employee. It would be a shame to see one of the finest airports in Ontario without a flight-training program! It is imperative that General Aviation remains a strong force in this country!

We haven't worked out all the details yet, but your board is sure to keep you updated!

Summer Outings

This past summer saw the club under take two fly outs. The first was to Picton's Fly in Breakfast, the second outing was a day trip out to Elmhurst Resort near Peterborough. This year one of the ideas is a flying trip to our east coast. We have a list of about 5 members that are planning to pilot down east, so on that note we will be holding an information gathering meeting Sat. March 23 at 9:00 AM at the clubhouse. If you think you might be interested in this trip, come out and give us your thoughts, or email myself

<mailto:dtherrien@smithsfallsflyingclub.com> or Floyd <mailto:fgraham@smithsfallsflyingclub.com>.

If you have any other ideas for fly outs please let us know so that we can look into them.

Fly-in Breakfast 2002

Well it is time to start thinking about this year's Fly-in Breakfast that will take place June 2/2002. Last year Mother Nature sent a little rain our way. Here's hoping for better weather this year. As always Jack will be looking for help so to the members not on his list from last year, please get to Jack and offer help if you can or, [emailto:Jack Tedford](mailto:Jack.Tedford)

Annual Membership Dues

By now you should have received your 2002 membership dues invoice, and if you are a hanger owner, your 2002 lease invoice. If you have not, send Brenda an email at Bhaggett@smithsf_allsflyingclub.com. or call her at home 613-275-2527.

Year Round Tie-downs

Aircraft parked on the field must be at least 30m from Taxiways so as not to interfere with field maintenance (Snow removal / Grass cutting). SFFC is not responsible for any damage caused by Field Maintenance operations.

E Mail Address

If you have not received this newsletter via e-mail, then we do not have your address. It sure is easy and fast for us to share all sorts of Club info with you if we have your address. Not to mention the reduced cost to the Club and the timely manner with which you will receive news. Please use the URL below to provide your e-mail address to the Club and paper mail folks fear not. We will continue to send mail, post news on the bulletin board, phone you or send smoke signals.

Hanger For Sale

Basil Parsons has sold his Citabria and decided to hang up his headset. Basil's T-Hangar, E-12, on the east taxiway is for sale. Interested parties can contact him at E12@smithsfallsflyingclub.com.

Bob Labelle

On a warm note, Bob sends all of us his best from down south. He has been complaining that if the weather doesn't improve soon he will be coming home. Bob, we like it up here just fine.