



Summer 2004

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The President's Message

June is here already and we have just completed one of our best Fly In Breakfasts ever. This is a huge event and as usual Jack has done a superb job organizing and managing it and he deserves a great deal of thanks. This is Jack's last year as organizer of the breakfast, and we will be looking for new volunteers for next year. Congratulations to our newest Director, Bob Ungrin. Bob has replaced Ed Moore on the Board and over the years has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Club. You will notice that our Club has arranged several guest speakers for our general meetings. If you have suggestions for other speakers contact Peter Ceravolo, our Director of Entertainment. Welcome to several new members this year: Bob Goguen, Bill Flint, Harold McCrum, Ben Kaepfner, and an upgrade to Active member, Richard Buckley. Your executive has been busy this spring with two pressing issues, the two-year membership requirement for hanger ownership and the planned installation of credit card pumps. In the next few paragraphs we will bring you up to date on the action around the Club.

Floyd Graham
President SFFC

The Two Year Rule and Hangar Ownership!

For many years our Club has enforced a rule that requires anyone wanting to build or buy a hanger, to be an ACTIVE MEMBER, which required that the person have been an ASSOCIATE MEMBER for at least two years to request ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. This rule has slowed the flow of serious new members to the Club and in several cases we know that good people have built or purchased at other fields. We all know that we need new blood to keep an airfield vibrant, therefore the Directors have voted to replace the two-year rule with other safeguards. One of which would allow new people wanting to build or buy a hanger to join at the Active membership level without the wait. These ideas and others will be debated and voted on at a special meeting of the membership set for June 23rd at 7.30 PM in the clubhouse.

Credit Card Controlled Fuel Pumps

For some time now we have been talking about installing credit card operated pumps. The Directors think that this year we should get on with it, but because of the serious expenditure of cash, we need to be assured that the members are in solid agreement. In order that we give this matter due attention we have arranged a special meeting of the membership. It is set for June 23rd at 7.30 in the clubhouse wherein we will discuss the benefits and costs and seek your approval.

S.F.F.C. Executive for 2004

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Dale Lamport	Peter Ceravolo	

Very Important Message!!!

If you don't read anything else on the newsletter at least please read this.

There will be a special general membership meeting to be held on June 23rd. at the Clubhouse. All members with voting rights are greatly urged to attend. Of course all members are welcome. This evening will be a business meeting only and two very important items will be discussed and then voted on. One issue is the two-year membership rule before a member can become an Active member, which is required to purchase or build a hangar at Smiths Falls. The other pressing item is the purchase of an automatic credit card control system for our fuel pumps.

The Vice-President's Message

Well it is sure hard to believe that it is almost summer. It just seems like a few weekends ago I was blowing snow off 24, now we can't keep ahead of the grass. Congratulations to Darren Raycroft who recently passed both the written and flight test to earn his Commercial rating, also to Bill Flint who has just soloed, 39 years after his last flight. To Darren and Bill good luck with your future flying. This years Fly-In was the best and biggest since I joined the Club and sure kept me hopping. I want to thank Neil Tompkins that helped me serve coffee most of the morning and to Barbara my wife that took over near the end so that I could help cook bacon with Floyd Graham and Eileen Crosbie in the clubhouse when the 4 grills outside could no longer keep up. I didn't hear a bad comment from anyone all morning, and most were very impressed with the great breakfast we put on. Jack did an excellent job again this year, his last as Chairman. The Board will be looking into the organization of the Fly-In this fall for next year.

I am hoping to see a big turn out at our special members meeting on June the 23rd, so that the Club can move forward on some issues that the Board feels are in the best interest of our Club and airport.

Now that the nice weather is back again I hope that you find the time to enjoy some flying. Take in a few Fly-in Breakfasts or join us for our trip into New York. Until next time, safe flying.

Douglas Therrien
Vice-President SFFC

Successful Workday at SFFC

On the 15 June we had a great crowd of people out to the field, cleaning up. John McLean organized the painting of the fence around the club house (and painted as well), Doug Therrien organized and cut brush beside the east hangers, Steve Vokey provided a truck and trailer to haul the brush, Ron MacEwen used his trailer and truck to gather up scrap tin and other junk, left over from the hanger blow downs, Andrew Boyd organized and helped sand and paint the metal markers for RWY 33, Brian Egan cleared up old blocks of concrete and stumps in the east hanger area, Margaret Ransome coordinated the clean up of the clubhouse and Floyd Graham organized and helped paint the blower shed and trash barrels. A few days earlier, Glen Davies organized and helped paint the club hanger. Stan Ironstone cleared up brush around the west hangars a few days later. All of these jobs were completed with the assistance of many more unnamed volunteer members and approx 30 local Air Cadets. Thank you to all those who participated. Following the workday we all enjoyed a barbecue of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Of course there are other members of the Club that were unable to come out on Saturday, but volunteer at other times cutting grass, maintaining our electrical systems and buildings and numerous other work that goes on unnoticed by most of the membership. This behind the scene work is no less important than what we did on our workday and we thank those members for their time and for helping make our airport what it is.

Hangar Space For Rent

We have two spaces available in the Beach Hangar. These spots go for \$100.00 a month and anyone interested in renting one of them should contact Glenn Davies @613-283-7111 or Brian Egan by email at <mailto:began@igs.net>

Challenger Fly in

On May 16 our field was the destination of a large number of Challengers. Norm Hull organized the event and Douglas Therrien and Bobby Hanson helped Norm serve up a healthy breakfast. The flyers showed their gratitude by donating \$72 to the Club. We are using the donation for domestic supplies.

2004 Fly-in Breakfast Huge Success

Well our annual fundraiser has come and gone again. This year was Jack's last as the Chairman of the Fly In and I don't think his reign could end on a sweeter note. The weatherman gave us nice warm weather, with cloud cover. The lack of sunshine early in the morning just meant that those standing in line didn't over heat. Also with the VFR weather we had over 115 aircraft fly in. It was steady all morning for the parking marshals. OAS took up 35 people for rides in both club aircraft. We served over 850 meals and at one point we had to send for more eggs and bread, as we were about to run out with still over 75 hungry souls in line. We had the last people fed shortly after 12:00 PM and by 3:00 PM all the members helping with the clean up had headed for home. Jack has reported that the club has made just over \$2,200.00, of course this is possible due to all the wonderful people that make donations of food, supplies, hangar space, propane and the list goes on and on. Also the great help from the members that set up, run and then clean up after, thank you for your time. Jack will be sending thank you letters on behalf of the Club in the near future. I wish we could name all the great people here personally but space doesn't permit, so all I can say is THANK YOU on behalf of Jack, Floyd and myself for a job well done.

Past General Meetings

Well since my last newsletter the SFFC has held two informative General Members meetings, though we had a very small turn out to both, those that did attend, enjoyed themselves and learned a thing or two.

Just this past Wed. Peter Ceravolo had guest speakers Adam Hunt from COPA and John Phillips from West Capital Developments. Both of these gentlemen gave very good presentations on the benefits of being a member of COPA and John filled us in on all his wonderful plans for the old Carp airport where WCD hope to build a Fly-In Community, and an Aerospace Business Park. We wish John the best in that undertaking, one that will be of great benefit to the aviation community in the Ottawa Valley. Ed Moore also provided the book " Cockpits of the Cold War as a door prize, which was won by Jim Crosbie.

Back on May the 12th Glen Davies arranged for 3 of our Founding Members, Bernie Tugnett, Bob McCrum and Jack Beveridge to give us a talk on the history of our Club. Bernie and Bob shared some funny aviation stories from their early flying days with us and also the history of how a farm field became the start of the airport we know today. After their presentation Glenn presented both Bob and Jack Honorary Lifetime Memberships in the Club they started on behalf of the Board of Director and the members at large.

East Hangar site still available

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

Cornwall Flying Club Poker Run

This year our airport will be one of the participating stops for the C.H.E.O. Benefit Poker Run sponsored by the Cornwall Flying Club. The Poker Run to be held on June 26th with a rain date of Sunday June 27th will end at the Cornwall Regional Airport (CYCC) at 4:00 PM followed by the awarding of 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes which will be 50% of the total entry fees set at \$20.00 per person. The other 50% will be presented to a representative from C.H.E.O. that evening. Some of the other airports that are stops are Ottawa, Rockcliffe, Morrisburg, Iroquois, Les Cedres and Alexandria. I will be supplying a hot dog and pop lunch free to all participating aircraft from 11 AM to 2 PM.

RV Fly in

On Saturday, June 5th, Dale and Cathy Lamport held their 6th annual fly-in BBQ at their hangar. It was for anyone with an interest or with a flying airplane in the RV series that are sold by Van's Aircraft in Oregon. A record breaking 21 RVs were recorded making it the largest number at an Ontario event. The Lamports are members of the Ontario Wing of Van's Airforce with gatherings held almost weekly during the summer. They currently fly an RV6A. For more information on Van's Aircraft consult the web site at <http://www.vansaircraft.com/>