

# Smiths Falls Flying Club

**Fall/Winter 2003**

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## The President's Message

Well this will be the last message from me as President of the Smiths Falls Flying Club. I just didn't know where to start, so with a little help from friends here are some insights and thoughts.

Some of the positive things that I feel are in the future for the club and airport are increased security with pass cards, automated credit card pump, a new paved runway 33/15, commercial enterprises and the expansion of taxiways to the ends of the runways. On the downside, flying will be going through many changes in the future, costs just keep going up, continued rising insurance expenses, unnecessary over-regulating by the gov't. 9/11 created a dramatic increase in the responsibility for small organizations like our club and something that we have already seen here is a shortage of volunteers.

Some of the changes we have been through are the downloading from the different levels of gov't, sky rocketing cost of insurance both for the airport and for aircraft ownership as it pertains to the flying school, and the closing of our flying school and then the opening of the Smiths Falls Flight Centre. And who could forget the damage done by the big windstorm of March 2001. We have seen 2 expansions of the runway plus extended taxiways and continue to appreciate great community support of our excellent Fly-in Breakfasts. The directors were also successful in winning 2 tax appeals on behalf of all hangar owners. We must also strive to maintain local support from both the Municipality and the Town of Smiths Falls. The airport and Club need them on side. They have helped make our airport the friendliest in Canada. Some of the people that I need to thank. Two who have had great effect on me were the late Russ Beach and Bill Whaley. Russ taught me to follow the template of kindness, dedication and leadership. Bill was my idol, he was the Smiths Falls Flying School; without him we simply did not have a school. They gave their hearts to aviation and this airport. Thanks to all the directors past and present and members who supported me for the 20 years that I had the honour serving as president. Thanks to my wife Maxine who was always there for me. She has done a lot behind the scenes and never complained. And to my family. Thanks to Isobel Anderson for being my babysitter, and even a bigger supporter of the Airport. Also to Jim Crosbie, my Vice President, he has stood beside me and was a very big factor in getting the Town and Township to keep up the airport field improvements and not to mention all his work maintaining our airport lighting systems along with training Douglas. As well to Floyd Graham and Douglas Therrien who have been working hard to rekindle our Club spirit and improve the likelihood of our great club being here well into the future. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who looked after snowplowing. Wes Steenburgh, Ed Banford, Glen Davies and all the volunteers that assisted them. Thanks to Dale Lamport who looked after grass cutting and all of the volunteers who helped him. Thanks to Barrie MacDonald for looking after the A/C, and after his retirement Ron Patterson for keeping us in touch with OAS. Thanks to Bob Labelle, Glen and Brian for looking after the hanger sites. Also thanks to Mark Steenburgh for keeping our gas pumps running and full. All the dedicated people who ran the canteen and the presently Glen & Anne who are keeping it open. Don Grant for his hard work as Secretary. Ed Moore and Glen for looking after the clubhouse. Thanks to Larry & Donna & Terri and especially Keith for the great school that OAS is running. Thanks to our lawyers, Paul Howard and Richard Knott for many hours of work. If I forgot anyone I apologize.

Russ Beach always told me what I respected and considered as good advice " LEAVE WHILE YOU ARE STILL LIKED ". I personally feel that I have done the job of President as best I can and that even though some may feel differently, you just can't please everyone.

The time has come for me to spend more time on my business and with my family, particularly my grandchildren. Not to mention enjoy more flying & woodworking. I am also now completing my final dream, Worshipful Master of my Masonic Lodge. Merry Xmas to all and a Happy New Year

P.S. Remember to come to the Xmas party December 13.

Jack Tedford

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

### President

Jack Tedford

### Treasurer

Margaret Ransome

### Directors

Ed Moore

Brian Egan

Dale Lamport

Glenn Davies

### Vice-President

Jim Crosbie

### Secretary

Don Grant

Ron Patterson

Douglas Therrien

Mark Steenburgh

Floyd Graham

## Winter just around the corner!

Well it won't be long now until the white stuff is here. And on that note Glenn Davies is looking again for anyone interested in helping out with snow removal to contact him for a check ride in the big yellow blower. He can be reached at 613-283-7111. Remember that it is the volunteers that keep the airport running, and if you fly in the winter and have some time you owe it to the club to help out where and when you can.

## 2003 Christmas Party

All members and friends are invited to attend our Christmas dinner and party. The party will be on Dec. 13/2003, in the basement of the Royal Canadian Legion at Smiths Falls, the same place as last year. Drinks at 5:30 PM and full Turkey dinner at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$25.00 per couple.

If you missed last year, you will not want to miss again. We have door prizes, a great meal, and as always, the legion bar prices are good.

This year we are hoping to have music for dancing, but not too loud for good talk.

On the Clubhouse whiteboard we have a list of people planning to attend. If you can't make it to the Club to put your name on the list, please call Floyd at 613-692-4055 or by email [fmanotic@magma.ca](mailto:fmanotic@magma.ca). As per last year we will collect the \$12.50 per person at the door, so if you are on the list please let us know 4 days in advance if you can't make it.

## Attn: Piper and Cessna Owners

Want to lower your aircraft hourly cost, not flying enough hours on your aircraft? Two Private Pilots are looking to buy some block time on your aircraft. We are current in C172's and PA28-180 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 or Steve at 613-258-2728.

### The Smiths Falls Flight Center

The chill of winter is in the air, the clocks have gone back, it's getting darker earlier... how about a night rating. If you have always thought about a night rating or just want to get current at night, see Keith to see what you have to do and to set up a night Flight.

Our fall ground school has started again. We have four people out for this one. If you are interested in attending a class for a review of a certain topic see Keith to find out what is involved and what date the class will be held. Ground school is now being held on Saturday Mornings from 9 am to 12 pm.

October saw two students achieve their Private Pilot License. Maria Topping, followed two days later by Jim McKenna. Congratulations to the first two graduates from the Smiths Falls Flight Center.

Until next time, enjoy the flying and remember to dress for survival.  
By Keith Kelly

### Notes from OAS

Amazing Aaron does it again! OAS's own Aaron Speer is this year's winner of the Charles David Abramson Memorial Award for Flight Instructors.

Sponsored by Jane Abramson and ATAC, (The Air Transport Association of Canada) this award recognizes outstanding contributions to Flight Training in the areas of safety, program design and general love of aviation. Aaron was a shoe in. Actually the competition was stiff, but Aaron's qualifications won the day. Congratulations Aaron! The award will be displayed at the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa. This award is presented in memory of David Charles Abramson, a flight instructor who died in an unfortunate accident as a result of a rudder stop problem in Quebec.

Marc St. Onge is looking for a travel partner to do his 300 NM cross country in the GROB. He is finishing up his Commercial License and looking for someone to take the leg home. Save some money, fly with a friend! You can call him at (613) 222-6119.

By Teri Loretto of OAS

### FOR SALE

Brand New BOSE Aviation X Headset, 2003 model, still in box, never opened.

\*Latest BOSE technology in background noise reduction

\*Latest power supply requires only 2 AA batteries, giving 40 hours of use

\*Very light and comfortable

Comes with carry bag\*4 Headsets to sell, free BOSE duffle bag for first three buyers\$1500CDN taxes included, certified cheque or cash only please contact David Zyla (613) 297-8931 or email him at [david.zyla@cognos.com](mailto:david.zyla@cognos.com)

### FOR SALE

**1993 CHRISTAVIA MK1**, Lycoming O-235C 1160 SMOH, 40TTAFSN, Narco com/xpdr Mode C, standard VFR instruments, 9/10 in/out, 1500A skis, always hangared. \$29,900. Contact Ken at 613-267-1264 or email him at [kcrawford@superaje.com](mailto:kcrawford@superaje.com)

### Hanger Site Owners

It seems that we are still having trouble with the upkeep of some hanger sites. Owners are reminded that they are responsible with the disposal of their waste and up keep of their sites. The large steel garbage bin is for the waste from the clubhouse and airport operations and nothing else. Every year we are seeing the cost of waste removal going up and we know that most of the garbage thrown into the bin is not from airport operations. Also trailers cars etc are not to be left parked on site for extended periods of time. Most hangar owners take great pride in their sites and the condition of their hangars so to the few that don't please read your lease and hanger rules and try to follow them.

### Next General Meeting

Our next General meeting is Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. 2004, and is the night of the election of Officers for 2004. This year will see the election of a new president. All active members should come out and vote for the people that they feel will help move the club forward into the future. Any active member interested in running for a position on the board should make it known.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM with the reading of the financial report and other general information, followed by the election of officers.

### CANPASS seminar for Private and Corporate Aircrafts

The CANPASS program for private and corporate aircraft is designed to streamline customs and immigration clearance for low-risk travelers. The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency offers free information seminars for travelers and corporations regarding the program's policies and procedures.

*The information seminars, available in both English and French, address several topics including:*

- Who qualifies for the program;
- Benefits of CANPASS Private and Corporate Aircraft program;
- How to apply;
- How do CANPASS members present themselves and report goods; and
- Import restrictions and penalties.

Location: Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, 2270 St. Laurent Blvd., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Ottawa, Ontario

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2003

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

***Should you wish to register on-line please go to [www.ccra.gc.ca/events](http://www.ccra.gc.ca/events) or call (613) 991-0537.***

### Fuel Purchasers

Margaret our hard working accountant has asked me to forward this request. It seems we are still having trouble with credit card slip and fuel invoices not being filled out correctly. All credit card slips should be checked that the imprint is good and that they are signed, dated, with the proper amount and invoice number of the fuel invoice before being placed in the lock box. Fuel sheets should also be filled out with name, address, aircraft ident, amount of fuel purchased and the total cost. Also do not take blank fuel invoices to be filled in at a later date. Margaret must be able to account for each and every numbered fuel invoice, so if you make a big mistake that your fuel requires the using of a second invoice do not destroy the bad one, also missing invoices could account for lost fuel and revenue for the club. Just mark it with a "Void" and place the appropriate copy in the lock box. In the future if we go ahead with an automated pump system this will be a thing of the past.  
Margaret thanks you.