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The President's Message

The summer is almost over but it sure has not been quiet at the field. If you have a few moments I would like to share mostly good news and a bit of sad news.

The sad news: We lost a beloved member on August 20 when Ken Hughes passed away at the age of 86, after a heroic fight with cancer. Ken was often at the canteen on Sunday morning and only about a month before his death he visited with Ed Banford and me in the back corner of the Clubhouse in his favorite spot by the window. Ken could always be counted on to help the Club and for many years he provided his hanger for the Fly In Breakfast. Ken leaves a wife, a son and daughter and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ken will be fondly remembered by all his friends at the airport.

As reported in early June, for many years our Club has enforced a rule that requires anyone wanting to build or buy a hanger, to have been an ACTIVE MEMBER for at least two years. The Directors presented a proposal to the general membership in special meeting on June 23 to eliminate this requirement and in the discussion that followed; the membership heartily supported the proposal. The new process now allows the Board to approve new members for hanger ownership providing the applicant meets certain conditions of acceptability.

Welcome to three new members approved in Sept: Andy Weiher, Grant Whittaker, and Tom Oakes.

Floyd Graham

President SFFC

The Vice-President's Message

We have seen a lot of activity at the airport over the last little while. Jim Crosbie has been overseeing the clearing and leveling of the land on both the west and east side of 33. He also has had the area just behind the Clubhouse cleared of stones, leveled and covered with topsoil to finish the work we started back this spring at our annual workday. Jim has also had one of the low spots along the east side of Van Exan Drive filled and leveled with topsoil. Floyd and I have since seeded these two areas and are hopeful that it will be nice and green in the weeks to come. The Township has mowed all the infield grass and their contractor is currently bush hogging the rest of the airport property. Jim, Floyd and myself have discussed some of the work and improvements that we would like to undertake next year. I want to personally thank Jim Crosbie for his dedication to the airport and in his forward thinking for improvements. The work that he has spearheaded has improved the safety at our airport and also has beautified it for all pilots and members that use CYSH.

I am sure you have seen the ongoing work of installing our new credit card fuel system and the kiosk to house the controller. One other small job I took on this summer was the painting of the concrete ramp to the club hangar. We are hoping that the black driveway sealer will greatly speed the melting of snow and ice from it this winter.

The club has been keeping a close eye on fuel cost and has been able to offer fuel at the lowest prices around. We have pilots from all over buying fuel at prices lower here than they would get as members of their respective clubs. We believe this trend will increase once the 24-hour fuel system is up and running.

My flying time is way down this summer, but I still managed a few firsts. One was my first unplanned stay over due to weather on a trip to Peterborough, along with fellow member Steven Vokey. The other was my trip with Glen Davies in his PA-12, to Embrun. I was amazed how stable the PA-12 is and how nice it was to fly. Thanks Glen for the trip.

We have also seen a lot of interest in memberships and hangar space as of late. Just in the past few weeks we have heard from several pilots interested in renting or building hangars at CYSH. It seems our airport is the place to be. Another nice thing is that most of our newest members have come out and volunteered their time whether to cut grass or get involved in the credit card fuel system installation and I want to thank them. There is always more work than volunteers to do it. Till next time, fly safe.

Douglas Therrien

Vice-President SFFC

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 let Glen Davies know. You can contact Glen @613-283-7111.

Credit Card Controlled Fuel Pumps

By Floyd Graham

Our Credit Card Pump Controller project is progressing well. By the time you read this, the work will be pretty well done, but I will give you a short update now and a detailed report after "cutover".

All equipment is on site, the trenching is done, conduit is in the ground and all cabling has been pulled, the concrete has been poured, a kiosk to house the controller has been constructed and the existing pumps have been upgraded with interface circuit boards and the latest e prom burns. Even the grading is done and the new phone line installed. We need to put the finishing touches on the kiosk, and install the controller terminal and pc computer, and assist in the supplier commissioning and then undergo training (on site). What a load of work and it has been completed for the most part by volunteers.

There is still work to do but I would like to recognize the following people now for their help: John Spence and Murray Hackett at Montague Township for (backhoe) digging the trench at no cost, Jack Tedford and son Scott for all of the electrical, Lionel Robidoux and son Mathew, Andrew Boyd, Steve Vokey, Richard Buckley, Ron MacEwen, Dale and Cathy Lampport, John Sims, Bob Crook, Bob Ungrin, Glen Davies, Fred Grey, Alex Tolten, Bob Goguen, Douglas Therrien. (Doug has been out every weekend since we started), and my wife Diane for her help and patience.

We plan to have our part complete by Sep 19 and the supplier, Applied Technology Inc. will be on site Oct 5, 6 to complete the installation and cutover. We are asking computer literate members to participate in the systems training, please contact me asap @ 692-4055

Airport Safety Inspection

Transport Canada completed a Safety Inspection of our runway and taxiways in Aug. We passed and are allowed to keep our CERTIFICATION status. Some corrective action is required however including some corrections to our Operations Manual and more serious, the removal of some trees on the south side of the approach to Rwy. 06. We may not own the property with the trees.

Fly out to New York

Well we have tried twice now to set up a trip to Sidney New York. We may still make it out there this year. If you are interested and have Canpass and your US Customs sticker and would like to join us, call myself or Floyd.

Next General Meeting

Our next general meeting is set for Oct. 13/2004 at 7:30 PM. This will be a business night with the members being brought up to date with our new Rules and Reg, Constitution, Finances and the new credit card system for fuel control. Hope to see you there.

Attention homebuilders

Member John Sims has informed me that he has purchased a 1000 lb capacity beam scale for doing the weight and balance of aircraft. If you are in need of a good scale to do the weight and balance of your plane you can give him a call and he would be happy to lend it to you. He can be reached at 613-258-4707 or by email at johnsims@sympatico.ca

Christmas Party 2004

The Legion is booked for our annual Christmas party, this year on Dec. 17/2004 (Friday) starting at 5:30 PM. More information to follow, but for now mark your calendar and we hope to see you there.

Smiths Falls Flight Centre

Keith will be running a new ground school this fall starting sometime in Oct. If you are interested or know someone that would like to take ground school, please contact OAS at 737-2933. SFFC is reporting good activity in both rentals and student training with our aircraft usage at between 30 to 40 hours a month each.



L to R: Cathy Lampport, Ron MacEwen, Douglas Therrien, Bob Ungrin and Dale Lampport.



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