

# TASK

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**M**erry Christmas & Season's Greetings to you all!

This month we have all kinds of news to report:

Negotiations for our new field near Binbrook hit a snag during the second week of December. For a while it looked like we wouldn't have a field for the traditional "frozen finger fly" on New Year's Day. But, our hard working executive pulled a rabbit out of their hat at the last minute and <Ta! Da!> we have a new field on a sod farm across from the Toyota plant in Cambridge.

I haven't seen the new field yet, but I understand it's quite large, about 5 kms from an airport and 3 kms from another model airplane club. The field is owned by Green Horizons Group of Farms Ltd.. Our contact, Ronald Schiedel, is the president of one of their divisions.

Those of you who live in Cambridge and the surrounding area will be able to find the field very easily as I'm sure you must know the Toyota plant on Maple Grove in Cambridge. For those of us in and around Hamilton, the easiest way to the new field is to head out on Highway #8 to Franklin Road in Cambridge. Continue along on Franklin until you come to Pinebush. Turn west (left) onto Pinebush (Pinebush becomes Eagle Street). Turn north (right) onto Speedsville and continue to Maple Grove. Our field is at the corner of these two roads, directly across from Toyota.

Stan Shaw will have maps at this December's meeting and I will enclose copies of same with your newsletter if you weren't at the December meeting



to pick up a copy. The new field will be about 45 mins. to an hour's drive for me from Hamilton, but, because I always plan on flying most of the day whenever I head out to the field, the extra miles/minutes won't pose a problem. Besides, Stan tells me there is a Tim Horton's only 1/2 mile from the new field. It sounds like Paradise to me!

1998 promises other changes for SOGGI, too. We expect to have some new faces on our executive. Although Bud Wallace has offered to stay on as president and I've volunteered to continue as your editor, Al Hilborn will be stepping down as Vice President after filling that position competently for several years.

The minutes of our November meeting record that both Fred Freeman and Gerry Fritz have been nominated for Vice President. I don't know if that means we'll be having an actual election at our December meeting or what will happen. Either fellow would make a very fine addition to our executive!

Stan Shaw has announced that he will be involved with a special project at MAAC and has advised us that he won't be able to act as our secretary next year. Stan has been responsible for a great deal of the organizing and administration of our club behind the scenes. He has worked very hard and deserves our gratitude for the many hours he has dedicated to SOGGI.

Don Guthrie is stepping down as treasurer this year. As you all know, Don has also served this club long and well for many years. The position of treasurer is also a very important one to an organization and we are lucky that Derek Hartwell has offered to assume the treasurer's role in the upcoming year.

The entire executive deserves a pat on the back for all of their efforts! Thanks guys!!

A volunteer for secretary is needed.

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Hopefully, someone will have come forward by or come forward at the December meeting. If not, please give some thought to helping your club out by serving a term on the executive.

As my second term as your editor comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles, photos and reports to TASK this past year. I would especially like to thank Fred Freeman for his unflinching support, wit and terrific articles. It is contributors like Fred who make all the work of putting out a newsletter worthwhile! Thank you, Fred!!!

Please keep those submissions coming, folks. Without you, there is no newsletter!

I have just learned that Gerry Vandereyken has been hospitalized due to a heart attack. We all hope you get well, soon, Gerry!

Finally, let me extend my personal wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy, prosperous (& crash-free) New Year!

Have a great holiday!

Ann Tekatch

**REPORT ON SCALE GROUP  
NOVEMBER 8th, 1997**

The meeting opened at approximately 2:15 p.m. Present were: Bill Woodward, Stan Shaw, Don Guthrie, Cliff Whybra, Gerry Knight, and Fred Freeman - our numbers seem to be dwindling! However, we decided to open by discussing the letter which Gerry had received from Chris Williams - columnist for 'Silent Flight Magazine', and Modeller Extraordinary. Gerry had written to Chris of our activities in Scale here in Canada, in which Gerry had asked the question, "Why is there so little interest in Scale Soaring?" Chris replied by drawing attention to the decreasing numbers in their own White Sheet club, venturing the opinion that some scale modellers felt that they had

reached a point in the development of their skills at which they were beginning to feel that they needed a further challenge, having made their first ventures into scale; very much as they had felt when they became bored with Precision Duration and decided to have a go at scale! He suggested that this facet of our hobby would perhaps benefit from the introduction of some form of competition, and mentioned in passing, that White Sheet had at one time run a form of X-Country event, using a mix of Precision Duration and Scale models, which had been quite popular. The tasks were simple exercises in control and technique, requiring three pylons set in a triangle,

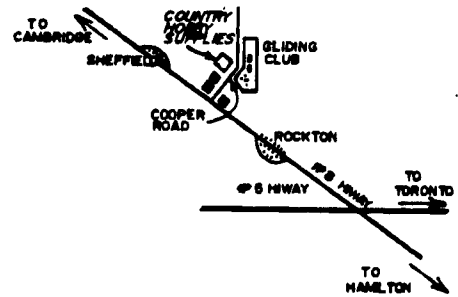
around which contestants attempted to fly. Points could be awarded for accuracy in rounding the pylons, and for speed; Chris could see no reason why these basic rules could not be adapted to some format for scale models only, nor why they should not be applied to an aero-tow event.

The meeting discussed these ideas at some length; it seems that the consensus was that we should, at least for the present, confine our events to a simpler format, such as a Fun-Fly, or just a Scale Rally, the reason being that events like the ones suggested by Chris need a certain amount of manpower, which we do not have, since interest in scale is so limited - same old

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problem!

**FUNDS FROM MAAC :** There had been a suggestion that we may be able to approach MAAC with a view to obtaining funds which may help toward purchases of equipment for aerotowing; Stan Shaw pointed out that although MAAC had made funds available in moderate amounts, the assistance from MAAC would more than likely come in the shape of caps, T-shirts, jackets or medallions, than in the form of hard cash.

**PROMOTIONS:** The discussion now turned to the subject of promoting the aero-tow philosophy, and Bill Woodward put forward the suggestion the we might set up a demo. team - that's demonstration, not demolition! - which could visit the various Fun-Fly events around Southern Ontario, with the aim of giving the modelling fraternity at large a better understanding of what aero-towing is all about; it was suggested that we should first target the clubs interested in 1/4 scale flying, since we wished to attract people

who already possessed large aircraft, and this may help to establish a roster of tug pilots; of particular interest were the K/W Flying Dutchmen, and the Simcoe club; mention was also made of the Otterville club's event. Bill volunteered to contact at least some of these people and to report back at the next meeting.

**FLYING FIELDS:** Once again this subject raised its ugly head, with little change in the situation than the last discussion educed. GNATS have lots of choice of fields, reports Gerry Knight, and issued an invitation to all to come down and fly with them. SOGGI's situation is unchanged, the restriction on gas-powered planes ruling out aero-tow, except on special occasions. Don Guthrie again informed us that the strip in his neck of the woods is eminently available - that we'll have to put off until the Spring. It appears that we shall have to await developments before we can say that we have a strip to call our own.

**SCALE EVENTS '98:**

ELMIRA JUNE 12/13/14th(?) (see info. elsewhere in this newsletter - ed.)

S.O.G.G.I. Scale Rally JUNE 28/29th.

G.N.A.T.S Aero-tow AUG. 14/15/16th. (It's to be hoped that the Demo. Team isn't called out in June - it's a bit crowded!)

**"DOLLY-TALK":** Bill mentioned that he had hoped that Don Smith would be at this meeting because Don had promised to check on some materials (plus wheels) which he had at home. Gerry offered to contact Don and get back to us next time. There was no discussion as to the date of the next meeting; I set it tentatively for DECEMBER 12th. (Since post-poned to January 10? - ed.) If that date is in conflict with any of our group's "mustdo" dates let me know - otherwise it's ON!

Till next time - Cheers

Fred Freeman

### Elmira Aerotow "98" Update !

To all those anxiously awaiting further details on next year's edition of The Harris Hill International Aerotow Festival. Great news! We have permission to use the Harris Hill facility for four days, June 11-12-13-14.

Here is how it will go:

June 11 - Thursday: open flying for early arrivals. Frequency board in use. Field for our exclusive use, no full scale traffic.

June 12- Friday: Official event starts, impound in use, exclusive use of field for R/C again. Friday eve: picnic at Harris Hill youth camp, adjacent to field.

June 13- Saturday: More aerotowing, and Full scale sailplane rides. Field will have both full scale and model traffic. Sat, eve.: banquet at National Soaring Museum.

June 14- Sunday: more of the same if you can stand it! again we will share the field. More details will follow shortly. Plan your vacation now for the best Scale R/C soaring venue in the US.

We also have slopes, A few more will be added to the list as we have discovered yet another good slope or two in the area, not to mention Harris Hill at 900 feet above the Chemung Valley.

If you want to practice, or learn aerotowing techniques, plan on coming early(Thursday or Friday) for a more relaxed atmosphere.

See you in June!

John Derstine

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Co-sponsored this year by: Harris Hill L/D R/C, The National Soaring Museum, The Harris Hill Soaring Corp.

## Minutes of the SOGGI Meeting November 16, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm by Bud Wallace. There were twenty members present. Bud read the minutes of the October 5th. meeting. Derek Hartwell questioned whether the 48 members listed this year was correct compared to the 32 last year. He indicated that Jim Leach and Waldo Wheten were not members this year but are still listed in the Task. Don Guthrie confirmed this was the case and that the current number is 41. Moved by A1 Hilborn to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Kurt Fritz. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes. Bud Wallace discussed the meetings with John Vanderwoude. he indicated that we can continue flying on the present location Powerline Road and next spring move to the fields on Weir Road south of Highway #99 until they are stripped. Then the sod farm located near Binbrook on Hwy #56 will be our flying field for the rest of the year. A map will be in the next issue. Stu Watson indicated that the Flying Tigers' new field is well south of our new field. Fred Freeman commented on the desire for one location for all our contests. It was decided that the sites for the contest be announced later. Members can check with the CD for specific contests. Kelth Armstrong asked if the outhouse will be moved to the new location. Bud Wallace agreed to ask Bill Campbell if the outhouse can be moved. Stu Watson moved that the club move to the new field owned by John Vanderwoude. Seconded by Fred Freeman. Carried. Bud will proceed with the new contract and payment.

Stan Shaw made a brief report on the Middle Zone Meeting, Paul Chitty was elected as the new Zone Director replacing Larry Fitzpatrick. Ann Tekatch read out a letter received from Paul requesting a copy of our newsletter and the opportunity of attending one of our meetings. Bill Woodward mentioned that there was discussion about changing the membership categories in MAAC but a resolution was passed that the current membership categories be continued. Also eight leader

members were recommended and two names for Hall of Fame. Other news from Stu Watson that Dave Henshaw pressed away three weeks ago. He was a past president of MAAC and COGG. He was active in promoting L.S.F. in the 70's. Doug Dorsey is quite ill. Stan Shaw will send him a card on behalf of the club. Stan mentioned that he is now the committee chairman of the 50th Anniversary celebrations for MAAC. He is looking for ideas for activities and he is planning to do a history of R/C Sailplane activity for a commemorative issue of the MAAC magazine.

### Report on the Scale Committee by Bill Woodward

The Scale Group met on November 8th and dates for the Scale Rally were set for June 28th at SOGGI and the 29th as well. The GNAT's Aero-tow is set for Aug. 14-16. There will be two tugs available at GNATS. The Committee is still looking for sponsor to help with the construction of a suitable tug. The next meeting is Saturday Dec. 13th at Fred Freeman's place, 2 pm.

### New Business:

Bud Wallace read out the letter from David Kuehner regarding his flight instruction and crash of his model. David had sent letters to all the executives requesting some compensation for his damaged model. After the executive discussed the issue with Albert Fund, the instructor involved, and Don Guthrie who was present at the field, it was decided not to give any money for damages since the member had been given satisfactory instruction and a letter to that effect was sent to him. A discussion followed with several suggestions. Jack Linghorne suggested that a new flyer be asked to bring his model to the field or meeting so that it could be inspected prior to covering. Ann Tekatch stated that all new flyers have been told to expect the plane to crash sometime and that it would be damaged during training sessions. Kurt Fritz suggested that a release form be signed by a new pilot to absolve the instructor of any liability. The membership

concurred with the decision of the executive. Bob Thayer mentioned that he had spoken to David at the Hobby Show in Toronto and he is still interested in flying gliders!

### Show and Tell

A1 Hilborn had brought a partially finished Viking sailplane that he was selling for \$60. It featured a fiberglass fuselage. Ann Iekatch showed some Skyshine and Skysheen reflective covering that she was selling.

### Nominations for Executive Positions

Derek Hartwell was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Fred Freeman and seconded by Don Guthrie. Fred Freeman was nominated for the position of Vice President by Don Guthrie and seconded by Bill Woodward. Gerry Fritz was nominated for Vice-President by Fred Freeman and seconded by Kurt Fritz. The President Bud Wallace was acclaimed for another term, as was Ann Tekatch for the position of Editor. Bud closed the nominations. Bill Woodward moved the meeting closed.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!!

Just a brief reminder that your SOGGI membership renewals are due in December.

Open Membership (18 years of age and up): \$40

Junior Member (less than 18): \$15

Initiation Fee (new members): +\$25

Associate Member (no flying or voting privileges): \$10.

Send your cheque to Don Guthrie or Derek Hartwell. Their addresses are listed on the membership list on the second to last page of this newsletter.

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**1998 Calendar of Events**

December 14 SOGGI meeting at Rockton Library, Rockton, Ontario. 2:00 p.m.  
January 10 (?) Scale Group Meeting, 2:00 p.m. @ Fred Freeman's place, call for confirmation (627-9090)  
January 11 SOGGI meeting at Rockton Library, Rockton, Ontario. 2:00 p.m.  
February 8 SOGGI meeting at Rockton Library, Rockton, Ontario. 2:00 p.m.  
March 8 SOGGI meeting at Rockton Library, Rockton, Ontario. 2:00 p.m.  
April 12 SOGGI meeting at Rockton Library, Rockton, Ontario. 2:00 p.m.



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