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## Waterdown Weather Rodent sees his own shadow – six more weeks of WINTER!

Late Breaking News: Stan Shaw advises that the legal department at Hamilton City Hall have finally prepared the necessary documents for the Rockton Flying field. All that is required now are the signatures and the generous cash settlement. Rockton happy days will be here again.

Have you noticed that it has been quite cold lately? **Well, How cold was it?**

We had to chop up the piano for firewood - but we only got two chords.

The politicians had their hands in their OWN pockets!

We had to push the house down the street to jump-start the furnace!

The new year brings that time honoured ritual of “paying one’s dues” - do not procrastinate! Send in your cheque early and make life a little easier for the New Treasurer – Michael Kastelein - who has taken over from Derek Hartwell. (Based on his years of experience Derek recommends paying by cheque as this makes life much easier for the treasurer as does getting the payment in early).

Getting people to renew at the beginning of the year is an age old problem and most solutions put forward are based on punitive fee structures – they seldom are effective. Better results are achieved by the Friends of ~~Italy~~ SOGGI Baseyball Batting Coaches Association whose unorthodox methods, whilst painful, are considered amongst the most effective in securing prompt payment. They have also helped in prioritizing and the shortening of the wait queues for replacement Knee surgery by creating a sudden surge in demand.

To ARF or not to ARF , that is the question. Let us know what you think. This years project must have a hundred tales that can be told – what worked, what did not, what could have been done better, what was unexpected and finally how did it all turn out.

Share the fun, we can all be a little wiser.

Anyone tried Gorilla Glue yet? Are there any experts on Vacuum Bagging?

The Safety Steering Committee has met and made some progress. There is a great amount of work to be done in the detail but in the end we should be much better prepared for a safe flying environment. The trick is to sift through all the babellshelt and find those nuggets of wisdom that will guide us in the pursuit of happiness and etiquette on the flight-line without courting disaster..

## President's Report,

Here we go starting a New Year! Have you made a New Year's resolution or made one too many? I am just happy to have survived this busy time what with family and friends dropping in for the holidays! You sure get the feeling that there must be an easier way to celebrate the season. But that is another story. Hope you all have a Happy New Year!

First of all, I would like to thank Derek Hartwell for his support and excellent work as the Club treasurer. Derek has not only kept excellent financial records but he has been instrumental along with Dick Fahey in working with the City of Hamilton Parks in establishing specific flying sites for SOGGI. On behalf of the club members and myself, Derek, I sincerely thank for all your good work and assistance over the past several years.

While reading some old Flying Models magazines that Budd Wallace had in his garage, I came across Ed Whalley's "With Model Builders" column in which he titles: "Flying for Fun".

*"Supposedly that's what we're all building the models for—the fun of it. But sometimes the pressure of competitive flying makes the game seem less fun than something else.*

*There was a time and a type of flying—once—in which participation (rather than gaining a reputation) was at once the pleasure and satisfaction to be gained. One old timer put it this way: "We used to build our dream ship, as we visualized it, power it in any way, and fly.*

*And fly. Come a contest (about twice a year) we would enter. It was like going to the fair. Some flyer won trophies: but who cared? The model **you entered** was your creation: it drew what admiration it deserved; and it flew as well as it was able. Thermals, downers, what did they matter? You were part of the spectacle. As Confucius once said: "It has long been established that one horse can run faster than another." So also can one model fly better, or faster, or longer than another. The point was that it was **your** creation and it flew."*

*There was, indeed, a fair-type atmosphere to these early "Contests". Each entrant was more of an exhibitor (if you can appreciate the difference) bent on demonstrating his craftsmanship to a group of his peers. When his name was called, he came up to the flight line and put his ship up. The same ship might be used for duration, distance and speed. The design objective was overall efficiency with a high degree of esthetic considerations thrown in- after all- a dream ship has a right to be pretty. As long as the ship didn't behave erratically, the exhibitor had made his point as well as he was able- and that was that. It was a pleasurable experience.*

*Call it nostalgia if you will, but a lot of people want exactly this type of experience from model flying. They want low- pressure participation, appreciation from a peer group of their personal design objectives or individual craftsmanship; and the satisfaction of having conducted a more-or-less successful demonstration with their creation."*

Isn't that just amazing that this article was written in July 1976 some thirty years ago! This was the decade of amazing growth in R/C Soaring. Yet the author laments the fact that contest- minded flyers, to be truly competitive, must spend lots of money!" They find the degree of dedication required to be too time-consuming; the price of competitive machinery, absolutely outrageous; and, the need for constant practice stymied by the limitations of available flying sites and weather conditions. The result is more frustration than satisfaction." This shows up in a lot of ways.

Where have all the builders gone? For a few years a number of the SOGGI members enjoyed building a selected golden-oldie for "The One Design Contest", for example, "The Windfree" and "The Olympic Two"; and "The Bird of Time." Thanks to Budd Wallace the club enjoyed this type of event that showcased the model and the flyer. Perhaps we should follow Bob Hammett and Dick Fahey example and build a commercial rubber powered kit for 2007? Come to think of it—that's what turned me on in the first place. C'mon, put a little fun back in your life before it's too late!

Lately the core group getting out to the field are flying more electric-powered models and gliders. So it seems that we should consider adopting a new mission statement: The Southern Ontario Glider Group actively pursues the flying of R/C sailplanes, electric-powered, and rubber powered models for sport and competition. This statement compares favourable to MATS club that is celebrating thirty years of operation. It reads: MATS focus is R/C flight, be it through sailplanes or electric powered models. Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

## Minutes of SOGGI Meeting, December 10th, 2006 at Rockton Library

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.15 PM. There were 17 members present.

Minutes of the October meeting were read by Stan Shaw.

Motion to accept minutes as read, proposed by Derek Hartwell, seconded by Werner Klebert. Motion carried

### Business arising from the minutes:

1. Stu Watson reported that the War Planes Heritage Museum (WPHM) model display was for plastic type scale models and it did not appear that flying models would be included. Stu would check if the SOGGI Brochures are on display at the museum.

2. Stan pointed out the success of the Woodstock clubs display at the Woodstock Fair – is this a possibility (opportunity) at Rockton or other fairs?
3. Werner Klebert mentioned the gift baskets for Hamilton Sod and the McNally's. Derek Hartwell will deliver the gift to Ben Schouten.
4. Werner also mentioned the possibility of using a site at Hendershott and Binbrook Road and mentioned that Linde's sod may yield possible flying sites,
5. City of Hamilton – still awaiting for the agreement documents from the City,
6. Contest update – There will be an Electric Fun-fly on July 7th, 2007 (Rain date 8th) CD will be Otakar Koprniky.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Stan Shaw read the 2007 list and asked if there were any other nominations. There were no motions from the floor so nominations were closed and the slate of officers was accepted by acclamation:

President:	Stan Shaw
Vice-President:	Werner Klebert
Secretary:	Cliff English
Treasurer:	Mike Kastelein
Editor:	Dick Colley
Corporate Sec.:	Bob Hammett
Web Master	Bob Hammett

Stan Shaw asked Derek Hartwell to give the members a financial update.

Derek reported that the current Balance was \$1941.38. Derek forecasted that expenses for 2007 would be close to \$1639.00 (this includes for gravel for the laneway at Greens Rd.). It was also decided that the next donation to the War Planes Heritage Museum would be made in 2007 and that the cost of printing supplies for members who print documents for the club would be covered.

#### **Plans for Sale: Bud Wallace Collection**

Stan Shaw reported that there were a large number of plans available from the Estate of the late Bud Wallace and Stan asked if there was any way of listing them on the website.

Bob Hammett said he would be able to add a list to the web site but asked that someone create the list – Juri Vosu offered to create the List. A general discussion followed with regard to plans available and how best to make them available. Dick Colley suggested that a study group be formed to look into the best approach for archiving plans using current technology. Bob Hammett noted that there are many sources already in existence for all types of model – we should not try to reinvent the wheel

It was concluded that Juri will catalogue Bud Wallace's Plans, together with Jack Linghorne. Werner Klebert and Bob Hammett would cover any plans for sharing (provided they have the agreement of the owner of the copyright)

#### **Possible Display of Models at the Rockton World's Fair:**

Stan noted the success of the Woodstock Club and asked whether it might be worth the effort to try a similar display at the Rockton Fair. It was noted that this might that it would spread the message about model flying. A question from the floor asked about member turn-over through the most recent years and it was felt that raising the profile might generate a wider member base. Further information will be researched by Stan Shaw.

#### **Becel Commercial:**

Stan referred to page 15 of the Latest MAAC Mag. and the Letter to the editor, which had been published, that he had written. Stu Watson advised that there is an organization in existence that acts as an Ad. Watchdog and felt that they would be more effective than writing to the Becel Company. It was also noted that Tom from Hobby Hobby flew a Helicopter in a battery commercial.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Stan Shaw asked if anyone had recommendations for possible speakers at the winter meetings – he suggested Jack Francis to talk on Transmitter trends and Laddie Mikulasko for design and building techniques.

#### **Safety Code and Membership of MAAC:**

It was noted that on the 2007 membership renewal there is a caveat about failure to comply with the MAAC rules, present and future (yet to be determined), will result in denial of membership and/or failure of liability in damage or claims...

Bob Hammett suggested that this topic be covered at a future meeting.

Members were referred to page 22 of the MAAC Mag. for sample showing the list of addresses that may be required to be posted at the field, i.e. addresses and phone no's for any nearby hospitals and emergency clinics and fire halls

**CMAS Events to be held at Springvale:**

Dick Colley made a request that SOGGI would sanction the Aero-tow events to be held at Springvale – Details of the site, participants, nature of the event and past history of other aero-tow events were provided.

Stu Watson tabled a motion that SOGGI will sanction the CMAS events at Hagersville. The motion was seconded by Werner Klebert. The motion was passed.

Motion to close the meeting moved by Derek Hartwell, seconded by Juri Vosu. Passed

The meeting was closed at 3:15pm

**Show and Tell:**

Stan Shaw described a Mini-Stik – built from an English Plan by Budd Wallace, with direct drive, Speed 280 on 6-cells 350mah capacity

Stan then described a Fournier – Scale Motor-Glider, running an Astro 05G on 7-8 cells using a 15x12 Windsor prop. Yet another model built by the Late Budd Wallace. The Fournier is for sale!

**Minutes of Meeting, January 14, 2007 at Rockton Library**

Stan Shaw called the meeting to order at 2.10 PM. There were 15 members present. Minutes of the December meeting were read by Cliff English. Motion to accept minutes as read, proposed by Derek Hartwell, seconded by Werner Klebert. Motion carried

**Business arising from the minutes:**

Flying from the Beverly Centre is still on hold waiting for the Hamilton Parks legal department to give their permission.

The positions of Corporate Secretary and Webb Master were discussed. It was decided that the Webb Master would be an appointed position.

Bob Hammett pointed out that the Corporate secretary is mentioned in the corporation's original documents. Stan Shaw will check this out.

Derek Hartwell gave a financial statement for the year 2007.

Bank Balance as of 1 Jan 2007		\$1507.61
Dues for 2007 c/f from 2006		\$596.00
Current Balance:		\$2103.61
Expenditures for 2006		\$1531.36
Income for 2006		\$1545.00
ESTIMATE: 2007		
Income: Dues (based on 40 members)		\$1400.00
Income: Contests		\$200.00
Total income:		\$1600.00
Expenses:		
Contest Awards	\$150.00	
Xmas Gifts	\$275.00	
Hall Rental	\$148.50	
Donations ( War Planes Heritage Museum)	\$100.00	
TASK & Postage	\$250.00	
Field Supplies & Misc.	\$400.00	
	\$1323.50	
Rockton Flying field Rental	\$300.00	
Total Expenses:	\$1623.50	

**Fields:**

As signs are now required at all fields Werner Klebert will make a new frequency board to comply with MAAC rules. Frequencies and caution sign. Stan Shaw said he would look into having more signs made up for field entrance ways. Signs would be required for Schouten's, Fletcher Road and Westover sites. MAAC now requires a fire extinguishers at all flying fields.

Stan Shaw said that the GNAT's flying club is in danger of folding. The club has no Executive for 2007 right now. If the club folds can GNAT's members join SOGGI. Can SOGGI sanction the GNAT's fields

**Safety Code:**

Stan Shaw Handed out a list of MAAC safety codes related to SOGGI's own safety codes. Bob Hammett handed out proposal showing items which MAAC and SOGGI safety rules could be rewritten.

A safety Committee was formed to address these rules and possible changes. The committee members are Bob Hammett, Stan Shaw, Dick Colley and Werner Klebert.

A meeting will be held at the Winchester Arms in Dundas at 12.00 noon on January 27 2007.

*MAAC SAFETY CODE; R/C FIELD OPERATIONS, SECTION 4.2*

*PART 18, At club affiliated member registered fields where safety fences are "not" permitted e.g. sod farms, parks, and at float fly sites.*

*The distance between the flight line and the pilot stations shall be increased to at least 10 meters,( 33 feet).*

*The distance between the flight line and the pit area shall be increased to at least 13 meters.( 43 feet).*

*All non flying activities shall be 40 meters(131 feet) behind the flight line. This includes but is not limited to spectator and parking areas as well as supervised play areas.*

*Part 4,2 Section 3 reads:*

*There shall be no more than five aircraft airborne at any one time at a field unless operating under rules of a specific discipline, and ALL CLIMB AND GLIDE CATEGORIES.*

*PART 8 R/C CLIMB AND GLIDE CATEGORY Section # 3*

*Designated takeoff and landing areas shall be established at least 30 meters(99 feet) away from parked vehicles.*

December 27, 2006

Proposal that SOGGI Safety Rules be re-written to recognize the MAAC Safety Code as SOGGI's governing Safety document.

MAAC membership applications include a pledge signed by each applicant to abide by all applicable aspects of MAAC Safety Code. SOGGI members are required to be MAAC members.

The MAAC Safety Code's most recent revision is May 11, 2006 and has been expanded to address each of the major categories of aero modeling There is some overlap in the content of the MAAC Safety Code and SOGGI Safety Rules (current revision date December 15, 2004). A question could arise as to which document (SOGGI or MAAC) is subordinate to the other and which one is binding on SOGGI members under particular circumstances.

I propose that the SOGGI Safety Rules be re-written naming the MAAC Safety Code as SOGGI's governing Safety document The re-write would also set out how SOGGI will implement the MAAC Safety Code based on our local conditions. e.g. Who is responsible for safety enforcement on SOGGI's fields and how is enforcement to be carried out?

If specific deviations from the MAAC Safety Code are felt to be necessary, we would cite the affected MAAC Safety Code version and clause number(s), describe the conditions under which the SOGGI deviation would apply and give reasons why SOGGI requires the deviation. Reasons given should support SOGGI's claim that a deviation will result in an equally safe, or more safe condition than the MAAC Code would have.

A further proposal is that the revised draft of the SOGGI Rules be prepared by SOGGI Club officers assisted by interested members-at-large for subsequent review, further input and ratification by SOGGI membership. This process would promote membership awareness and hopefully would result in a consensus

Implementation will require follow up effort For example: field lay-out maps, emergency directions and emergency –contact data, field signage, additional frequency control measures, instructor and pilot training programs, special events to promote safety awareness, end periodic review of our safety program.

Respectfully,

Bob Hammett.

Motion to close Derek Hartwell. Seconded by Bob Thayer.  
Meeting closed 3.30 PM

## ***You asked us....***

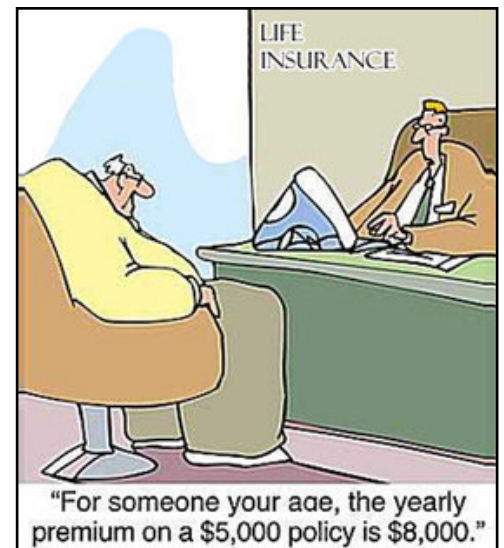
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Send in your questions and our team of experts will help you find the right answer!



**Interesting Pictures: PLEASE send some in!**

### ***Here's a report from the Daily Worker:***

Three trains between Dudley and Walsall, which have been cancelled to save fuel, are still running – but, to show that they are officially cancelled, no passengers are allowed to travel on them.



This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication.

The device is inherently of no value to us.

■ Western Union internal memo, 1876

Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.

-- Rich Cook

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standard servos - 7

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1 - Graupner Beta Kit

1 – Kolibri, 60in with geared motor, aileron, rudder, elevator

1 - Prop Balancer

1 - Incidence meter

1 - Astro 112D charger

1 - Astro power supply

1 - Heat gun

1 - Sealing iron

1 - Building board

1 - Digital Tachometer

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Suggestions for a Spring Project

Tension Gauge for Hi-Starts

Foam Wing Cutter – Computer Driven

Aircraft Locator for Model Planes (ALMA Project)



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**Deadline for April Issue of Task: March 22nd 2007**

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## 2007 Calendar of Events

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- **February 11<sup>th</sup>** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm
- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** Members meeting Rockton Library 2:00pm

**Combined Event  
Schedule - 2007**

Date	CD Name	Type of Contest	Club	Phone Number
Sunday, May 20, 2007	Stan Shaw	Instructor/winch Day	SOGGI	519-763-7111
Saturday, May 26, 2007	Jim Donnelly	Aerotow Season opener	C.M.A.S Fergus	519-941-1582
Sunday, May 27, 2007				
Sunday, May 27, 2007		2 Meter Sailplane	COGG	
Saturday, June 02, 2007	Tony Paladino	Aerotow Demo	Woodstock	519-537-7780
Sunday, June 03, 2007		Electric Sport Sailplane	COGG	
Saturday, June 09, 2007	Dick Colley	Aerotow	C.M.A.S Springvale	905-689-7761
Sunday, June 10, 2007				
Saturday, June 16, 2007	Dick Colley	Budd's Golden Oldies	SOGGI	905-689-7761
Saturday, June 23, 2007	Jim Donnelly	DMFV Cup	C.M.A.S Fergus	519-941-1582
Sunday, June 24, 2007				
Sunday, June 24, 2007		Open man-on-man	COGG	
Saturday, July 07, 2007	Otakar Koprnicky	Electric Fun-Fly	SOGGI	519-740-9504
Saturday, July 07, 2007	Al Cordy	Aerotow	Kawartha Lakes FC	705-328-2791
Sunday, July 08, 2007		sailplane open	COGG	
Sunday, July 15, 2007	Dick Colley	Otto Bandman Memorial	SOGGI	905-689-7761
Saturday, July 21, 2007	Dick Colley	Aerotow	2007 Can/Am Aerotow	905-689-7761
Sunday, July 22, 2007				
Sunday, August 05, 2007	Werner Klebert	2-M contest	SOGGI	905-578-9431
Saturday, August 11, 2007	Frank Pilih	Aerotow	Oakville Club	416-251-1619
Sunday, August 12, 2007				
Sunday, August 19, 2007		Sailplane Open RES	COGG	
Saturday, August 25, 2007	Dick Colley		C.M.A.S Springvale	905-689-7761
Sunday, August 26, 2007				
Sunday, September 02, 2007	Dick Colley	Big Bird Bash	SOGGI	905-689-7761
Saturday, September 08, 2007	Gudmund Thomson	Aerotow Arnprior	Ottawa Club	613-837-0848
Sunday, September 09, 2007				
Sunday, September 09, 2007		Electric Sport Sailplane	COGG	
Sunday, September 16, 2007	Bob Hammett	Free flight fun-fly	SOGGI	TBA
Sunday, September 16, 2007		Open Sailplane	COGG	
Saturday, September 22, 2007	Jim Donnelly	Aerotow	C.M.A.S Fergus	519-941-1582
Sunday, September 23, 2007				