

TASK

Volume 24 Issue 1

February 2008

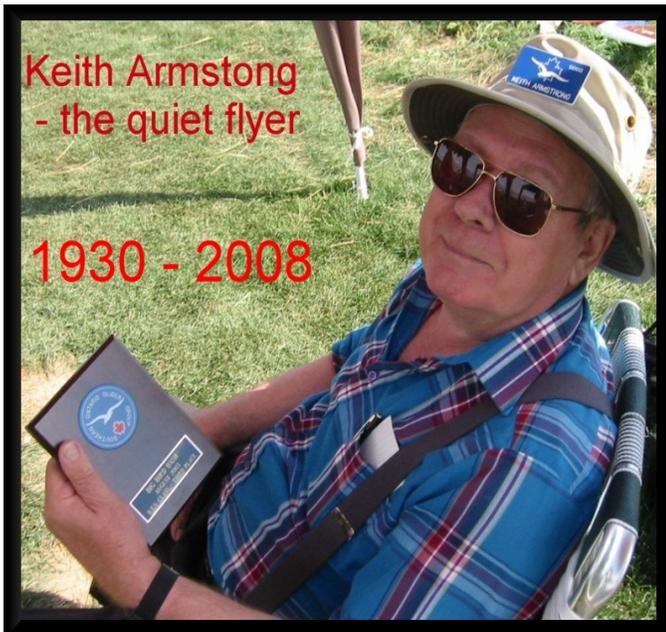
Inside This Issue:



- The President speaks –
- Goodbye sod on Greens Road
- Construction Reports
- Events Calendar
- You Arsked US...

Farewell to Winter – Soon Spring will Sprong and Flying will begin err long

Early this year we said farewell to Keith Armstrong. For many years Keith handled the duties of the Corporate Secretary for SOGGI and made sure that the paperwork satisfied the requirements of the government agencies great and small. Keith was also an innovator and a keen competitor, known to push the airframes to their limits and to use science to seek the elusive thermals. Such knowledge he was quite happy to share with others so that this joy of soaring was open to all. We will miss his wise counseling.



Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle Autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

John "Keith" Armstrong

Born: Friday, May 23, 1930
Weyburn, Saskatchewan
Passed Away: Thursday, January 17, 2008
Dundas, Ontario

Hope springs eternal in the human breast (or is it the other way round?) – So wrote Alexander Pope and he continued thus –

Man never Is, but always To be blest:
The soul, uneasy and confin'd from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

Obviously he was an avid Sailplane pilot back in the day.

After a long hard winter it is not easy to maintain one's dignity and patience in preparation for the first day of flying. Preparation – that is the key word. Have you completed the pre-season airframe checks? Are the batteries rejuvenated and cycled? Everything double checked? Then check it again – the first spring flight sets the tone for the rest of the year.

SOGGI Flyers (Brochures):

Derek Hartwell has asked me to include a reminder to all those involved in the distribution of the new pamphlets that there will be new stickers available for mounting on the holders – thanks to Karl Spangler – at the next meeting. Also, there were a couple of holders and pamphlets left behind at Rockton at the last meeting – they will be available for pick up by whoever missed them.

The PRESIDENT 'SPEAKS':

From Your Executive

If you're reading this then you too must have survived the winter of 2007/2008. This has been one for the record books. Hooray!!! My furnace can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Looking back at the first quarter of this year, it is nice to see results emerging from some of our initiatives.

Our brochure and our web site are both getting SOGGI's message out there, as evidenced by several new members who have chosen to join SOGGI. "Thank you" to those who offered to place brochures in their local hobby shop or similar spots. Please keep an eye on the brochure supply and remind the shop staff to dispense them to their customers. Thank you Derek Hartwell for managing the brochure project and Ted Mitchell for tending to the SOGGI website.

More good news: An agreement with the Brant United Way Air show Committee has been reached, wherein SOGGI will provide a static exhibit at the Brantford air show. This news dovetails nicely with SOGGI's recent acquisition of a Real Flight GP4 model aircraft simulator. Aviation enthusiasts will get to try the SOGGI Simulator Experience. We hope they will get a feeling for model airplanes, and that they remember SOGGI in particular. We expect to have several simulators up and running, as well as some actual models on display. The dynamo behind both the SOGGI exhibit and the SOGGI Simulator Experience is one of our new members, Karl Spangler. Thank you Karl.

Last year's Brantford air show was spectacular. The show is small enough that you can get up close, but big enough that some pretty spectacular aircraft put in an appearance. I hope that many of you will have a chance to attend this year. Entry fees (\$10 last year) go to the United Way and will be especially appreciated in this time of economic uncertainty.

Returning to the subject of simulators, purchase of a Real Flight GP4 simulator for the Club was decided upon during our March meeting. Simulators offer a fast way to learn how to guide a model airplane. A rapid repetition of tasks is made possible without the real world's distractions. At our fall meetings we hope to offer short, supervised, simulator sessions to members who wish to polish their flying skills, but may lack the necessary computer hardware and/or computer skills necessary to do it on their own. Our hope is that sharpened flying skills will contribute to safer and more enjoyable flying for those who choose to participate.

Our last business meeting prior to the start of flying is on April 13. Please take time to renew your MAAC and SOGGI memberships at that meeting or by mail if you have not already done so. And also before you head to the flying field, please carefully review the SOGGI Safety Rules that were recently revised and reissued. In particular be aware of, and abide by the Safety Distances that you are promising to maintain when you sign your MAAC membership card pledge. Flight line layout, and other constraints present at the Nebo Road site will be one subject of discussion at our April meeting. If you have any intention of flying at Nebo please plan to attend the April meeting. Enough said.

During April and May, we will be monitoring the condition of the Nebo Road site and will advise the membership when ground conditions improve enough to permit flying to begin. Fletcher Road is not expected to be available until later in the season and we will announce when that happens. As in previous years, to prevent damage to the sod no flying is permitted until those notifications are given.

We have leased the Westover Slope site for the calendar year 2008. Westover is open for flying right now. Wear your mukluks. Also please be reminded that the Schouten's/Greens Rd site will be out of bounds for the entire season in order to allow sod regeneration, and that our lease on the Beverley was not renewed. Beverley is not a MAAC registered field and as such anyone flying at Beverley does so at their own peril.

Our Flight Instructors this year are Dick Colley, Otakar Koprnicky, and yours truly. The 2008 Membership List is being issued in April and on it you will see that each individual is categorized as being either a (S)tudent, (P)ilot, or (I)nstructor. Please advise us if you are incorrectly categorized.

(S)tudents are not permitted to fly except under the direct supervision of an Instructor. Our policy is to designate all new members as (S)tudents until they have been checked out by any one of our Instructors. We beg the indulgence of those new members who come to us as capable pilots, and we will expedite every request for a check out flight. As a capable pilot, you will recognize that our goal is to ensure that all members can rely on having a safe experience while on our flying fields.

It's after 10 PM now. Probably just like you, I am building and repairing airplanes as fast as I can. I'm looking forward to going to the Toledo R/C Exposition this weekend on the FliteCraft bus. As the monkey said when he got his tail cut off, "It won't be long now".

Bob Hammett

Past President's Choice comments by Stan Shaw

Just a few words of thanks to the new executive and the fine work they are doing for the club. First of all, the renewed effort to promote the activities of the club through the revised pamphlet is most welcomed. With the improved web site and the new webmaster Ted Mitchell, the club is getting more attention and of course attracting new members! Thanks to the fine efforts of Bob Hammett these initiatives are getting results.

Regarding the maintaining of our roster of flying sites, it maybe wise to try and organize a slope event to utilize the Westover slope site. I know that predicting the wind direction and strength is a guessing game at best, but during the summer months the south-west direction is prevalent. So some weekend that we have no scheduled event planned why not try for a fun fly at the slope?

Perhaps the most interesting development is the purchase of a flight simulator. This device will help all the members to improve their skill levels and hopefully attract even more novices to the sport of gliding. It seems that the younger members have learned to fly on a computer simulator rather than through the Wings program in a club. What with some of the larger clubs getting air time is a hit or miss affair that could turn off the new member from progressing. I think this feature should be promoted by the club in the future especially for new members.

This brings to mind the Air Show at Brantford this summer. With the right set up at the show we could really make a good impression and possibly attract a few junior members and their Dads! I hope that the members get involved and participate in this event both by showing their models and attending the event.

Next item is the new Safety Code for the club. Please take the time to read and understand this document since it represents the current safety and field rules for the club.

MAAC has had several accidents last year that only added to the list of misfortunes that have cost MAAC. It is our responsibility to play safe and follow the rules to the letter of the regulations just so we can brag next year what a good safe year we had in 2008! Please do your part and take the time to read the rules! It could save a plane or even your life, you never know!

Lastly, what with the cost of gasoline going through the roof and possibly going to \$1.50 a liter this summer, we have to budget for this cost of enjoying our hobby this year. No doubt there will be those who are fortunate to be working and can afford the extra cost. With most members now retired perhaps it is now time to attempt to join together and share the cost of coming out to our flying fields. What about some car pooling to encourage the retired folks to come out to the fields not only on good days but also for club events. Why not a prize for the members who car pool and show us the way! What do you think?

Hope you have a great flying season in 2008 and you get to enjoy some wonderful warm weather that is so much better than the extreme cold of this past winter. It must be my age but I sure do feel the cold this winter. I have not flown for over three months outside! I have shoveled enough snow for this year being almost a record amount in Guelph and in most of Ontario! So spring is just around the corner this is being written on the 17th. It won't be too long before the grass is green again. Time to get the models ready for another good year! Hope you can make to the field for some good old fashioned fun flying with the fellow members! Cheers.

Silent Flight? by Werner Hildersheim

Most of the people who are reading this have mastered , or trying to control foreign to the air objects in the art of "Silent Flight".

The art of "Silent Flight" is actually a misnomer because during the whole process of controlling or guiding a man made object in the air, human voices can frequently be overheard. They range from grunting, cursing or cheers of exultation.

The first one can often be heard when there is a "Pop Off" during the start attempt or the anticipated "Lift" does not materialize at the right time. I'm sure we all have been in that position at one time or another. Cursing on the other hand happens when the so trusted reflex co-ordination developed a minute flaw resulting in the most feared mishap like a hard landing, to put it mildly. Outlandings fall into this category as well.

Cheers are usually expressed when a planned task has been successfully completed. There are, however, other factors that have come into the picture. The electric motors that some "Flyers" are using sure disrupting the tranquility of

Mother Nature. – But we can live with that, right? I even find myself sometimes sitting in a comfortable chair at the flying site enjoying the performance of a motor assisted glider.

As a person with many addictions, a majority of them are hidden and we shall not talk about them today, I found a way to prevent a long ago acquired agility and co-ordination of ones senses from deteriorating during the long Canadian winter months.

Unfortunately, this new fad uses electric motors for its performances. But on the positive side are a few factors that far outweigh the inherent noise of the little Twinkies. They are inside toys and the verbal objections of present family members far exceed the sound of the plane or helicopter. The challenges associated with this endeavor are of an enormous level.



Now I've let the cat out of the bag. These little models are extremely small and light creations with state of the art technology. There is no assembly required. The plane cost about 10 Bucks and the Heli around 35. The plane charges in 40 seconds and gives about the same flying time. The Helicopter takes about 4 minutes for charging but can stay up, when one has mastered it, for around 6 minutes.

There is one negative aspect to be looked at if anyone should be tempted to get involved with these stupid little children toys which definitely are not meant for grown-ups like us. The second human expression as mentioned above is also entering the broader picture here.

Needless to say, I am still trying to get those perfect flights.

Minutes of Meeting, January 13 2008 at the Rockton Library

Bob Hammett called the meeting to order at 2.15 PM. There were 19 members and 3 guests present.

Bob welcomed every one to the meeting and introduced 2 new members Carl Spangler and Lawrie Henrickson. Bob asked Carl and Laurie how they knew about SOGGI. They said from the brochures and the SOGGI web site.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Ciff English

Motion to accept minutes as read, proposed by Bill Woodward seconded by Werner Klebert.

Treasures Report:

Bob Thayer reported that there was a bank balance of \$2128.12 as of December 31 2007.

Bob handed out an updated Membership list for 2008. showing paid up members and there MACC 2008 registration. Also a list of unpaid members.

A revised budget for 2008 was discussed with Xmas gifts being added.

Fields:

Otakar Koprnicky updated the status of the flying fields.

.The Beverly Centre and the Westover fields were discussed. The cost of using both fields would be \$300.00.

A motion NOT to renew the Beverly Centre was proposed by Dick Colley, seconded by Stu Watson. Motion carried.

A motion to renew the Westover field was proposed by Stan Shaw seconded by Bill Woodard. Motion carried.

Otakar Koprnicky suggested that the club purchase a load of gravel for the Fletcher field lane way.

It was suggested that we fly off of Nebo Road in the spring until Peter from Hamilton Sod gives permission to fly off of Fletcher Road.

Parking at Nebo Rd. and Chippewa is off Chippewa Rd. there is a small lane at the south west corner. Park off the lane way but not on the sod.

Warren Kelly talked to Mr. Alimain about frequency conflicts. Mr Alimain said he was now flying with Ancaster Flying Farmers. There field is at Book Rd. and Southcote ten miles from Ben Schouten`s. Eliminating frequency conflicts.

Task & Web Site:

Dick Colley asked the members for any articles, pictures and how to articles for the Task.

The printed version of the Task will be reduced, for example only the minutes, president`s comments and any new information that every member must be made aware of. This is because the price of mailing hard copies has doubled. The E-Mail version can be expanded at no extra cost.

About ten members receive mailed copies.

Ted Micheal is now the Web master for the SOGGI.

Publicity:

Bob Hammett quoted a price of \$195.00 to purchase club brochures from the company we used last year.

A motion was made to purchase the brochures proposed by Bill Woodward seconded by Juri Vosu. Motion carried.

Bob Hammett suggested the club support the Brant United Way Airshow to publicize SOGGI.

The topic of purchasing a Flight Simulator for shows and use by the club members at meetings.

Great Planes have a simulator with gliders and powered aircraft for \$260.00. A motion to form a committee to look into flight simulator was proposed by Stu Watson. Seconded by Juri Vosu.

Carl Spangler, Juri Vosu and Lawrie Henderson volunteered for this committee.

Safety:

Bob Hammett received some feedback on the draft proposal of Dec 18 2007. He will amend the rules as per the feedback.

Otakar Koprnicky said that under MAAC rules only the current executive can accept MAAC applications and fees on any flying site. There was a brief discussion about enforcing safety rules on the field.

The Flight Instructors are Bob Hammett, Dick Colley, Bill Woodward, Werner Klebert and Otakar Koprnicky. All instructors are MAAC certified.

Contests:

Werner Klebert suggested that each Contest Director have an assistant.

It was suggested that we contact other glider clubs as to the date and time of any sanctioned contests.

The CD`s of club contests to give an update on their event and any assistance they may require.

Bob Hammett talked about the Toledo R/C show on April 4, 5, 6 2008. Car pools and bus trip. A passport is required in 2008 to cross the border.

New Business:

Bob Hammett has filed the 2008 Annual Return, Ontario Corporation 12/14/2007

Motion to close the meeting Juri Vosu seconded by Derek Hartwell

Meeting closed at 3.45 PM.

Minutes of Meeting, February 10, 2008 at the Rockton Library

Bob Hammett called the meeting to order at 2.00 PM. There were 13 members and 1 guest (Jim Leslett) present. Jim discovered SOGGI thru our website.

1) Minutes:

Minutes of the December meeting were unavailable (Cliff English absent)

2) Treasurer's Report:

Bob Thayer was absent but had prepared a financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2008. The bank balance was \$2921.54 as of January 31 2008, and expenditures-to-date fell within the budgeted amounts. Derek Hartwell reported that our cheque for Meeting Hall rental in 2006 was never cashed, and therefore that cheque must now be re-issued. The 2008 budget will be charged \$188.84. Bob Thayer please follow up with Derek.

The Membership list showed 21 paid members as of January 13. Otakar processed two additional memberships at February's meeting (Completed forms and cash to be forwarded to Bob Thayer ASAP).

Members requested the Membership List be issued in April.

3) Fields:

Cliff please expedite revised invoice for \$75 for use of Westover for calendar year 2008. Note: will be \$150 for 2009... ref Jan 18 phone call from Bob Hammett to Don McConnell Hamilton Conservation Authority ph 905-525-2181

Best estimate is that we should be using Fletcher Rd. by end of May. Meanwhile we have Nebo Rd., subject to conditions at that field. Otakar searching for gravel.

Beverly Signs and storage box need to be retrieved (Otakar)

4) Task & Web Site:

Dick Colley needs articles, pictures etc. from the members for Feb 17 TASK issue.

Website has found 3 new members for SOGGI so far this year. U-tube channel has been created by Ted Mitchell. Type in <http://ca.youtube.com/profile?user=SOGGIadmin>

5) Growing the Club

Brochures were ordered on January 18; waiting on proof copies from Wilton Printing for final corrections. Anticipate receipt of brochures by March meeting. Derek Hartwell volunteered to be the brochure distribution Project Manager (Thanks).

Karl Spangler volunteered to serve as Project Manager for our Brant United Way Airshow display. (Thanks)

Project Manager needed ... Brantford Amateur Radio Club "Hamfest" August 16, Burford Fairgrounds... no cost for SOGGI exhibit, gate admission \$6, swap table \$8, other model clubs expected

Flight Simulator for shows, for instruction and for use by club members:

Karl Spangler and Lawrie Henderson researched a range of available Simulators. Karl made an excellent presentation of the findings to date, demonstrated the SSS (Slope Soaring Simulator) freeware simulator, and has arranged for a demo at the March meeting of their recommended software (Great Planes GP4 demo courtesy of Flitecraft in Kitchener). Karl will circulate a technical summary by e-mail. The membership also test drove the Atari Aerochopper simulator which Albert Fund has donated to the club, and which is another option for our use at public displays. (Thanks Albert, Karl and Lawrie)

Safety and Flight Instruction:

Adoption of the revision of the SOGGI Safety Rules dated Feb 4, 2008 has been recommended by SOGGI executive and by the safety rules committee following extensive review. Bob Hammett made a motion (seconded Dick Colley) that adoption be ratified by membership vote on the strength of that recommendation. Ratification carried unanimously. Any necessary further revisions can be accomplished by membership vote at any time. Copies of the document will be distributed to paid members prior to the March meeting. Please read it carefully.

Flight Instructors met over lunch on Feb 10, with the following conclusions:

Flight Instructors Bill Woodward, Werner Klebert and Stan Shaw are retiring. Current instructors are Otakar Koprnicky (mode 2), Dick Colley (mode 2) and Bob Hammett (mode 1). Bob Hammett has also assumed the duties of Chief Flying Instructor, pending some other volunteer.

Events Calendar:

Toledo Weak Signals R/C Conference April 4, 5, 6

General discussion re Bud's Golden Oldies and Big Bird Bash (Dick C), and 2-Metre and Club Day (Werner K and Stan S). Warren Kelley has offered to CD the SOGGI/FAC rubber free flight event, tentatively on September 7. Steve Jankowski has offered (thank you) to create a perpetual trophy for the FAC event, using Art Doughten's Jimmy Allen.

Cliff please confirm sanction forms have been filed for all contests.

New Business:

None

Meeting closed at 3:10 PM. Simulator try-out followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Hammett

Minutes of Meeting, March 9, 2008 at the Rockton Library

Bob Hammett called the meeting to order at 2.10 PM. There were 11 members and 2 guests Les Peer and Jim Lauglin.

1) Minutes:

Minutes of the February meeting were read by Cliff English
Motion to accept minutes as read Dick Colley seconded by Peter Clarke
Motion passed

2) Treasurer's Report:

As of Feb. 29 2008 bank balance is \$2683.14.
With 25 paid up members as of Feb.25 2008.

3) Fields:

Warren Kelly has volunteered his trailer to move the outhouse to Fletcher Road.
Air port proximity any field within a ten Km radius must be reported to the Hamilton Airport.
Bob Hammett provided a map showing Nebo Road and Ben Schouten`s as being inside the ten Km radius.
As Fletcher Road is out side the boundary and we will not be flying at Schouten`s in 2008 only Nebo Road has to be reported.
Peter Clarke will check on the flight patterns for the Hamilton Airport and report back on the April meeting.
Motion to notify Hamilton Airport about Nebo Roads proximity to the airport
Jack Linghorn seconded by Stan Shaw.
Motion passed all in favor.

4) Task & Web Site:

Dick Colley needs articles, pictures etc. from the members for the TASK.
The SOGGI web site now has a link to U-Tube with RC videos.

5) Growing the Club

Brochures and holders were distributed by Derek Hartwell.
Karl Spangler SOSSA glider club, Flight Craft, Grand River hobbies.
Peter Clarke Paris.
Les Peer Hobbie Hobbie
Dick Colley MAAC
Derek Hartwell Sky Craft
Cliff English War Plane Heritage.

Karl Spangler said he would make up decals for SOGGI logos.

Safety and Flight Instruction:

SOGGI safety rules were distributed to the members present by Dick Colley.
All members are to receive a copy of the rules. either by mail or E-mail or in person.
SOGGI safety rules are supplemental to the MAAC safety rules.
The SOGGI rules can be amended or changed by the club voting on a motion.

Events Calendar:

Toledo Weak Signals R/C Conference April 4,5,6

Jack Linghorn is driving and staying for two nights. He has a possible two empty seats.
Flight Craft has a one day bus trip going approximate cost \$40.00.

Warren Kelly who is CDing the Free Flight event wants to hold a Group Entry
In the Jimmie Allen Postal Contest.
This to be run by SAM 27 and run to FAC Jimmie Allen rules
Event to be sanctioned.

Dick Colley set the fees for the Big Bird Bash at \$15.00 and the Golden Oldies at \$10.00.
CD'S for events they run set the rules for the contest the day of the contest.
NOTE: The fees for the Big Bird Bash in the MAAC magazine are wrong (\$10.00)
Karl Spangler will look into making brass plates for the Club Day plaque.

Brant United Way Air Show: Karl Spangler asked about requirements for a SOGGI display booth at the show.
A possible date being late in July 2008.
The air port to supply a booth with a 25 foot frontage, tables and chairs
Some kind of mounting stands needed to get the models off of ground level.
Ex. Photo tri pods, or hanging models from the rafters if possible.
Use a PC computer to run a flight simulator, spectators will have a hands on approach.
Show a slide show of gliders on a large screen.
Karl has a movie screen and could use a back up screen.

New business:

Karl Spangler suggested that the club buy a real Flight G4 simulator for about \$240.00.
Club members would be able to download the program to their own computers. They could buy a flight box for about \$30.00 and a patch
cord for about \$15.00.
Warren Kelly said it was easy to make up the patch cords.
Karl said it would be a good idea to have a time when members would bring their computers to a meeting and have the program installed all
at one time.
Sometimes it is tricky to install large programs like the Real Flight simulator.
Motion to buy a Great Planes Real Flight Warren Kelly seconded by Stan Shaw
Motion carried.

Motion to close Jack Linghorn seconded Derek Hartwell.
Meeting closed at 4:10 PM..

For Sale:

**Lumina 2 meter with aileron flaps rudder elevator,
+ JR Computer X 347 Transmitter with Receivers for sale.**

Make an offer.

Albert Fund (519) 658-9495

albert.fund@sympatico.ca

2008 SOGGI Executive

President: Bob Hammett (519)-759-1939
 83, Locks Road,
 BRANTFORD, Ont. N3S 7L9

Vice President: Otakar Koprnicky (519)-740-9504
 75, Hazelwood Cres.
 CAMBRIDGE, Ont. N1R 8A4

Treasurer: Bob Thayer (905)-336-3290
 4108, Millcroft Park Drive,
 BURLINGTON, Ont. L7M 3V9

Secretary: Cliff English (905)-522-4561
 24, Blackwood Crescent
 Hamilton, Ont. L8S 3H5

Editor: Dick Colley (905)-296-4027
 101, Braeheid Avenue
 Waterdown, Ont. L0R 2H5

Deadline for June Issue of Task: May 22nd 2008

2008 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	CD Name	Phone:	e-mail:
Sunday, May 25,	2 Meter	Joe Banial		
Sunday, June 01,	Electric F5J*	Doug Pike		dpike@istar.ca
Saturday, June 14,	Buds Golden Oldies	Dick Colley	905-296-4027	colleydogge@execulink.com
Sunday, June 22,	Open Man on Man	Doug Pike		dpike@istar.ca
Sunday, July 06,	Open Sailplane + RES	Doug Pike		dpike@istar.ca
Sunday, August 03,	2 Meter and Club Day	Werner Klebert Stan Shaw	905-578-9431 Werner	stanley.shaw@sympatico.ca
Saturday, August 16,	Hand Launch	Ivan MacKenzie		
Sunday, August 17,	Open Sailplane	Doug Pike		dpike@istar.ca
Sunday, August 31,	Big Bird Bash	Dick Colley	905-296-4027	colleydogge@execulink.com
Sunday, September 07,	Electric Sport Sailplane*	Roy Bourke		Roy Bourke
Sunday, September 14,	Open Sailplane	Doug Pike		dpike@istar.ca