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Ray Munro steps down as SOGGI President.

In late August of this year Ray Munro advised the executive of SOGGI that he was stepping down from the President's position effective September 1st 2015. Evidently, not a decision taken lightly by Ray but he felt confident that the current Vice-President, Ann Tekatch, with the support of the executive and the members, would carry the club forward for the remainder of the year.

Ray has served as President for multiple terms. He has worked diligently and effectively helping the club navigate a considerable array of changes in rules and regulations, field availability and led the charge towards more sophisticated flying machines.

On behalf of all the members of the Club we say **THANK YOU** for all your efforts.

Vice President's Corner:

No one is more surprised than I, that I am assuming the duties of SOGGI President after Ray Munro stepped down. (I believe I even stated last December that I was willing to accept any executive position EXCEPT President. Haha!) I hope that I can keep the club functioning at the same excellent level it enjoyed under Ray's leadership. I appeal to all members to step up and lend a hand at the field, at our upcoming Thanksgiving Thermal Duration Contest and at our indoor meetings.

Speaking of meetings, our first indoor meeting in Rockton will be early this year to avoid the Thanksgiving Weekend as well as Rockton's World Fair. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4, 1:30pm. I hope to see all your smiling faces there.

Here are the dates for our 2015-2016 indoor meetings as well as our Christmas Dinner and the aforementioned Thermal Duration Contest :

October 4 General Meeting (early to avoid Thanksgiving & Rockton World Fair)
October 10 Thanksgiving Thermal Duration Contest
November General Meeting
December 5 Christmas Dinner – details to be determined
December 13 Annual General Meeting
January 10 General Meeting
February 7 General Meeting (1 week early so we don't conflict with Valentine's Day)
March 13 General Meeting
April 10 General Meeting

Don't forget to renew your membership before December 31, 2015 to take advantage of the discounted price of \$35!!! If you wait until after December 31, you have to pay \$45. (Yes, that's a kick-in-the-pants to get your money in on time!)

It was great to see so many members at the field this summer. A reminder to everyone that electric sailplanes/airplanes must not have motors connected to batteries until they are at the flight line. Batteries must be disconnected at all times in the parking lot and pit area. No exceptions!

Also, winch operators need to ensure that the turnaround is positioned far enough from the property line so that a standard hi-start can be set up alongside and share a common launch line. If you leave 80 paces from the edge of the field before anchoring your turnaround, there should be sufficient space. If not, you'll be moving....

This summer, a number of our members made significant contributions of their time and/or resources to benefit the club. I would like to recognize these individuals: Brian Knechtel & Mike Sherlaw donated materials and equipment to rebuild the club house this past spring. Brian also brought his lawn tractor to clear the parking area. Jim Laslett has faithfully been cutting the grass and weeds in the parking area all season – a task that involves hauling his lawnmower from Caledonia and hours of work!

Many other members have contributed during the season, but I felt these individuals deserved special mention. Thank you!!!

To everyone who helped over the summer – at a contest, moving/rebuilding/painting the club house or doing any one of a million tasks – Thank you!!!

A final note – the folks with the Glanbrook conservation group advise me that a minimum of 4 Bluebirds were fledged this summer, and as many as six from the box at our field entrance. Congratulations Mama & Papa Bluebird!

Cheers,
Ann Tekatch
Vice President/Acting President

Minutes of the **SOGGI Membership Meeting** held on April 15th, 2015 at the Beverly Hall, Rockton ON

A total of 14 people were in attendance at our last indoor meeting of the season.

President Ray Munro called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. Warren Kelly moved that the minutes from our last meeting be accepted as read, Ed Smith seconded and all were in favour.

Ed Smith, our treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,395.39 as of month's end which included 3 memberships and an expense of \$84 for website maintenance. Stan Grandfield moved to accept the financial report and Dick Colley seconded. The financial report was accepted.

Ray Munro advised everyone that Myron (field owner of current field) has agreed for us to use the field at Chippewa and Trinity Church Roads. Myron may cut the grass in the parking area for us. Myron reported that there have been some "party" problems in the parking area. We can replace the picnic table if we want to. The paperwork needs to get to Myron for his signature. A moving party for the clubhouse will likely take place the first week of May. The date will be advised. We need to replace the siding on the clubhouse. Ray will ask Green Horizons if we can use all 3 fields and then we can decide which suits us best.

Ann Tekatch took all the landing tapes from the clubhouse to try and clean them up after the squirrels had used them as nesting material. We should have only two sets of tapes: one for ALES and one for F3J instead of the mish-mash we currently have. She will obtain these after consulting with experienced members of the club to determine what the official format for the two types should be.

Ann presented her survey of hi-start lengths and reiterated that we must maintain a common flight line among winch & hi-start launched planes. Winch operators need to ensure that they allow enough space. A minimum distance of 300 feet between the edge of the field and the winch turnaround is needed. Winch operators and hi-start users need to work together to ensure a common flight line. This may mean that winches need to be moved or hi-starts shortened. Co-operation is key. Stan Grandfield described the costs involved with ordering a hi-start from the US company, Aerofoam – Canadian dollar and shipping are prohibitive. Bob Hammett distributed a diagram to illustrate the hazards of not having a common flight line.

Ed Smith passed around a magnetic name tag for SOGGI members. Anyone interested in getting one, can contact him.

Dick Colley reported that we have an advanced club trainer – a Top Flight Metric 2 meter sailplane. It is RES but has a shallow dihedral. It will be a great step up from a Gentle Lady. FM channel 38 radio. Available to members who wish to try it out.

Bob Hammett reported that the Toledo RC show this year was another "year of the drone" with these aircraft even being flown above the heads of the crowds.

Werner Hildesheim moved to adjourn and everyone accepted.

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Tekatch

For Sale

GWS WW-II War Bird

Supermarine Spitfire EPS350CG

Includes Compact Power System, Prop, Spinner and Decals

Wingspan 34.5 in, Length 28.4 in, Flying weight 13.8 oz

For Advanced Pilots only, this would make a good introduction to Scale Slope soaring

<http://www.gwsus.com/english/product/airfly/spitfire.htm>

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Keep it From the Children

Canadian Westinghouse and the military research experts who have perfected the "Periscope" deserve a salute. This device is a 50-pound ground controlled television camera that, when aloft, can provide soldiers with a view of attacking troops.

There will be widespread hope that this interesting bit of war material will be kept away from the toymakers. If it is not, the ramifications are awesome.

Imagine children being equipped with a gadget enabling them to study their parents when father and mother were unaware of it. All illusions would be gone and they are tenuous enough as they are.

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Deadline for November Issue of Task: October 22nd 2015

2015 Calendar of Events

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▪ **Oct 10th Thanksgiving T.D. Contest Andy Meysner**

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