



# TASK



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## **“The sky is falling! The sky is falling!” Or how to redirect all the little chickens to a KFC deep fryer near you.**

As the hours of daylight grow noticeably shorter, the winds blow colder and the frost is on the old pumpkin we tidy up the seasons flying debris and reflect, with mixed emotions, on the summers flying activity. Lots of nice weather but not as many flying days as could be wished for. Success with some planes but challenging flights with others and the ever looming presence of Mr. Murphy and Arkwright Sod whose over simply stated Laws often salve the bruised sensitivities of their victims. On the other hand, who cannot be impressed with the turnout for the last contest of the season: Parking lot filled to overflowing with pilots, helpers and spectators. A contest for both Sailplanes and Electrics ably CD'd by Andy Meysner who managed to keep things running smoothly in flying conditions that totally fitted the occasion. A truly memorable experience that sets the bar for all of next year's events.

In early October the Annual Zone Meeting (AZM) was held in Brantford at the Visitor and tourism Centre. SOGGI was well represented by Bob Hammett, Mike Sherlaw, Ed Smith and this writer. AZM's are ostensibly boring and dull but there exists another level which matches the intrigues and machinations of the ancient courts of the Plantagenet Kings of England. What is not said may be just as important as what is said: The nod, the wink, a sharp intake of breath, finger to the side of the nose. Thusly, we will be able to confidently not be surprised when a sharp increase in MAAC dues is confirmed at the AGM, or not, or vice-versa.

Over the course of the last year the SOGGI executive and CD's have worked hard to produce a set of Field Guidelines that are comprehensive, comprehensible and easy to follow. They are carefully written and constructed to create an environment of awareness and understanding and to empower members in effective implementation. Recent events, elsewhere, would perhaps have benefitted from such guidelines. However, that also implies a willingness by all concerned to make sure that they work. Remember! A good safety record is no accident.

Attached to the TASK for this month are a couple of documents. The last page of TASK consists of a blank Pilot Record Form. You are asked to fill in as much as you can and hand a copy to Dick Colley for the club records. If you have any questions contact Dick at 905-296-4027 or e-mail [colleydogge59@gmail.com](mailto:colleydogge59@gmail.com)

The other document is a blank Membership Application form for the 2016 year. Please fill out this form and send it to Ed Smith (make sure it is signed and dated) together with the appropriate fee's. Please note that both the signed form AND the money must be in Ed's hand before your membership is valid.

### **Vice President's Corner:**

As previously communicated, elections for our 2016 Executive will take place at our November 8 General Meeting. If you are interested in a position on the club executive, please contact me by phone 905-575-5433 or by email [tekatch@sympatico.ca](mailto:tekatch@sympatico.ca). Alternatively, you may speak up at the meeting when I call for any final nominations. As required by our bylaws, the Annual General Meeting will continue to be held in December, at our general meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

As of October 25<sup>th</sup>, I have no news about where we will be flying next year. I hope to have an indication from our friends at Green Horizons by our November 8 meeting. Stay tuned...

We will be enjoying a Christmas lunch on either Saturday, December 5 or Sunday December 6, depending on when I can arrange reservations at the Mandarin restaurant on Upper James Street in Hamilton. Again, details should be available at the November 8 meeting.

(Do you sense a pattern here??? Come to the meeting and you'll get the latest, greatest news!)

Membership renewals are due by the end of the year. If you pay on time, you will be rewarded with a sizeable discount. If you wait until after December 31, you will be paying \$45.00.

There was some talk this past summer about resurrecting our One Design Contests and I suggested the little electric glider, Radian UMX. This is an easy flier, but can't be flown at great altitudes or distances or its small size will quickly render it invisible. It will test the thermalling abilities of our best pilots and be an easy flier for beginners. I welcome your thoughts and comments on this choice or your suggestions for another model.

Ann Tekatch  
Vice President

## Minutes of the **SOGGI Membership Meeting**

Date: October 4, 2015 Place: Beverly Hall, Rockton Ontario

Members present : 12

### 1. Introduction

Ann Tekatch welcomed all present to the meeting. Ann mentioned that she is currently the acting President due to the resignation of Ray Munro. Ann thanked all the members who have helped with various tasks throughout the year, with particular thanks to Brian Knechtel and Mike Sherlaw for renovating the outhouse, Jim Laslett for cutting the grass in the field parking area, and those who have helped at contests.

The minutes from the April 2015 membership meeting (included in the September 2015 Task) were proposed to be accepted by Bob Hammett, seconded by Mike Sherlaw. All members present were in favour.

### 2. Flying Fields Status

Ann reported that stripping of the Trinity Church Rd/Chippewa Rd field has now stopped with sufficient flying area sod left at the field east end. However, the field is going to be stripped in Spring 2016, so another field will be required for the 2016 season. It is understood that Green Horizons have approximately 8-10 fields east of the Airport that may be suitable, depending upon Airport proximity and access etc. The Nebo field may be a possibility if the current owners are agreeable.

Ann will discuss the availability of other fields with Green Horizons.

Andy Meysner noted that there may be another field on Trinity Church Rd north of the current field and he will investigate that. It was also noted that there may be several fields adjacent to Highway 6 south of the airport. Schoutens (sod farms) may also have some suitable fields. It was noted that in previous years however flying had ceased on their field(s), though reasons for that are not definitively known.

### 3. Elections for 2016 Executive and other positions

Ann Tekatch suggested that elections take place at the November meeting, so that the current Executive have an extra month to hand over the reins and to avoid the Xmas period when most people are busier. This was agreed by those present.

The positions to be elected are: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition there are positions for Editor, Webmaster, Flying Instructor(s), Contest Organizer and Contest Directors.

Members should indicate their willingness to stand for a position and nominate members for positions prior to or at the November meeting.

A volunteer to prepare the refreshments at the Club meetings would also be appreciated.

### 4. Reporter from Sachem-Glanbrook Gazette

Tamara Botting, a reporter with the Sachem-Glanbrook Gazette, spoke to Stan Grandfield at a local council meeting and she is interested in writing a newspaper article about the Club. Ann has contacted Tamara and will arrange to meet at the field at their convenience.

### 5. Xmas Lunch

The Xmas lunch will be held on the weekend of December 5/6, suggested to be at Angel's Diner in Waterdown.

Details will be finalized at the November meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ann provided the Treasurer's report on behalf of Ed Smith. As of September 1, 2015, the Club account balance was \$4,504.82. The rental of the hall for the club meetings has been paid for to April 2016. There are currently 40 paid up members. Membership forms for 2016 were handed out to those present.

7. Other Business

Members are encouraged to bring items for show and tell at each meeting.

The deadline for articles for the next edition of the Task newsletter is October 22.

Dick Colley brought to the meeting a form for each member with details of their flying status. The members present were requested to update the form before leaving the meeting.

Andy requested that the minutes of the general meetings not be copied to the Executive in draft before issuing to the membership, but just be issued straight to the membership and then corrected/accepted etc. at the next meeting. This was agreed by those present.

Bob Hammett noted that if someone else wishes to take on the Webmaster position next year, they are welcome to do so, and this may enable other positions to be more readily chosen.

With no other business, Ann moved to close the meeting, seconded by Andy, all in favour.

Andy Meysner  
Club Secretary  
October 5, 2015



Dick Colley's 1/5 Scale Minimoa ready for first flight at Fergus

## 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>

**For more information contact:**

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"Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage." --Winston Churchill

"Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you smile. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." --Mark Twain

"If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read: 'President Can't Swim.'" --Lyndon Johnson

<b>2015 SOGGI Executive</b>
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President: Position Vacant – Held by Ray Munro up to September 1<sup>st</sup>

Vice President: Ann Tekatch

Treasurer: Ed Smith (519)-802-8821  
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**Deadline for December Issue of Task: November 22nd 2015**

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## 2015 Calendar of Events

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#### Meetings:

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- **November 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Membership Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**
- **December 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Dinner – details to be determined**
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>**      **Annual General Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**

### 2016

- **January 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Membership Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**
- **February 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Membership Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**  
**(1 week early so we don't conflict with Valentine's Day)**
- **March 13<sup>th</sup>**      **Membership Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Membership Meeting, Rockton Library Hall**      **1:30pm**

# Pilot Record (First Draft)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MAAC # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

SOGGI Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Evaluation:

Previous Flight History:

Program Recommended:

Basic Level 1

Basic Level 2

Cleared to Fly (with others)

Cleared to Fly (Solo)

Basic Level 3

“WINGS” Awarded:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

CD Nomination:

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed by MAAC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Nomination:

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed by CFI \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use other side for Flight Commentaries, LSF Status etc.**

**How to fill in the Membership Application PDF File.**

**Method A:**

1. Print the .pdf file and fill in all the appropriate fields using a pen. Make sure all entries are legible. Sign and date the form on page 2.
2. Scan a .pdf copy of the form and forward to the SOGGI Treasurer - <antaresbws@gmail.com>

**Ed Smith**  
**8 - 492 Grey St.,**  
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**Method B:** (Note: If you have the latest version of Adobe Reader you will find things somewhat easier.)

1. OPEN the file 2015 SOGGI Membership Application Form.pdf and immediately
2. SAVE AS 2015 SOGGI Membership Application Form - <your Name>.pdf
3. Then enter the information on the pdf form. Please note: This is a "Flat form" so there are no fields embedded in the form for editing purposes - you will enter information on the form by appropriate positioning of the mouse cursor.
4. To add information, click on the Fill & Sign box at the top RH corner of the Adobe Reader page and click on "Add Text". The Cursor symbol will change to the Add Text mode - place the cursor where you would like the text to appear. An Add Text menu will appear near the top of the page - here you can select font, font size and other settings as required. (Suggestion: Try Helvetica, 14pt, Black as a start)
5. For circling Yes or No try using An upper case O at 24pt. (Or add a checkmark next to the required answer)
6. On the second sheet you will be required to Place Signature - you can create a scanned copy of your own scratchings or use the menu to make an e-signature.
7. Review and check the information entered in all fields
8. SAVE and PRINT a copy for your own records.
9. E-MAIL a copy of the .pdf file to Ed Smith and don't forget to remit your Dues. *As Ed points out "Your Membership is not effective until I have BOTH the Signed and Dated Application Form AND the Money."*