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From the Editor

Well, the outdoor flying season is well passed us now and some of us have switched over to indoor flying at the Syl Apps Arena in nearby Paris Ontario. Back in October when the weather was favourable, every Wednesday morning, some of us from SOGGI would go r/c sailing at the pond located south of Paris. Then it would be lunch time at the Skyway Cafe located at the Brantford Airport. The afternoons were spent at the Syl Apps arena perfecting our indoor flying skills. Of course, now its too cold for sailing but we still manage to meet for lunch and indoor flying. We are always looking for members to join us! Only \$5 for a two-hour session! Now that's a good deal!

Merry Christmas to all and a healthy, happy New Year!

Cheers!

Lyle Jeakins,
TASK Editor

President's Report: by Andy Meysner

It is almost the end of another year and, despite a short flying season, not without its events and challenges. Wet weather kept us from flying until around mid June, but we did manage to keep the season open until late October. We had some very good flying when the weather behaved, including a few but very successful trips to Westover.

Our attempt at providing a field convenience was relatively short lived as the convenience mysteriously "disappeared" (a kind way to put it) in mid August. As a result of the need to dispose of the old clubhouse, provide a storage box and rent a portable toilet, our club funds took a significant reduction. For that reason your Executive decided, with member's agreement, to increase the membership fee for 2020.

On a very positive note we gained 6 new or returning members late in the season. That really is a boon given the efforts we have been making in recent years to maintain a stable member base.

On a sad note at this time we will very much miss Bob Hammett who is leaving Southern Ontario for Nova Scotia to be with family there. Bob has been an invaluable member and contributor to SOGGI for the past 25 years in all aspects of our hobby and club life. He has served as SOGGI's previous webmaster and for at least two terms as our President. He has been instrumental in the governance, administration, furtherance and good health of our club. His skills in model building and flying have been passed on to many members, myself included. Bob will remain a lifetime member of the club, and we will be able to keep in touch with him. The club wishes him and family all the best in his new life out east.

I would like to thank all members for their support during the year, and hope to see you at the general meetings and workshops over the next four months.

Best wishes of the season to you all and your families and friends,
Andy

2019 Flying Season: by Lyle Jeakins

I like to keep a diary of my flying session during the season. This year for a number of reasons, I only managed to get out to our Haldibrook field on 12 occasions before the season ended. My last trip was on October 29/19. I was surprised when I viewed the field logbook to see members initiated flying sessions only 48 times this year!! That is way down from previous years where 60-70 sign-ins were recorded! As predicted, we faced high winds, extreme heat and generally unstable weather. A number of our contests were rescheduled or in some cases cancelled outright. Last year for comparison, I managed to get to the field on 17 occasions! We had an idea that it was going to be a short season when we didn't get to hold our first contest until June 22/19! When I did make it to the field I always enjoyed the experience of being in that big open green space and interacting with our members! We also had a lot of curious guests who would drop in from time to time to check out the action. Sadly to say, I don't think my piloting skills improved much considering how many times I landed on the other side of the field and even managed a perfect tree landing! Geez!

RaySER Update:

For those of you who couldn't make the November general meeting, Ray Munro gave an update with regards to his "RaySER". Ray indicated for all intents and purposes, the 2M RaySER won't likely happen. Instead, he is planning on kitting a 3M all balsa ship that will have the option of a RES or Full house wing, plus it can be electrically powered or built as line launcher. He hopes to have kits available in January-February of 2020 which should give us lots of time to have some models ready for the upcoming flying season.

Swap Meet Report:

On the morning of November 10th, prior to our General Members Meeting, we held our second annual swap meet. This year we had one member from the Brant Flyers, a John Cook, who took a table to sell his treasures! Also, Andy Smith & Steve Sirroco from the Fergus R/C Club brought in two tables full of



interesting stuff for sale. Coffee & cookies were available for a nominal fee. I was pleased with the turnout this year. I sold all my kits and managed to pick up a number of neat planes. I noticed lots of interaction among the participants, so I feel it was a success. Even though our location doesn't offer a lot of space for this type of event, it's our only reasonable option at this time. To go larger would require a new location with its inherent costs increase and the possibility of the club losing money. Probably not going to happen. Thanks to all members who supported this event. I think the "word" is getting out there and I believe next year, if we decide to hold another swap meet, we will have even more non-members wanting table space which will bring more buyers to check it all out.

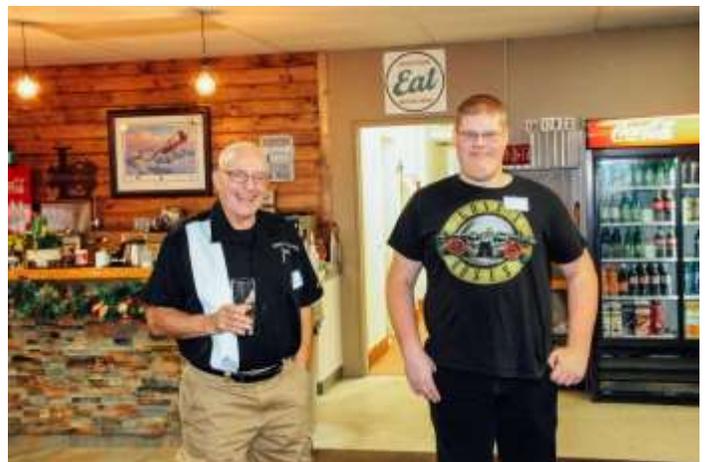


Christmas Luncheon Report:

Ever since I've taken over the important position of Special Events Co-ordinator, I have been trying to find the proper location for our SOGGI Christmas Luncheon. I was not happy with the service last year at Kelsey's Restaurant. So this year I started checking out various locations before settling on the **Lancaster Eatery Restaurant** located at the Chedoke Golf & Country Club. It was a gamble, I wasn't sure if our members would attend, but you came through and we had an excellent turnout of 24 people!

I personally really enjoyed the Lancaster Eatery and having the room all to ourselves! Thanks once again to the generosity of those in attendance, we managed to raise **\$255** for our dwindling club bank balance through the ticket sales for the special draws! **Anne Dunford**, Adam Maas', guest won the **UMX Mini Radian** that had been donated by **Paris Junction Hobbies**. **Declan Dawson**, son of Leslie & Terry Dawson won the ride in **Mike Sherlaw's Piper Cherokee 140**.

I was so pleased with the whole event, I've tentatively booked our Christmas Luncheon there again next year. I have attached some photo evidence from this event.



It was unfortunate that **Bob & Vae Hammett** were no able to attend our luncheon. We had planned to give them a good send off to their new home in Nova Scotia. Thanks to the donations received from you the members, we were able to buy a lovely engraved mantel clock. We will present it to Bob at a latter date, as a way of saying thanks for all his years of involvement with our club. We will miss him like crazy, but wish them all the best!



Winter Builds:

It's never too early to start thinking about building a new sailplane during the long cold winter months. There are just so many kits to choose from, sometimes it's difficult to focus on just one. Or if you are like me, you have a number of kits and half-built projects that are just begging to be finished! Focus, focus, focus! From a contest perspective, our club appears to be headed towards 3M F3RES & F5J style contests, so maybe we should be thinking about building something that would fit these categories.

Winter Workshops:

Based on what was discussed at our general meeting, two workshops have been scheduled for **March 8th**, led by Adam Maas, to discuss transmitter programming & **April 12th**, led by Ed Smith, to finish off our Square Eagle free flight plane started last winter. These events will be held on the morning of our regularly scheduled general meetings. Notices will be sent out prior to these events with more detail. In the meantime, get working on your square eagles!

Member Involvement:

SOGGI is your club and the TASK is your newsletter, a way of communicating with you the members. When you joined SOGGI, you agreed to follow the rules and **participate**. Clubs don't run efficiently without some involvement and effort from it's members. We are fortunate in that SOGGI has had the benefit of good leadership over the years with members stepping up to the plate to take on important positions. That being said, we are currently looking for members to join us on the executive. Recently, **Ray Munro** who has filled many roles over the past years, stepped up and agreed to take on the important role of Secretary. Here's a member who was the president of our club for many years, he's done his duty and yet he steps up to take on another important position! So think long and hard about how you can get more involved! It's a rewarding experience and every member has something to offer.

Can we count on you?

Werner Hildersheim 1930-2019: Submitted By Dick Colley

Sometime in June of this year Werner hooked up to the line and launched on his last flight. Werner was a long time member of SOGGI since at least 1994 and until a couple of years ago. An indication of his flying skills may be gleaned from the fact that in 2005 he won the coveted Otto Bandman Trophy.

Initially, Werner was introduced to Full-size Sailplanes when he was a youngster in Germany. That was where he learned to fly, where he met his wife to be, Tina, and also where he met Hanna Reich.

Having emigrated to Canada, Werner finally retired from Budd Canada in 1995 after 29 years service. Werner was also a Ham Radio operator and served as president of the South Waterloo Amateur Radio Club. He was also involved with the Air Cadets.

The video that is featured on the Club website "SOGGI Joy" is also a result of Werner's talent. There are many pictures of historical importance including a couple of aerial shots taken from Werner's Quad-copter. (These days they are called Drones)

Sadly in the later years, health issues and other important tasks cut into the time that Werner was able to spend at the field. Many flying sessions have been shared with Werner – flying high, weaving and bobbing the endless dance of the thermal seekers.

He was an excellent flying companion, A steady influence at the field, a keen competitor and a milker of thermals extraordinaire. Werner would also delight in flying seriously under-powered electric planes that would limp into the sky, take forever to gain altitude but somehow would find a thermal and hang around forever. (Kinda like what Werners' just gone and done.)

Farewell Werner, thank you for all your years of dedication & inspiration!

Bob Hammett: Lyle Jeakins

As you are all well aware by now, Bob & Vae have sold their home in Brantford and are moving to Halifax, to be closer to their daughter and her family. Bob indicated he has been a member of SOGGI since 1994! Bob was the first person I met at the Fletcher Road field when I joined in late 2012. The more I got to know him, the more I would be in awe of his analytical problem solving abilities, his attention to detail and of course his ability to find lift! Bob was not your average r/c flyer. He built and flew many free flight models, older late 30's style r/c sailplanes like his beloved Lanzo Bomber right up to his superb hand built 3+M Supra! He concentrated on flying only a couple of planes until he could consistently outscore the competition!

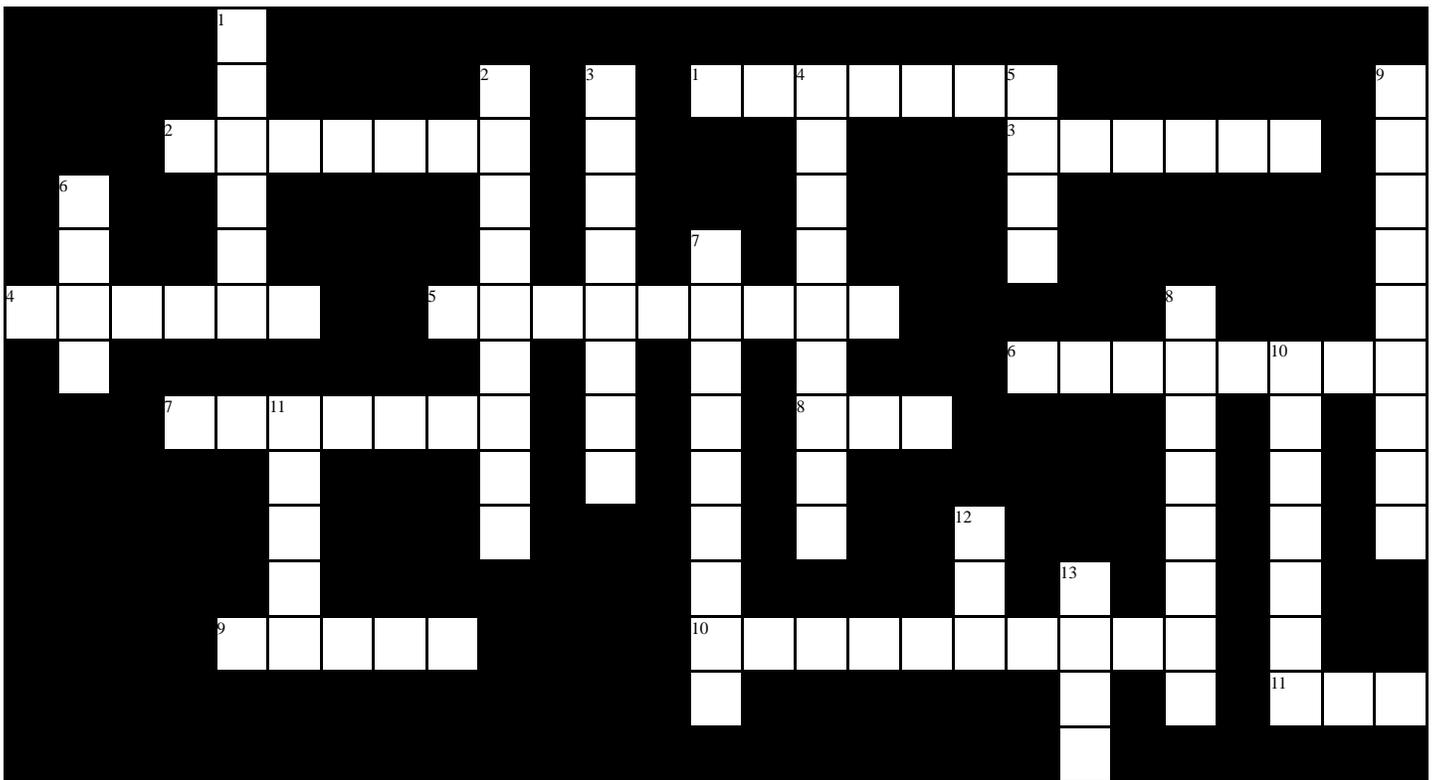


His moving on leaves a big hole in the fabric of our club! It's time for the rest of us to step up and try to fill the void! I hope to someday throw a few gliders in the back of my van and meet up with Bob in a field somewhere outside of Halifax! Hey....you never know....it could happen! :)

SOGGI TASK Crossword Puzzle:

President Andy Meysner was kind enough to prepare a fun aircraft themed crossword puzzle for the membership to solve. On behalf of the members, thanks a bunch Andy for making and sending in your puzzle! By the way, the solution will be in the following issue of TASK, and members can email Andy with their solution in the meantime if they wish.

If you want a brief break from model building over the winter months, have fun with this quick challenge. All the clues/answers in this crossword are aviation or our hobby related. Some answers are abbreviations or acronyms. The partial clue to 8 down may only be known if you have been a SOGGI member for 5 years or more.



Crossword Clues

DOWN

- 1 This plane maker had canine tendencies (6)
- 2 This naval privateer had a rotating bomb door (9)
- 3 To fly well get this angle correct (8)
- 4 Tail structure (9)
- 5 You read this if doing this puzzle (4)
- 6 Boeing system to solve a big problem (4)
- 7 According to John Lennon there were 4,000 holes in this town and its namesake made the answer to clue 2 (9)
- 8 Makes arrow stabilization, and a great SOGGI field (8)
- 9 Died in February 1959 (4,5)
- 10 Encloses engines (7)
- 11 Communicates with your plane(s) (5)
- 12 Omni-directional range radio (3)
- 13 If you fly with SOGGI call this location (4)

ACROSS

- 1 Famous French aviator (5)
- 2 DHC-4 (7)
- 3 C series saviour (6)
- 4 Powered by a Double Mamba (6)
- 5 H-stab by another name (9)
- 6 The Comet beat this by 13 days (8)
- 7 Firmware in some R/C radios (7)
- 8 Use this to find an NDB (3)
- 9 This bird, made of spruce, flew only once (5)
- 10 British rivers and aero engines (5,5)
- 11 Need one of these to fly electric (3)

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Calendar of Events	
Sunday, Jan 12 2020	General Meeting , 13:30 Beverly Hall
Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020	Executive Meeting , 12:00 – 15:00 Fortino's Upper James
Sunday, Feb 9 2020	General Meeting , 13:30 Beverly Hall
Tuesday, Feb 25 2020	Executive Meeting , 12:00 – 15:00 Fortino's Stoney Creek
Sunday, Mar 8, 2020	Workshop : Transmitter programming & stuff – Adam Maas General Meeting , 13:30 Beverly Hall
Tuesday, Mar 24, 202	Executive Meeting , 12:00 – 15:00 Fortino's Stoney Creek
Sunday, Apr 5 2020	Workshop : Covering balsa models (Square Eagles!) – Ed Smith General Meeting , 13:30 Beverly Hall
Tuesday, Apr 21 2020	Executive Meeting , 12:00 – 15:00 Fortino's Stoney Creek
Monday, May 13 2019	General Meeting , 13:30 Beverly Hall