



Well Hello to all members and readers. I guess I have to start out again with an apology for being late in producing the monthly newsletter. It is supposed to be out at the beginning of each month. This summer my periods of vacation and trips to the lake have put me out of synch with a proper newsletter writing schedule.

I don't think there is a great deal to report upon, although, I must confess I have not been out to the field as frequently as I would have liked. We have all shared in the marginal weather conditions this summer and even today (August 6<sup>th</sup>), a trip to the field was wasted when the wind was too high.

I was at the field last week and saw the Moss family in attendance. Jim had a new model with him. It is a one third scale Morane-Saulnier Type A1 WWI fighter and was wonderfully built and finished. He won the Oshawa club's beauty contest with it this spring. Jim had a little difficulty with the engine, but, I know he will get it ironed out. It is a true masterpiece. Also, on August 5 Jim flew his prize-winning four-engine Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. No, it didn't lumber around the sky like a bomber - Jim flew it like a pattern ship!



While on the subject of WWI stuff, I had the chance to go to Rhinebeck New York recently and see the show there. I would recommend it to anybody who is the least bit interested in vintage aircraft. They have several original and replica old timers that took short "hops", as well as other planes that fly every weekend. There was a Fokker DR1 replica that flew in a simulated dogfight with a beautifully replicated SPAD, what a treat. One pilot in a Great Lakes Biplane threw out a roll of toilet paper and then cut it several times as it floated down. It was kinda neat to watch the tight turns he did. The second day was concluded by an aerobatics show from a Christian Super Eagle. The museum is good as well. You can also visit other area attractions such as FDR's homestead very close by.

I attended at the Kawartha club a few weekends ago and visited briefly with Don Mitchell and Al Cordy. The club was holding a club event that was essentially a simple pattern contest. From the variety of aircraft being flown it seemed to be a pretty much "fly what you bring", kind of contest. I sometimes wish that our own club might get off the mark and organize at least some sort of a "Funfly" event. The only real event we have is the Pylon Racing. I know it's not everybody's cup of tea, but, they have a lot of fun with it.

The Parton's were out at the field last week when I was out there and they flew a great looking model of a Boeing biplane fighter with a little gas engine. It looked and sounded most realistic. I also had a chance to windbag a bit with Don Cavanaugh who flew his aeromaster. I am having fun with a Fokker DR-1 Great Planes ARF, that I patched up.

Anyway, let's hope for a better August and September as regards flying weather. I'm still a new guy in the club and look forward to meeting all members at the field.

Best Regards, Bob Byrnes

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### **President's Message**

Ed Tureski wants you to be aware that he will be at the field during the week to cut the grass so it will be nice and short for small wheels on weekends.

If the weather is forecast to be pleasant on Wednesday afternoons/evenings, expect to see Ed at the field. If Wednesday is wet, Ed will cut the grass on Thursday or Friday.

Ed informs me that it takes him over three hours to properly cut the runway, pits and public area. Have a look at Ed's progress when you arrive, and determine how much cutting he has left. Ed can't hear you shout if your plane heads his way, as he's on a noisy machine wearing sound-muffs, so please wait for him to finish cutting the pits, picnic area, and paths before you fly.

Please remember the M.A.A.C. Safety Code 4.3.8. "No flying is permitted while field maintenance is going on in the Flight Zone."

And our club safety rules include: "All flying must cease during field maintenance."

On the topic of rules, I hope you will take a few minutes to review the M.A.A.C. and club rules from time to time. You may find rules you have forgotten, such as this club rule I needed to be reminded of: "5. When there are more than 3 persons with transmitters at the field at the same time, then all transmitters not in use must be impounded in the impound box."

Enjoy a safe and dry summer.

John Alford