



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2022

I'm back! At the annual general meeting in November the club President's position came up for election as Ron McLennan's term had come to an end. I was SOTC President for 8 years, 2002 to 2010 (four two year terms). Far too long, as a result a clause was put into the by-laws that the President position could be for no more than two, two year terms.

At the annual general meeting when the President position came up for election, no one would accept the President's position. The executive was in a dilemma. I agreed to accept the President position but strongly stressed that it would only be for one two year term, this will give your executive members the time to groom, chosen, select or whatever you want to call it, a President for the future.

This brings me to another point. It has always been difficult to get the positions filled for the various positions within the executive. We are just shuffling the deck within the executive to fill these positions. Think about attending one of the meetings, spring meeting and/or annual general meeting. These meetings always have low attendance and it would be great to see new faces. New ideas and suggestions would be appreciated. You, the members are the reason why the Southern Ontario Thunderbird Club exists and has since 1979.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank past President, Ron McLennan for his past two terms in the President position. These have been tumultuous times during the covid pandemic and Ron has handled the situation extremely well. For almost two years it has been a guessing game whether we could hold club events, meetings or social gatherings. Ron has kept the executive and club members well informed through the website, personal contact, emails, phone calls, etc. A task that has taken up a lot of his time, no one could have done it better. Ron set the bar high, so I hope I can do as well.

In November it appeared that we were coming out of this covid pandemic and that things would get back to some kind of normalcy. Not so, along comes the omicron variant and we are deeper into covid fatigue than ever. This makes it very difficult to schedule SOTC events for 2022, if at all. At this point the spring meeting, when we finalize the events for the year, it may not take place. The 2022 spring meeting is scheduled for March 20th. Last year as a result of the pandemic, we held the spring meeting through e-mails with the executive members. We may have to do the same thing this year. We will advise the member through our website and newsletters if and when events can take place. Here's hoping that this pandemic will come to an end soon and we can all get back to a normal life.

Thunderbird – It's time to take flight

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