



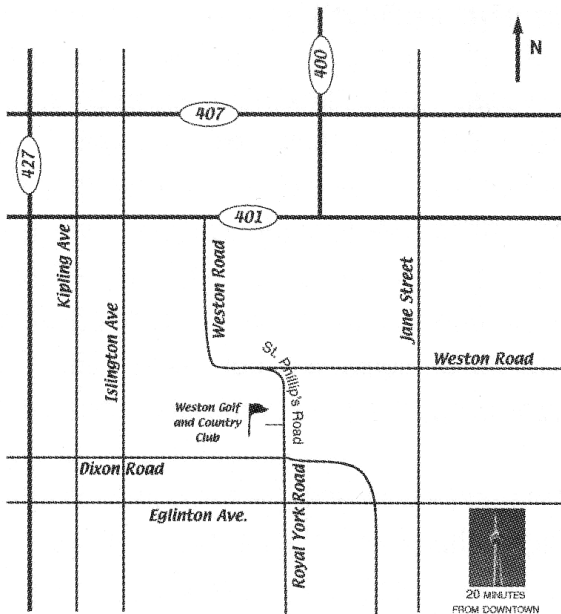
## Humber Valley Meeting Announcement Wed Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 7:30pm Weston Golf and Country Club

Wadsworth Room; 50 St. Phillips Road, Toronto ON M9P 2N6



Winter meetings are held at Weston Golf and Country Club located conveniently just south of the 401 at Weston Road and lots of parking. If you come via the 401, drive south on Weston Road and keep right on St. Philips Road. Then keep a close watch for the entrance on the right past some tall hedges. It kind of sneaks up on

you! Then keep to the right and park in the lot at the rear of the building. The main entrance is right off the parking lot. The Wadsworth meeting room is straight ahead on the left. Feel free to bring a friend.



We will have pizza, snacks, coffee and soft drinks at the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

## March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Program – Guest Speaker Veteran Commercial Pilot Ian Deakin



We are pleased to announce that the program for the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be speaker **Ian Deakin**, a 40 year veteran commercial pilot flying Boeing 777's who has also recently taken up RC Indoor. Ian will talk about what it takes to become a commercial pilot and to keep up to date with safety and certifications required in today's highly regulated world. I asked him to give us a sense of "a day in the life of a

commercial airline pilot" and also his opinion of the best and worst airports in the world and why he thinks so. It might be interesting to ask him how he feels flying a 300 gram indoor foamy vs a 600,000 pound Boeing 777!



Save up your questions for what is sure to be a very lively talk with a question and answer session afterwards.

## March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting - New Web Site Revealed!



I am pleased to report that significant progress has been made on the development of a brand new web site for the club thanks to the hard work of **Zoltan Pittner**. At the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Zoltan will describe the new features of the web site and how the new member database and subscriber list will work. Best of all, he was able to do it using WordPress without any additional costs. Zoltan has

put a lot of hours into this project and the new site will be a great asset to the club. Besides making information easier to find and update, the new site will save us time and is sure to attract new members. And it uses up-to-date technology that is compatible with current browsers, smart phones and tablets. We hope to be able to launch the new web site in March.



Our new web site home page under development

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting 1. Web Site Update Report 2. Veteran Commercial Pilot Ian Deakin 3. Show and Tell
Sundays: Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Flying at York University - 9:00am- 11:00am
Wed Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> h	Club Meeting
Sat May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Field Maintenance Day
Sat Jul 18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fun Fly and BBQ
Sat Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fall Fun Fly and BBQ



## Indoor Flying – Only Two Sundays Left!



You only have two more Sundays in March to enjoy great indoor flying at York. We are using the “Field House” in the Tait McKenzie Building at 1 Thompson Rd within the York University campus. Look for details and a map of how to get there in the November Flyer.

Here are the remaining dates.

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	Mar 08, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Mar 29, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### Please NOTE:

Your MAAC insurance expires Dec 31<sup>st</sup> each year. So to fly indoors in March, you need to renew both your club membership and MAAC.

## Airplane won at the Feb 5th Meeting!



**Mark Willer** was the lucky winner of the 56” mystery ship that was raffled off at the February meeting. Being very familiar with glow engines and one of our few remaining glow enthusiasts, Mark was the right person to win this airplane. He hopes to get it flying in the spring. The fun never stops at Humber Valley!



*The mystery ship looks like a small Cub*

## Save These Dates!

We decided to look ahead in the calendar and lock in some dates for upcoming summer events. Now would be a good time to pencil these into your calendar and plan your summer activities. Watch future Flyers for any updates.

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## Your Club Executive – Updated for 2020

President, vacant .....  
 Past President, Val Oddo ..... (416) 566-9807  
 Vice President & Editor, Tom Gottlieb..... (416) 781-3189  
 Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie ..... (416) 741-4385  
 Secretary, vacant.....  
 Program Director, vacant.....  
 Field Officer, Michael D’Antonio..... (416) 771-8097  
 Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494  
 Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (416) 675-6014

## 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Report

### Administrative Items:

The Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was well attended. There were more than enough members and proxies for a quorum so the meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. **Bob Bader** moved to approve the Agenda as presented and this was seconded by **Milt Charlton** and carried. **Tom Gottlieb** read the minutes of the 2019 AGM which were published in the March 2019 Flyer. **Mike D’Antonio** moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by **Zoltan Pittner** and carried.



### Executive Reports:

President, **Val Oddo** summarized his view of the 2019 season stating that overall the club enjoyed a good and safe flying season with no major issues or problems.

Treasurer **Bruce Gillespie** presented the financial statements for the year ending October 31, 2019 and the budget for next season November 2019 to October 2020. The budget prompted considerable discussion of the extra expenses for field maintenance and web site redesign. However, the budget was finally approved by the membership after the web site budget was reduced from \$1500 to \$700.

Field Officer **Mike D’Antonio** reported that he needs more help on the grass cutting this year and a few members volunteered to join the cutting team. Rather than publish a fixed schedule this season, Mike will start a “WhatsApp” group so that all grass cutters will be able to communicate with each other more easily and decide each week on who is available to cut the grass.

Program Director, **Tom Gottlieb** reported that the club had a good season but thought that it would not be possible to schedule a float fly in 2020. Even though **Domenic Teti** invited members to his cottage last year, the long drive to the lake limited participation to only 4 members.

Chief Flight Instructor, **Randall Thomas** reported an excellent year with 3 new students cleared and several new student members signing up for next season. In his dual role as Safety Officer, Randall emphasized the need to be safe and follow all club and MAAC rules. He also expressed a message to all members using our field to practice a policy of “If you see something, say something.” and report any safety violations to a member of the executive.

### Elections:

**Val Oddo** decided not to run for President this year. As there were no other nominations for President, Vice President **Tom Gottlieb** will assume the responsibilities of the President until a new interim President is appointed by the executive or elected by the membership.

**Tom Gottlieb** decided not to run for Program Director this year in order to give someone else a chance to step up to the role.

All other 2019 executives stood for re-election and were acclaimed. The executive reappointed **Randall Thomas** as Chief Flight Instructor and Safety Officer. Randall accepted the appointment.

### Closing:

As there was no other business, **Bruce Gillespie** moved to close the AGM at 8:55pm which was seconded by **Tom Gottlieb** and carried.



## Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Frozen Finger Fun Fly Report!

Our annual FFFFF... was a good success although the cold weather made it a bit challenging – we don't call it the Frozen Finger Fun Fly for nothing! We had about 6 airplanes that made it into the frigid air but all landed safely in spite of the breezy conditions. The storage shed door was frozen shut and opening it was a bit of a challenge but once we solved that problem and got the BBQ working, everything went according to plan. New junior member **Louis Gottlieb** got stuck in the snow and froze solid for a short time but thank goodness, we were able to revive him with hot chocolate. Thanks to everyone who turned out and made it an enjoyable morning. Hope to see you next year.



*Junior member Louis Gottlieb freezes solid at the FFFFF!*



*Hot chocolate warmed everyone up at the FFFFF.*

## Show and Tell



**Got a cool project or plane to show off?**

Bring it to the March meeting and tell us about it please!

## Saying Goodbye to Ernie Dawson



Sadly, we have to report to you that a long time active member and strong club contributor **Ernie Dawson** passed away suddenly on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the age of 82 due to a heart attack. He is survived by his beloved wife Jean, three sons, and six grandchildren.

We all knew Ernie as our past field officer and an active grass cutting volunteer. Ernie was very handy with machine

maintenance and helped keep all our equipment running smoothly.

You may not know that he worked in accounting for Moore's Business Forms for 46 years and outside of flying RC, he loved the outdoors and was passionate about fishing, curling, water and snow skiing, and camping.

The club extends its deepest condolences to his wife Jean, and all his extended family. We will surely miss seeing him at the field.

## Three Dreams of Radio Control

What the heck is that you ask? Most of us take for granted that we can buy excellent digital proportional highly reliable and compact RC equipment for a reasonable price. But it certainly wasn't always like that. We found a site dedicated to the history of RC equipment.



Check out the Radio Control Hall of Fame®. This site is dedicated to the [Three Dreams of Radio Control](http://www.rchalloffame.org), and to the pioneering individuals and equipment which made it all possible. Visit the Hall of Fame site at: [www.rchalloffame.org](http://www.rchalloffame.org).

You will find several hours of fascinating reading and pictures at the Radio Control Hall of Fame website. See what it was like to fly RC in those early days.

And if you want to really enjoy the early days of RC, check out this YouTube video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jduj1wkGFT0>

This is the story of twin brothers, Walt and Bill Good and their development of the first radio controlled model, "The Guff" which is on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. In



1949, Walt swept the national championships with a new model and in 1952 set a new record for the longest Radio Control flight.