



April Meeting and Indoor Flying Cancelled

In case you missed my recent email notice, our last winter meeting scheduled for April 1st is cancelled due to the closure of all public facilities due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

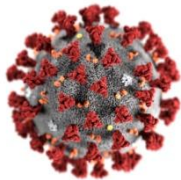


We also received notice from York University that the Tait Mackenzie building is closed until further notice so our last Indoor flying day for March 29th is also cancelled. I have been in touch with the York office and depending on what

happens over the summer, we may schedule a makeup Indoor flying day in the summer or fall. We will keep you posted as things change.

City Closes all Parks due to COVID-19

Humber's field is closed...



The COVID-19 outbreak will forever change how we live, work and play. It is too early to assess the impact this will have on our hobby but we must all act responsibly and do our part to fight this terrible virus. The Executive had been discussing if it might still be possible to

fly by following social distance rules and disinfecting all surfaces before and after use. But we consulted with Chris Brownhill, our Zone Director for guidance who subsequently issued his recommendation to all Zone L members to stay home. Now the discussion is over since the City of Toronto issued a ruling on March 25th to close all city parks and they have locked the gate to Thackeray Park.



Our permit for the use of the field is issued by the City of Toronto, Parks and Recreation. We have submitted our permit renewal

application which would have taken affect on May 1st but with all City offices closed due to the virus, I would not be surprised if there is a delay in processing our permit. We will keep you posted on any developments.



Thackeray Park gate is closed to flying until further notice.

So what do you do now?

Staying at home? Getting bored? This would be a good time to get working on that dusty building project waiting for some TLC in your workshop. Or you could pull out your flight simulator and learn a new maneuver. Now would also be a good time to perform a thorough inspection of your current fleet. You should carefully inspect your airplanes before spring. Check all control horns and clevises, hinges, wheel collars, landing gear, and servo and engine mounts to make sure everything is tight and secure.

March 4th Meeting Program Report Veteran Commercial Pilot Ian Deakin



We had a great turnout for the March 4th meeting and Ian Deakin provided a fascinating account of his experiences as a commercial airline pilot flying Boeing 777's all over the world. It was interesting to hear his perspectives on which airports he considered the best. Pearson, La Guardia and Heathrow were at the

top of his list while San Francisco, Seoul, Washington D.C. and Tel Aviv were difficult from a pilot's perspective. It was also clear that his was a stressful career that required dedication and strong personal relationships to be successful. His talk generated quite a lot of discussion. Ian has joined the club and plans to come out to fly RC this summer. Welcome Ian!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun Mar 29 th	Indoor Flying at York - Cancelled
Wed Apr 1 st	Club Meeting - Cancelled
Sat May 9 th	Field Maintenance Day - On hold pending outcome of COVID-19 outbreak
Sat Jul 18 th	Summer Fun Fly and BBQ - Hopefully this event will be a "GO".
Sat Aug 22 nd	Fall Fun Fly and BBQ

New Web Site is a Big Hit!



Our new web site is up and running and has been a big hit. May of you have visited the site and provided positive feedback. The subscriber function is active with new subscribers joining. I have been working closely with Zoltan Pittner to make minor improvements and clarify content here and there where things might be a little confusing. Anytime I request a change, Zoltan usually gets it

done within the hour! I wish I got such good service from other suppliers! The best way to get to the web site is from <https://hvrcf.org>.

Try the Member Section

If you haven't already done so, try logging in to the member section and see the member functions.

Check Out the Updated Club History

I am not sure if I mentioned this before but last summer, I updated the old club history that was originally written by Barry Collingwood in 2012. The next revision will include an update on our new web site. If you are in COVID-19 isolation with nothing to do, the club history is a good read. Find it in the Library Section of the site in the Club Documents folder.

Good Pictures Needed

We are still looking for a few good high quality landscape pictures that would display in random sequence on the page headers. If you have something good, email to me at tgott@sympatico.ca.



A Note From Jean Dawson



Last month I reported to you on the passing of **Ernie Dawson**. 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.

The club made a donation to Ernie's church and we received this lovely hand written note from his wife Jean, that we felt we just had to share with you.

Humber Valley Radio Control Flyers.

Dear Members:

Our sincere thanks for the memorial donation to Humbervale United Church in memory of Ernie.

How he loved to go up to the field to fly his planes, the friendship that was made over the years, just as much as he enjoyed cutting the field grass & keeping the up with the maintenance of all the lawn equipment in working order & clean.

Ernie served on the property committee & chair person of our church for years. It was decided the donations in memory of him would go towards a new church sign which will be put up on the lawn this spring.

"He would be very pleased."

With special thanks to all the members.

and "Happy Flying"

from

Jean, David, Bradley, Paul Dawson and all the family.

Your Club Executive – Updated for 2020

President, vacant	
Past President, Val Oddo	(416) 566-9807
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Secretary, vacant.....	
Program Director, vacant.....	
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Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas.....	(647) 545-5494
Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas.....	(416) 675-6014

Student Instruction Program ...

Now Managed by WhatsApp



WhatsApp

Chief Instructor **Randall Thomas** has brought our instruction program into the 21st century by putting all students and instructors on a Humber Valley Student/Instructor WhatsApp Group. Randall posts what is going on at the field, what the weather is like, when instruction can

happen and when he is unable to attend. Other instructors weigh in and students are able to post comments and pictures on their progress. "It is a great way for students to connect with instructors in real time" says instructor Zoltan Pittner. This group is a great way to keep up with the club, even if you are a cleared pilot. If you want to join, drop Randall a note and he will invite you. See you there.

Field Officer **Mike D'Antonio** has also started a WhatsApp Group to connect the grass cutting team and broadcast who is cutting the grass on any given day or week.

Now for something completely Different -

Peter Sripol on YouTube!



Every once in a while I need a little RC entertainment and I turn to YouTube to see what people are doing. This past summer I ran into an absolutely crazy engineer and RC inventor who builds crazy flying contraptions out of household products just to see if they will fly. His name is **Peter Sripol**. He has 1.34 million subscribers on his YouTube channel so he actually makes a living out of doing this.

Search for **Peter Sripol** on YouTube. You will find his videos innovative, entertaining, crazy fun and inspiring. He is not only restricted to RC flying. He also tries to make RC boats, cars, submarines, tanks and yes - even flame throwers. Look for some of the following:



- HomeMade Electric Airplane
- RC Paper Airplane How to Make
- RC Flying Lego Airplane
- RC KFC bucket airplane
- GIANT RC ROCKET PLANE!! 3D printed
- FLYING Powerdrill AIRPLANE!!!
- FLYING COKE powered airplane
- Water Dropping RC Airplane
- Flying RC Cars
- Personal Flying Sleigh DRONE
- FLYING gaming chair!!! (really heavy)
- Flamethrower RC FIRETRUCK
- Giant Zippo flamethrower
- ... and much more. Enjoy!