



2020/2021 Winter Season Update



As the fall flying season draws to a close, I need to update you on recent changes at the City of Toronto, Parks Forestry and Recreation Division, with respect to our field permit and flying over the winter months. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has kept a close watch over the use of its facilities and was forced to look carefully at its rules and operations. We are looked upon very favorably by the

City because of our responsible and safe use of the site. We also take good care of the grounds and have done an excellent job of following COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols. Again I want to personally thank all members who made the summer and fall season a success. We have had no incidents and everyone has been using the Field Booking Procedure so that we can trace who has been at the field at any given time.

However, I must tell you that our use of the field over the winter from November 16, 2020 to March 14, 2021 was not guaranteed by the City when the permit was issued in June. This was because all park maintenance operations shut down over the winter and permits are not normally issued for winter use. I have been working with City officials for the last 6 weeks explaining that we do not require road plowing, salting or maintenance from City crews and we have been safely using the field over winter months for the last 30+ years. The parks manager for York Region actually came to visit the field and was sympathetic to our cause. It turns out that this was really a liability issue rather than a maintenance issue. In the end the City has amended our permit to allow winter access providing I sign a release on behalf of the club that indemnifies the City, and all parties relating to the City, from any liability resulting from personal injury, death, or damage to property.

New Release and Waiver Form Required

This is all good news but, there is one more thing that is required from members. In addition to the club release which I signed, each member who wishes to access the field in the winter (even if you are not flying), must also sign a personal Release and Waiver Form, which I have attached with this Flyer. This form cannot be signed online as the City requires actual signatures.

If you haven't already filled one in at the field, print and sign the form over the next 10 days. Complete the form as follows:

- 1) Print your name at the top and at "Name of Operator".
- 2) Complete the field "Signed at Toronto" and enter the date.
- 3) Sign your name at "Signature of Operator".

There are several ways to return it to me:

- 1) Mail to me at Tom Gottlieb, 551 Saint Clements Ave, Toronto, ON M5N 1M5, or
- 2) Scan and email to me at tgott@sympatico.ca, or
- 3) Take a picture on your smart phone and email it to me.

Contact me if you need help or if you have any questions or concerns. We will update the member database with a flag to show that you have completed the Release and Waiver Form. You must submit the form if you wish to access the field between November 16, 2020 and March 14, 2021.

Thanks again for your cooperation and patience over this challenging season and I hope you enjoy some winter flying.

... Tom Gottlieb, President and Editor

Indoor Flying is on Hold for this Year ☹️



As you probably guessed, York University is not able to offer the use of its gym for indoor flying this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gym facilities are only available to registered university students on a limited and restricted basis. If anything

changes in the New Year, I will let you know but we are not optimistic that we will get access this winter.

Club Web Site Open for 2021 Renewals!

This year we have totally automated our membership renewal process and we have already started collecting 2021 membership applications and renewals. The process is completely on line. Here is how to renew:

- 1) Go to the Club Info Tab and select "2021 Renewal Form"
- 2) Fill in the online form and click the button to request your renewal.
- 3) You will receive an email with instructions on how to pay your renewal fee using an Interac eTransfer or how to make other payment arrangements.
- 4) Submit your payment.
- 5) When your application is approved, you will receive an email with a link to print your own 2021 member card!

**** RENEW BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND SAVE ****

Your member card will have a QR code that can be scanned on your smart phone to verify your membership! See new member card format below. How good is that!



Virtual Winter Club Meetings Scheduled



Since we cannot have "in-person" winter meetings at the Weston Golf and Country Club this year, we will hold our first all member club Zoom meeting on Wednesday Dec 2nd at 7:30 pm. Watch your email for a December Flyer with an invitation to this event. We are also

going to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Zoom on Wednesday Feb 3rd at 7:30 pm.

Your 2020 Club Executive

- President & Editor, Tom Gottlieb (416) 781-3189
- Past President, Val Oddo (416) 566-9807
- Vice President, Zoltan Pittner (416) 823-0796
- Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie..... (416) 741-4385
- Secretary, Milt Charlton..... (647) 974-6391
- Program Director, Paul McMillan (647) 618-8291
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- Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas (647) 545-5494
- Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494



Fall Fun Fly and BBQ Report

Our ability to hold summer events was limited this year due to the late season start and the COVID-19 restrictions. But when the City announced that we were entering Stage 3 and we had the ability to hold outdoor gatherings of 50 people, we quickly organized a Fall Fun Fly and BBQ which was held on September 12th. I think everyone would agree it was one of the best events ever held by the club in recent memory. Here are the highlights.

- The weather was perfect. Warm, sunny and light winds.
- We had a great turnout of about 35 pilots and guests.
- There was both free and competition flying and every flight qualified for a spot landing attempt.
- **Paul McMillan** gave an inspirational tutorial and demo flight on IMAC competition flying.
- About 6 pilots attempted the IMAC Basic 2020 sequence challenge.
- **Randall Thomas** organized an egg drop competition. **Zoltan Pittner** actually managed to hit the target!
- In a surprise ceremony, student member, **Tim Stanley** and junior member, **Daniel Kaske** were awarded their Pilot Wings and wings certificates
- A delicious lunch was prepared and served by **Milt Charlton** and **Bob Bader** while observing no contact COVID-19 protocols.
- Physical distancing was very well respected throughout the day.
- **Tom Gottlieb** acted as MC and much free flying was enjoyed to the music of the Eagles, Santana, Neal Diamond and the Beatles.
- **Milt's** grandson **Julian** was our official Raffle Ticket Officer and was busy all morning awarding tickets to participating pilots and then pulled all the winner's names from the raffle box.
- **Rohanpreet Otall** won the first prize eFlight Hawker Hurricane 25E 53.5" ARF.
- **Richard Correia** won the second prize Parkzone Radian Pro 2 meter glider.
- **Milt Charlton, Paul McMillan, and Mark Willer** each won \$50.00 gift certificates.
- 7 other members won \$25.00 gift certificates.
- **Daniel Kaske** won the Parkzone Stinson Reliant SR10 50" ARF.
- **Moshe Abraham** won the Tidewater 42" float plane.
- There was lots of activity around the free giveaway table and everything disappeared by the end of the day.
- **Zoltan Pittner** recorded much of the event and posted it on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250115182060790>.
- We called it a wrap around 3 o'clock and a number of pilots stayed to take advantage of the nice afternoon and continued sport flying until around 4:30.



Richard Correia & Rohan Otall were the big prize winners



Junior member Daniel Kaske and his dad Dan enjoy flying the new Stinson Reliant they won at the Fall Fun Fly.

What a great day! Many thanks to the estate of Frank Adare for donating all the prize airplanes (except for the Tidewater donated by Tom Gottlieb). Thanks also to everyone who attended and participated in the event, all those who helped plan and organize it, and especially to A&J Hobbies and Great Hobbies for generously donating the cash prizes.



Important Reminders!!!

Chief Safety Officer, **Randall Thomas**, wants to remind everyone AGAIN of the following important safety rules and procedures:

- 1) You must still book time slots at the field using the online Field Booking Form every time you come to the field. Don't forget to enter the names of any guests you invite.
- 2) All airplanes must have ID labels according to MAAC.
- 3) You must still hang your Humber Valley member and MAAC cards on the frequency board.
- 4) You can find all MAAC Safety Documents (MSD), MAAC Advisory Publications (MAP) and MAAC Policy and Procedures Documents (MPPD) at: <https://www.maac.ca/en/documents.php>

