



Special May Edition - Editor's Note



This is a special edition of the Flyer to ensure we have another safe and successful flying season this year.

For starters, every pilot must follow the club's safety guidelines and current sound testing and flight operations procedures. We must always be vigilant and be aware of the challenge of increased regulation from Transport Canada. Therefore, it is not only

important that every member follow all guidelines and club policies, but we must also be able to document and prove to the City and Transport Canada that we are doing so.

The rules and procedures that are in place are not suggestions. They are not optional and they apply to every member that wishes to continue to fly at Humber Valley.

So therefore I encourage you to carefully read the Spring Safety Reminders and airplane ID labeling rules below so that that everyone will be able to enjoy the thrill and challenge of radio controlled flying at Humber Valley for years to come.

... **Tom Gottlieb**, Vice President & Editor

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Sun May 12th | Mother's Day! Buy Mom some flowers and then go flying! |
| Sat May 25th | Field Maintenance Day - PLEASE COME AND HELP! |
| Sat Jun 1st | Transport Canada new regulations for Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) to be announced. |

Spring Safety Reminders



Since we are at the beginning of a new spring flying season, now is a good time to carefully inspect your airplanes before that first flight. Check all control horns and clevises, hinges, servos and engine mounts to make sure everything is tight and secure. Also remember the following important safety guidelines.

- 1) Perform a range check before the first flight of the day.
- 2) Post your club member card and MAAC insurance card on the frequency board before you fly.
- 3) Sign In on the flight log located in the First Aid cabinet before the first flight of your day and Sign Out before you leave.
- 4) Do not fly north of the railway tracks or south of the flight line.
- 5) Except for loading and unloading, members should move their vehicles to the general parking area.
- 6) No aircraft will be armed or started in the shelter or pit area.
- 7) No use of alcohol or illegal drugs at the field.
- 8) No taxiing in the pit area.
- 9) Radios equipped with Failsafe capability must have the failsafe option enabled.


Airplane ID Labels Are Now Required!

We told you in the October 2018 Flyer about MAAC's new policy that requires you to mount an identification label on all models.

MAAC policy permits the information to be on the inside or outside of the aircraft. You can use clear Scotch tape to laminate it on your airplane. You can make your own label or cut out the sample below. Please note that going forward, any member of the club's executive committee will ground your plane for the day if you cannot demonstrate that you have labeled your aircraft correctly.



Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC)
www.maac.ca MAAC Office Phone: 1-855-359-6222
 MAAC # _____



If found, please call:

 Name Cell Number

Field Maintenance Day Set for Sat May 25th 10:00 AM to Whenever!

Field Officer **Michael D'Antonio** has now set the date for a very busy "Field Maintenance Day". The following projects are being planned for Field Maintenance Day:

- New shingles for the roof of the shed
- Replacement of the Geotextile runway
- Leveling of the gravel road
- Repairs to ruts in the field caused by trespassers driving across the field in wet conditions
- Cleaning up all the leftover winter garbage in the pit area, around the flying field, along the roadways, by the gate and around the bus turnaround fence. There is a lot to do after this particularly severe winter.



We need every member who can make it to come out and help with this work. We plan on renting heavy equipment to work on the road so if you have construction experience or access to machinery, please contact our Field Officer **Michael D'Antonio** at (416) 771-8097 or email at A1AProperty@hotmail.com.

We start at 10am and go until we are done!

Who said Pizza?

Field Officer, **Tom Gottlieb** believes that a hungry volunteer is not a happy volunteer. So provided everybody pitches in and does their part, he will order Pizza lunch to keep you well fed and happy.





We Really Need More for Grass Cutters!!

PLEASE! CAN YOU HELP?

Field Officer **Michael D'Antonio** is still looking for a few more volunteers to help cut the grass this year. Have a blast riding our cool mower! We will teach you everything you need to know and it only involves one day a month. If you can help, contact Mike at (416) 771-8097 or email at A1AProperty@hotmail.com.



Update on Ryerson's Aero Design (RAD) Team Heavy Lift Aircraft – RadicalOne

Those of you who attended the March 6th meeting were very impressed with the presentation of the Ryerson Aero Design Team. The specifications of the competition turned out to be a formidable challenge. The team attended the Aero Design West event, in Van Nuys, California on April 5th. However I am sorry to report that their RadicalOne design crashed after a successful takeoff. According to team captain, **Maryam Safi**, the takeoff was fine but there didn't appear to be enough power to maintain altitude on the first turn, given the heavy weight of the payload, which resulted in a crash.

The team was disappointed but undaunted and plans to try again next year!



Ouch! Better luck next year!

Student Training Program Starts May 29th



Chief Flight Instructor, **Randall Thomas** reports that the club's Nexstar trainer will be ready for student instruction on Wednesday nights from 6 till dusk on May 29th. It's always better to train on your own airplane and buddy box but our Nexstar is also a great trainer if you need it. "This bird will stay in the air for 20+ minutes so I can switch out students on

the fly to maximize air time for all." Says Randall. Students wishing to schedule instruction for other times should contact Randall or any qualified instructor designated on our member list (see club web site).



Steve Szekely 3/29/1936 - 11/24/2018

I am sorry to have to report that Steve Szekely passed away after a difficult battle with Parkinson's and lung cancer. Steve was a machinist and aero modeler at DeHavilland where he worked on the Dash 8 program. He came to the April 2013 club meeting and showed hundreds of photos of wind tunnels with components made to measure air pressure in the testing. He scratch built models of many DeHavilland designs from the original plans including Twin Otters and Turbo Beavers. After he retired from DeHavilland, he worked at RC Sports and Hobbies up on Hwy #7 and Martin Grove. He re-joined the club, and Danny Karaiskakis bought a Szekely scratch built DHC-6 Twin Otter in 2013.



All his aircraft had his MAAC number on the tail "CF-9039". Only one other current member has a lower MAAC number! He was a survivor who had a pretty intense life, leaving Hungary at an early age to escape WW2. He worked on farms after schooling and eventually landed the job at DHC in the late 60's where he would work until the early 90's. One of his interesting projects was working with developers from NASA collaborating with DeHavilland.

He was a humble, funny man who didn't like to be in the spotlight. I had to twist his arm to come and speak at the April 2013 meeting because he didn't think anyone would find his life and work experience that interesting! Of course it was a very memorable evening. Steve will be missed by all who knew him.

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