



Humber Valley Meeting Announcement

Wed Nov 6th 2019 @ 7:30pm

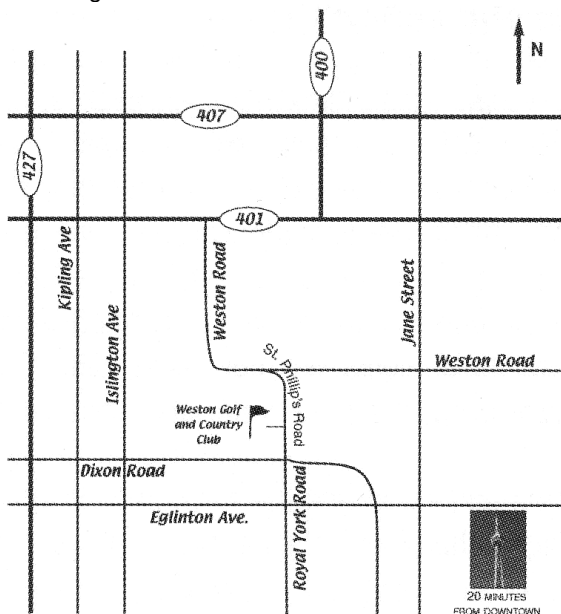
Weston Golf and Country Club

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!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed Nov 6 th	First Winter Club Meeting - Wings Award Ceremony - 2019 Flying Season Review - 2020 Membership Renewal Drive - Renewal incentive giveaway! - Meeting Program - Crashed? Don't scrap it. Fix it!
Sun Nov 17 th & Sun Nov 24 th	Indoor Flying at York University - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wed Dec 4 th	Winter Meeting - Last chance to renew and be eligible to win a 43" Spitfire!!!
Wed Jan 1 st	New Year's Day Fun Fly
Sat Feb 15 th	February Frozen Finger Fun Fly

2020 Renewal Reminder

You know the drill. It's time to renew your membership for 2020. Fill out the attached application form and bring it to the November or December meeting. Please note the fee for renewals before Jan 1st is \$90.00. After that you will have to pay more. Fees are \$95.00 up to January 31st and \$100.00 after that. **Renew early and save!!** There are membership benefits for seniors and juniors joining under the "Family" plan. See the notes on the form.



... to renew your membership today!

Please have the correct amount in cash or bring a cheque to the meeting to renew. You can also mail your application form and cheque to **Bruce Gillespie** at the address noted on the form. It is important to fill in all the required information clearly so that we have accurate data in our membership database. You also need to sign the liability waiver and include it with your renewal form. The waiver has been updated for 2020 and is now written in simple English so that it is easier to understand. Please make sure you read the waiver and sign the form or your application will be denied.

Renewal Drive - Free Airplane Raffle!!!!!!

An **brand new** ParkZone Spitfire ARF **worth over \$400** has been donated



to the club and will be raffled off at the Dec 4th meeting for all members that have renewed before or during the Dec 4th meeting. Mailed in renewals received on or before Dec 4th are also eligible to win. The Spitfire has 43" wingspan, 15-size 960Kv brushless outrunner motor, 30A speed controller and 5 servos installed. It comes with the optional retract gear set and Spectrum Rx. Just add your Tx and battery and go!

All renewed member names will be entered into a draw to be held at the Dec 4th meeting. Good luck!

Wings Award Ceremony

Thanks to **Randall Thomas**, our Chief Flight Instructor, this summer was probably one of the best student instruction programs in recent memory. Randall was a regular at the field and students flocked to his side. Randall provided calm, rock solid instruction on pretty much any airplane that showed up at the field (pretty terrifying if you ask me)! We also used the club's Nexstar trainer for a good part of the season until a minor mishap put it out of commission for about a month.



We would like to recognize Randall for his outstanding contribution to the club this year and congratulate the following students who received their Pilot Wings. There are a number of other students working towards being cleared and a few returning pilots who got some refresher training after a long absence from the hobby.



Wings certificates will be presented at the Nov 6th meeting to:

- Tuhfon Ghulomhuen
- Attis Kim
- Fellip Ramos



Indoor Flying is back for the 2019-2020 Winter Season @ York University Site!



We are pleased to announce the start of Indoor Flying at York University. Once again this year we have scheduled 10 flying days. The University was not able to give us any Saturday time so all the days are Sundays. Check the schedule carefully and try your best to make it work.

Please print this notice and mark the dates very carefully to make sure that you show up on the right day at the right time!



Where is it?

Here is the information you need and how to get there:

We are flying in a double gym in the "Field House" in the Tait McKenzie Building on 1 Thompson Road within the York University grounds. It is at the north end of campus with access from Steeles Avenue West of Keele Street. The main entrance to the building is on the south side of the building and parking is available opposite the main entrance. Your GPS should find it at 1 Thompson Road but see the map below. Let's have a great turnout. Print this Flyer and keep it handy for the map and future dates. Hope to see you there.

Where can I park?

Park in the South lot right opposite the main entrance doors. Parking is only \$7.00. This parking lot is checked regularly by campus security and if you think you can take a chance and not pay, you will get a ticket.

When is it?

Please note carefully the following dates and times.

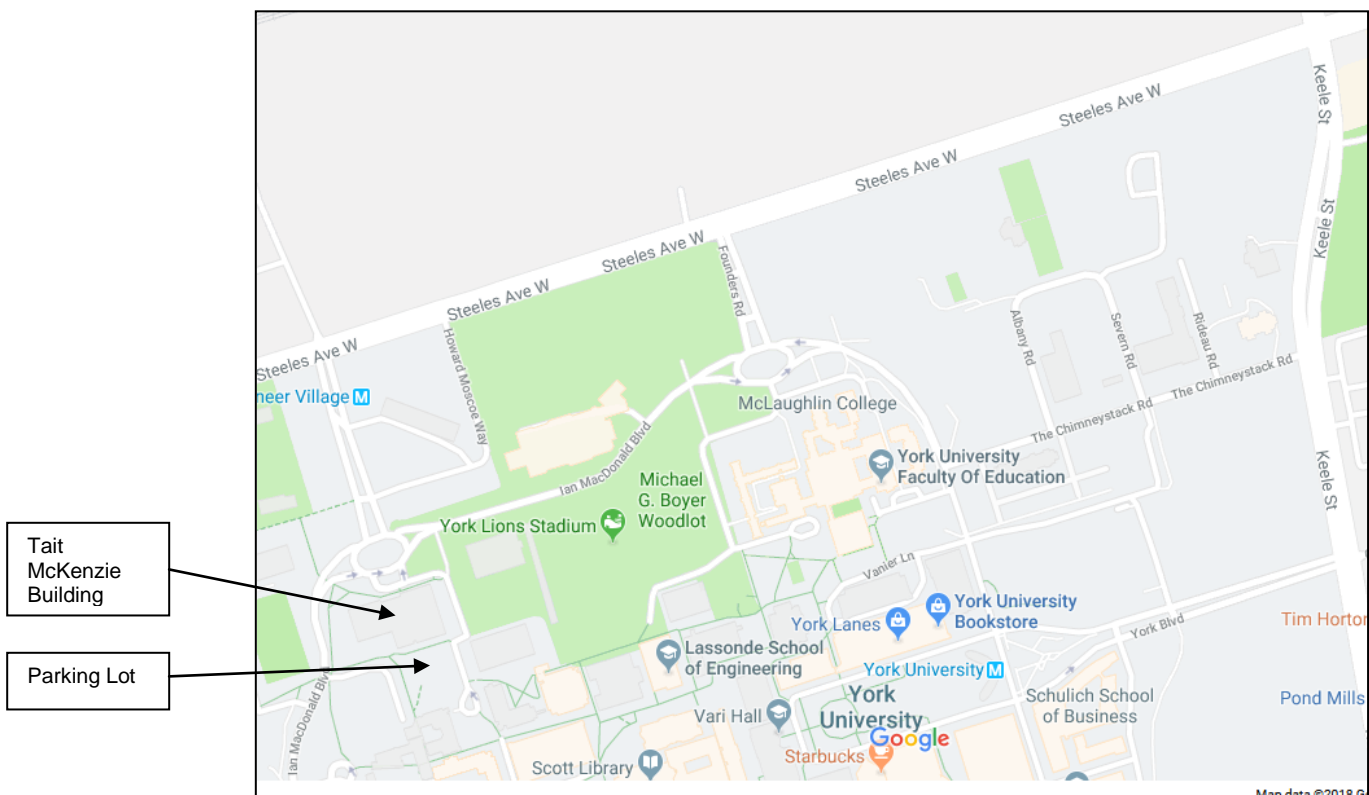
Day	Date	Time
Sunday	Nov 17, 2019	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Nov 24, 2019	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Jan 05, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Jan 12, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Jan 19, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Feb 09, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Feb 16, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Feb 23, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Mar 08, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunday	Mar 29, 2020	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

9:00 AM? Why so early?

These were the only times the gym is available to us. The University tried hard to accommodate our request for 10 sessions. Look at it this way: get up early, no traffic on Sunday morning, and you have the rest of the day to spend with your family!

What is the space like?

The space is huge! It is a double size basketball gym. If you came out last year, you saw how great the space is for indoor flying.





2019 Flying Season Recap!

I am pleased to report we had a busy and very successful 2019 flying season with no incidents or issues. We will hold a discussion with members at the meeting about what went right, what went wrong and any suggestions for next year. Below are some highlights.

Our continuing challenge is still the lack of grass cutting volunteers which left the burden of cutting the grass to a select few. Thanks very much to **Bruce Gillespie, Mike Gerace, Randall Thomas, Mike D'Antonio, Ernie Dawson, and Joe Dodge** for doing more than their fair share of cuts this season. If you can help out next year, please contact any member of the executive to sign up for mower training.



Summer BBQ - Saturday Jul 27/19

This year's summer BBQ was organized by **Bob Bader** and **Milt Charlton**. The weather was OK and there were lots of hamburgers and hot dogs to go around.



Float Fly - Sunday Aug 11/19

We need to thank **Domenic Teti** who offered us the use of his cottage in Buckhorn for the day! We had a great day and tasty BBQ lunch. It was a nice day although a bit windy but that didn't stop a few brave pilots from taking part. Hope to see you next year



Field Maintenance Activities

We had a field maintenance day scheduled for May 25th but it got badly rained out. The replacement of the Geotextile runway was our most pressing concern and took considerably more planning than we originally thought. Field Officer Mike D'Antonio purchased the Geotextile material and Mike Gerace organized a team of volunteers and planned the replacement work which was performed on September 7th. Maintenance for the solar charging station batteries was performed on the same day.

For now, only the south half of the runway has been replaced due to the time available and the extra materials needed to prepare and level the ground under the north half of the runway. The north half will be replaced or grassed over in the spring along with the completion of the taxiway. This plan will allow us to determine the effect of the cold winter and spring rain on the expansion of the textile surface.



* New: Tear It / Repair It Policy

Our thanks to all members who contributed to the completion of this important job so that we continue to offer one of the best flying sites in Ontario. To keep the runway in good shape we have introduced a new **"TEAR IT / REPAIR IT"** policy. This means that if you tear the runway with a prop strike on landing or take off, it is your job to repair it immediately. Just go to the charging station and cut off a short strip of Gorilla Tape that we are keeping in the box. This stuff is super strong and if you use it to cover the tear, it will prevent the rip from expanding. Five minutes of maintenance will extend the life of the runway by several years.

So from now on... if you TEAR IT.... REPAIR IT right away.
Thanks for your cooperation.



Solar Charging Station Maintenance

Most members don't realize how much goes into keeping the field running in tip top shape. And you probably take the charging station for granted and assume it will always be there when you need it. But actually the batteries and wiring under the sun shelter deck suffer a lot of wear and tear over the winter with cold, water, and ice causing extensive corrosion. Also, for some reason, mice who shelter, live (and breed) under there seem to think that wire insulation makes a nice tasty snack!



David Edwards and Larry Buczolits went to work and cleaned out all the mouse nests. Then the battery water levels were checked and topped up. We had 6 batteries but when tested, one was found to sag immediately under load and was removed. So we are running on 5 batteries now. Corroded cables and connectors were cleaned and/or replaced. This should hold us for now but an overhaul will be needed soon to replace everything with marine grade brass connectors and higher gauge cable.

Meeting Program for Wed Nov 6th Crashed? Don't scrap it! Fix it!



Tom Gottlieb will host a session on how to deal with life after a crash. This will include how to recover emotionally, and how to get back in the saddle - so to speak. We all crash sooner or later but it's how we choose to deal with it that makes the difference.

With the proliferation of ARFs and quick fixes today, many new pilots have a tendency to give up too easily. Some will just scrap a plane and buy

new while others become disillusioned and fade away from the hobby.

Tom Gottlieb has been flying and fixing since 1993 - long before the introduction of ARFs, foams, electrics, drones or indoor flying. Keeping things in the air meant becoming creative and innovative when it comes to repairing after a crash. After all these years, he has become pretty good at it and will share some of the many tips, tools and methods he uses to keep his airplanes flying for as long as possible.

At the November 6th meeting, Tom will discuss:

- Creative practical tips for repairing after a crash; don't scrap it – fix it!
- Don't rush into writing off a plane or starting a repair too fast - sleep on it and take out the emotion.
- Solve repair challenges incrementally. Tackle a big repair in small pieces. Take an hour, glue a small section, clamp and walk away.
- Balsa, plywood, foam patches, different glues, removing dents in balsa and foam, fiberglass, paint, windshields, clamps, elastics, magnets, making patterns.
- Essential Tools: Dremel, scroll saw, sanding blocks, spackle, sharp blades.



Fuse cracked in half...



Fuse repaired...



Fuse recovered...



Good as new!

These are pics of my Super Chipmunk that I stalled on final approach in 2007 causing it to spin in, cracking the fuse in half. I flew it for more than 10 years after that incident. There is a famous poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty that goes like this:

*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your
teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to
me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

This inspired me to write:

*Bring me your cracked and broken, your splintered,
crushed and crippled masses, rescued from your field of
dreams. Let us assess, restore, repair and lift your spirit so
that you will soar once more among the heavens blue.*

... **Tom Gottlieb**

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