



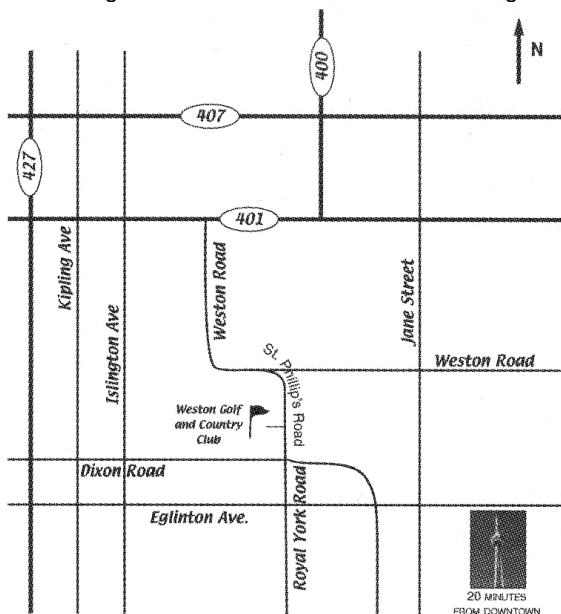
Humber Valley Winter Meeting

Wed Feb 1st 2023 @ 7:30pm

Weston Golf and Country Club

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

The next winter meeting will be at the Weston Golf and Country Club located conveniently just south of the 401 at Weston Road with lots of parking. If you come via the 401, drive south on Weston Road and keep right on St. Phillips 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 coffee and soft drinks at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2023

Wed Feb 1st	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm - Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Executive Elections for 2023 - Show and Tell
Sat Feb 11th	Kingston Radio Control Modellers - Annual RC Auction
Sat Feb 25th Sat April 1st	York University Indoor Flying is back! 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Sun Apr 2nd	Whitby Aero Modellers Swap Meet

Indoor Flying News Flash!

Great news everyone! We contacted York University now that the school year is well underway to see if there might be any time slots they could give us for indoor flying at the York U. double gym. Turns out a couple of dates are available. We have reserved **Sat Feb 25th** and **Sat April 1st**. We will send out instructions by email around the middle of February.



The AGM is Wed, Feb 1st, 2023 @ 7:30pm

It is important that you attend the Feb 1st meeting because this is the club's Annual General Meeting.



The following agenda is planned for this meeting:

1. Announcements and attendance and count of 2023 members needed for a quorum
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of 2022 AGM minutes
4. Annual general business meeting reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Field Officer's Report
 - d. Program Director's Report
 - e. Chief Flying Instructor/Safety Officer Report
5. Executive Elections – Nominations and Voting
6. Vote on changes to the Constitution
7. Other Business

The following is a list of who is running for election or re-election for each position.

- President Zoltan Pittner, nominated, running
- Vice President Paul McMillan, nominated, running
- Treasurer Bruce Gillespie, nominated, running
- Secretary Gaetano Nicolo, nominated, running
- Field Officer Walter Lam, nominated, running
- Program Director ... John Kita, nominated, running
- Chief Instructor Randall Thomas, appointed & Safety Officer

Any member may still run for an executive position. If you wish to run or nominate a member for any executive position, please contact **Bruce Gillespie**, Treasurer.

Call for Proxies for the AGM

Our constitution requires a quorum of at least 25% of Open Members in order to hold an official AGM, pass the budget for 2023 and conduct executive elections. Therefore in case of insufficient attendance the night of the AGM, we are asking that if you do NOT plan on attending the AGM, please send your proxy to any member attending who you trust to vote for you. Our constitution allows proxies to be sent by email, fax or letter. If you wish, you may select one of the following to vote for you by sending the email text below to either:

- Tom Gottlieb (tgott@sympatico.ca) or
- Zoltan Pittner (zoltan@ngctech.com) or
- Paul McMillan (rpmcmillan@sympatico.ca).

Simply send an email with the following:

Subject: Proxy for Humber Valley AGM Feb 1st, 2023

This will allow <enter name of the person you choose as your proxy> to vote on my behalf on all matters at the Humber Valley Radio Control Flyers Annual General Meeting to be held Wednesday February 1st 2023 at the Weston Golf and Country Club, Toronto, Ontario.

<type your name>



Year End President's Message



2022 was an interesting year. Coming out of COVID lockdowns, we managed to have one of the most exciting years for some time. There were lots of improvements made to the field, to our procedures, rules and safety guidelines - some of which were suggested by members. The Executive Committee listened and tried to implement as many of these as were feasible. Our membership numbers have climbed to the

highest we have seen in recent history. This executive is working hard to get things done, to get ahead of things and try to anticipate what is to come next, so we can have solutions ready when needed.

The past year's events raised interest from many other clubs. We had our first ever outdoor swap meet and invited other clubs from Zone L. This was a first for Humber Valley and we had a great turnout reflecting the pent-up demand leftover from 2 years of COVID restrictions. While lots of deals were done, not too many pilots were flying because of high winds, but we still managed to get in some Fun Fly activities.

While the Executive Committee is working hard with MAAC to re-open our field for outdoor flight, Tom managed to secure a few dates of Indoor flying at York University, so we can bring those indoor foamies out of retirement and fly in the huge double gym. I would also like to personally thank Walter for organizing an indoor flying day at the hangar in Kitchener, and express my deepest thanks to Doug, the owner of the Hangar for letting us fly there.

2023 will be an exciting new year, which started with a hiccup from MAAC, but once we are cleared to fly again, hopefully we will be back on a much stronger footing.

... Zoltan Pittner, President

Club Executive Position Changes for 2023



Ethan Earle is stepping down as Field Officer this year due to increased work and family commitments. He will stay on as an active member and provide advice on field maintenance wherever he can. The club thanks Ethan for his service and dedication to the club as Field Officer for the last 2 years.

Walter Lam is stepping down as Program Director in order to run as Field Officer for 2023. Walter kept us well fed and "watered" at all our 2022 events and will turn this job over to John Kita for 2023. Walter has a background in airport operations and maintenance where he works at the Kitchener/Waterloo airport, so he is ideally suited to take on the role of Field Officer. This is a critical role we need filled to keep the field in great condition. It also involves keeping the mower in top shape. Without that mower, we would be up to our knees in tall grass and weeds in a matter of weeks!



Milt Charlton is stepping down as Secretary this year for personal reasons. He has occupied this post since 2021 with his own special sense of humor and positive attitude. Milt has enjoyed working on the Executive Committee and has always helped us make rational, well thought out decisions on whatever issues we have faced over the years. Thanks so much Milt, for all you have done to help the club.

John Kita has been an active member of Humber Valley for many years and practically lives at the field on any good fly day. He is a prolific, meticulous, and innovative builder, and old school modeler. John is always up for a good conversation and always willing to help other members. He has agreed to stand for Program Director this year. This is a great fit for him and we are thrilled he has agreed to join the executive.



Gaetano Nicolo has agreed to run for the position of Secretary for 2023. Gaetano first joined the club in 1994 and got his wings in 1996. He flies electric but still likes the sound and smell of nitro engines (Yay!). He has become more of a regular of the last few years. He is known for being very level-headed and safety conscious and rarely misses a meeting, indoor, or outdoor event. They say if you want something done, give

the job to a busy person. Gaetano juggles a full time career in health care with his family commitments (a daughter's wedding on the way) and a part time job at Great Hobbies. He will make a great Club Secretary!

- **Zoltan Pittner** has agreed to stay on as President.
- **Paul McMillan** has agreed to stay on as Vice President.
- **Bruce Gillespie** has agreed to stay on as Treasurer.
- **Tom Gottlieb** will carry on in the role of Past President.



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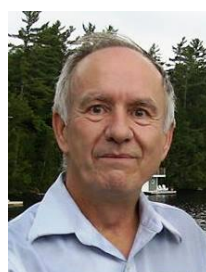
Paul



Bruce



Tom



The position of Chief Flight Instructor/Safety Officer is appointed by the Executive. **Randall Thomas** has been doing an amazing job as Chief Flight Instructor/Safety Officer and has agreed to continue in this role for 2023.

←NOTE: If you are a student pilot, get to know this face! He will help you get your wings!



Club Web Site Open for 2023 Renewals!

There are still many 2022 members who have not yet renewed for 2023.

Remember, if you don't renew before or at the February 1st AGM, you cannot vote. It is easy and

fast to renew your membership. Don't wait for spring! Renew now and save. The renewal process is totally automated and online. Here is how to renew:



... to renew your membership today!

- 1) Go to the Club Info Tab and select "2023 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 2023 member card!

Fees are \$95.00 up to January 31st and \$100.00 after that.

Show and Tell – An AGM Tradition!



Bring an Object • Share Its Story

We always like to invite members to bring their projects to the AGM to spice things up a bit and give the guys some eye candy to enjoy while we go through the necessary job of counting proxies, and validating quorum counts. After the AGM is adjourned, we will open the floor to anyone who wants to show off their latest winter project. You can take 5 or 10 minutes and do your part to inspire others to get building!

We have convinced **John Kita** to bring in his super-cute "Demoiselle" which he maiden at our Indoor Fly event on January 7th at the Kitchener-Waterloo Airport.



Dec 7th Meeting Program Report "Soaring to New Heights – Electra2" Guest Speaker – Bob Parr

Bob Parr knocked it out of the park (or should we say soared to new heights) at the Dec 7th meeting. It's hard to describe the impact of seeing a 3.5-meter glider inside our small meeting room so we will just let this picture do the talking.

What really stood out was the sleek beauty and grace of Bob's Electra2. High performance carbon fiber gliders are in a league of their own and technically extremely complex to set up and fly. Beyond that, we couldn't be more impressed with the giddy child-like excitement and enthusiasm that came across from Bob's talk. He said he hasn't had this much fun flying RC in quite a while. "But once you have figured it out, the rewards are amazing" says Bob.



Now you can appreciate how big 3.5M is from this photo.

Your 2022 Club Executive

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Secretary, Milt Charlton	(647) 974-6391
Program Director, Walter Lam	(416) 433-0106
Field Officer, Ethan Earle.....	(647) 774-2248
Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas.....	(647) 545-5494
Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas.....	(647) 545-5494



January 7th Indoor Event Report

We were extremely fortunate to get an invitation from Program Director, **Walter Lam** to join him where he works at the Kitchener-Waterloo airport. There is a large hangar there with lots of space for indoor flying. The trick is to find a day in the flight schedules of the two private jets that live there, when both will be out for the day leaving the hangar empty. We are very grateful to Walter's employer, Doug, who graciously gave us permission to use the hangar for indoor RC flying. The site is perfect for us and given the winter blues, there was a pent-up demand for indoor flight time. We had probably the best turnout of an indoor event EVER, which is remarkable given that everybody had to make the one-hour drive to Waterloo.

These pictures don't lie. Everyone had a great time! Walter is looking for some future dates that might be available. We will keep you posted.



What a great turnout!



Indoor doesn't get any better than this!

Buddy Box Recommendation for Students



We are making a strong recommendation for all students looking for instruction this year to acquire their own buddy boxes. Before COVID, it was always club policy that students had to provide their own buddy box. This is beneficial to both the student and the instructor because:

- The student airplane is always "ready to go" without time consuming binding, configuration and testing.
- The trainer airplane controls are set and tested once and will be consistent for all training flights.
- The student has more flexibility to ask any instructor for training regardless of the make of Tx used personally by the instructor (most instructors don't use Spektrum). This is an important point. Students benefit from the experience, and teaching styles of different instructors.

- Students can use any brand of Tx if they supply their own matching buddy box.
- Club owned buddy boxes are not maintained and often end up with dead batteries when they are needed and therefore cannot be used.
- Low-end Spektrum transmitters are easy to find. There is an active market on RCCanada, Kijiji, Facebook Marketplace and within the club on our WhatsApp groups to buy and sell used Spektrum transmitters as members upgrade their equipment or get their wings.

In the last two years, our instruction program has relied almost exclusively on the expertise of our Chief Instructor, **Randall Thomas** using his own transmitter as the Master. Not all instructors are as accommodating and patient as Randall has been over the last two years. The bottom line is that you will get your wings faster if you come to the field with your own buddy box. You will have more flexibility to work with other instructors and we can support more than one training session simultaneously.

The club executive can improve the instruction program only if we go back to this approach. Therefore, student owned buddy boxes will be strongly recommended in 2023 and may become a requirement in future years. Speak to any club executive if you have questions.

Constitution Change Proposed

At the AGM, we will vote on a change to the constitution that was proposed in the last Dec/Jan Flyer and discussed at the December meeting. For such a vote to be valid, a quorum of one-third of the current Open Membership must be represented in person or by proxy. Once a quorum has been established changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority to carry.



A Two Year "Probationary" Rule is Proposed:

A change has been proposed by a club member requiring that nominees for any of the club's officers must be open members in good standing for at least two years prior to their nomination. The reason for this new condition on the election of officers is to allow the club to get to know new members and assess their character and experience before they stand to be elected to join the Executive Committee as an Officer. Notwithstanding this rule, there is nothing to prevent a new member who wishes to volunteer for a vacant executive position from being named in a temporary or "acting" capacity until the two-year probationary period has passed.

The Executive Committee is in favor of this change.

Other housekeeping edits are proposed to the Constitution to explicitly allow proxy voting for Constitution changes. This is only mentioned in general elsewhere, and to clarify the existing one-third quorum and two-thirds majority rule for Constitution changes. If you wish to see a "tracked" version of the Constitution with the above changes drafted, please contact Tom Gottlieb at tgott@sympatico.ca or visit the Club Documents in the Library tab on the club web site. A number of copies of the constitution with changes marked will be available for inspection at the meeting.



Pre and Post Flight Inspections



Here's a little motherhood advice from a long-time flyer. Success at the field doesn't only depend on your flying skill and the weather on any given day. A lot depends on what you do before you get to the field and what you do after you leave. After a day of flying, I always take about 5 minutes before putting away my airplanes to inspect the aftermath of a day of

flying. Vibration, wind stress, landing shocks and the age of your airplane can all contribute to a number of failures. I always inspect control surface hinges, clevises, motor mounts, servo mounts, wing hold down blocks, landing gear and wheel collars looking for anything that has become loose or cracked. If you spot and correct these issues right away, you will almost certainly avoid a future crash.

Then when I get to the field, I also do a pre-flight inspection in addition to the mandatory range check. You should quickly verify the above items but ALWAYS check your control throw directions to make sure they are correct, and your transmitter is set to the right model.

Have a great flight! Tom Gottlieb, Past President

Whitby Swap Meet – Sunday April 2nd, 2023

This event is about a 30-minute drive from the 404 and 401 Toronto and could make for a fun day.

Whitby Aero Modellers

WWW.WHITBYAEROMODELLERS.COM

26th Annual RC Swap Meet

Heydenshore Pavillion, 589 Water st. Whitby.

Calling all Control Freaks

Planes, Helis, Kits, Arf's, Nitro/Gas Electric Motors, Drives, Servos, Radios, Receivers, Stabilizers, Paint and Cover, Parts, Accessories, plus all the other Stuff you can't do without. **BARGAINS**



GENERAL ADMISSION 9:30am - 12:30pm\$5
NO early entry... Pay at the door... Kids under 12 free

VENDORS only! 8:30am - 1:30pm Tables: \$20
Please reserve Tables at: whitbyaero@gmail.com

Wheelchair accessible Ample free parking



Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress by Jim Moss 4x Saito .91 4stroke

Coffee, Donuts and Muffins on Site

MAAC sanctioned event # 2023-1009

Kingston Modellers Annual RC Auction - Saturday February 11th, 2023

This event would be a little more out of the way for most of us, but here it is if you want to go.



ANNUAL RADIO CONTROL AUCTION



Saturday, February 11

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - bidding starts at 10:30
- No entry fee
- KRCCM retains 10% from auction items sold
- The RCAFA lounge is available for coffee and other beverages
- Food is not available so feel free to bring your own lunch (we'll take a break around noon)

This is a great opportunity to turn your surplus models, equipment and tools into cash!!

Everybody welcome!!!

For additional information please contact Wilf Hill 613-530-7088

Directions: If using the 401 highway, take the highway 38 south exit. Proceed south and turn right onto Bath Road. At the light, turn left onto Days Road. Head south turning right onto Front Road, proceed to Hampton Gray Road. The RCAFA club is located at the bright yellow Harvard on the pedestal.

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Real Flight Multiplayer Games Return!

Zoltan Pittner is bringing back the Real Flight Multiplayer games and combat sessions you can join from home! The first 2023 session was held on Jan 17th. It was "game on" and was reportedly great fun for those who took part.

Future games will be announced in the club's WhatsApp Student and Member groups. If you haven't already done so, join one of these groups to keep informed. You can join from the Members Section of our web site under the new "WhatsApp Groups" menu item.

Zoltan will be scheduling multiplayer combat sessions on various Tuesday nights at 7:30pm. To join, launch your Real Flight simulator (version 8 or higher) and join from the Multiplayer menu tab. Good luck!

