



## President's Message

We are getting many questions from members about the current suspension of flying by MAAC. One question that keeps coming up is about the possibility of flying models that are less than 250 grams at our field. We are complying with the request from MAAC to cease all flying operations, even those under 250 grams. MAAC is actively negotiating with Transport Canada, and we as executive, do not want to compromise their position by allowing any flying at our field. The main reason behind this is that since our field is in controlled airspace, we need a breakthrough – in form of a new exemption for MAAC – to be allowed to fly again at our current field location.



All of you can help make this happen by following the instructions in the recent email sent by Tom on how to send a letter to the Minister of Transport, your MP and perhaps the Shadow Minister of Transport on the opposition side. While MAAC is negotiating, they need all the support from the community they can get – and by sending letters, hundreds, thousands of letters, the Minister will realize that they have to deal with this issue and fix it for us.

We are actively searching for alternate field locations, which are outside of controlled airspace. As you can imagine, this is not easy, but if you, as a club member, are aware of any location we might be able to use for flying, please let us know and the executive will explore that option. This is not only our job as executive, but also your job as a member of the club. This is our club we all need to keep an eye open and find an alternate solution to be able to fly again outside of controlled airspace.

Regardless of how this ends up, it seems that any RC flying in Canada is almost certainly going to require pilots to pass Transport Canada's Small Basic RPAS Certification exam. In preparation for that, I have created a web page which contains all the required information and links that you will need to study and pass the Small Basic RPAS exam. You will find it on our web site under the "Members" tab. Or use this link:

[How to get your basic RPAS certificate – Humber Valley Radio Control Flyers \(hvrcf.org\)](#)

So until we hear more news from MAAC, heads up folks, we are fighting for you and for all RC pilots in Canada, and we will let you know as soon as we have any further information.

... Zoltan Pittner, President

## Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2023

Sat April 1 <sup>st</sup>	York University Indoor Flying is back! 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Sun Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whitby Aero Modelers SWAP MEET
Sun Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oakville/Milton Toronto West SWAP MEET
Sun Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	905 Squadron (Aurora Model Aircraft Club) SWAP MEET
Sat May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Humber Valley Field Clean Up Day
Sat May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Humber Valley Free Outdoor Swap Meet – To be confirmed

## Field is Closed Until Further Notice!!! ☹️

### Background

The Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) was founded in 1949 to regulate and insure the operation Radio Controlled (RC) flying models in Canada. It publishes safety rules and guidelines, developed a pilot wings training program, provides liability insurance for members, and sanctions over 500 flying fields and hundreds of RC flying competitions and events each year across Canada. There are about 10,000 active members plus we estimate at least 10 times that number of Canadians that enjoy the sport of RC flying.



In 2019 Transport Canada (TC) introduced new restrictions on the flying of model airplanes and drones, collectively referred to by TC as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), via Part IX of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CAR) SOR/96-433. But up until November of 2022, TC had allowed MAAC members and clubs to fly at MAAC sanctioned flying fields under an exemption to the CAR regulations Part IX. That meant that MAAC members did not have to pass strict TC tests for RPAS flying, did not need to register every single flying model or drone and could fly up to 700 feet even in controlled airspace.

In over 70 years, to our knowledge, there has never been an incident of a MAAC member model, flying at a MAAC sanctioned field, interfering with any commercial or private airplane. However, due to a minor administrative error at MAAC, TC has now revoked the exemption to Part IX that we have enjoyed since 2019 and has effectively grounded all RC hobby flying in Canada. The regulations of Part IX are very restrictive and unfairly punitive towards safe RC hobby enthusiasts that want to fly at MAAC sanctioned fields.

### Letter Campaign

Because of all this, we have been in daily contact with our Zone Director and initiated a letter campaign to ask our Minister of Transport and others to urgently encourage TC to come to the table with a new exemption that would allow us to fly. You should have received the email and letter template for this. If you have not already done so, please mail the letter(s) today! It is important to flood the Minister with letters to make him understand how desperate the situation has become.

### RPAS Certificates

We are fairly certain that no matter what happens between TC and MAAC, you will need to pass at least your RPAS Basic test and receive your RPAS Basic Pilot Certificate. Then you will have to register all your models with TC at a fee of \$5.00 each. That will at least allow you to fly RC up to 25Kg in uncontrolled airspace on private property with owner permission. Flying at MAAC sanctioned fields is still suspended by MAAC until they can issue new Site Operation Certificates (SOCs). To get ready for these changes, we will be collecting RPAS certificates from members who have passed their Basic or Advanced RPAS exam and we will update this information on our web site.

If you are a MAAC member you should have received several updates on this situation from MAAC. Keep watch for more updates and meanwhile, we recommend you start working on getting your Basic RPAS Certificate and register your models.



## Whitby Swap Meet – Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 April 2  
**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](mailto:whitbyaero@gmail.com)

**Wheelchair accessible**      **Ample free parking**



B-17 Flying Fortress by Jim Moss 1/2 Scale .94 4stroke

**Coffee, Donuts and Muffins on Site**

**MAAC sanctioned event # 2023-1009**

## 905 Squadron Swap Meet – Sun April 23<sup>rd</sup>

a.k.a. Aurora Model Aircraft Club

After a 3-year hiatus due to COVID 19, 905 Squadron once again invites you to their Annual Swap Meet!



Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at the Newmarket Recreational Center, 200 Doug Duncan Drive in Newmarket from 10AM-2PM! Vendor doors open at 8AM! They will have great raffle prizes, food and drinks for sale and the people from Pinnacle Hobby will be on hand with great deals on R/C goodies!

Vendor Tables \$25.00, Regular Admission \$5.00.

## Free Humber Outdoor Swap Meet and BBQ Planned for May 27, 2023

As you can see from notices on this page, there seem to be several Swap Meets going on in April. Last year the free outdoor swap meet at our field was very successful, so Program Director **John Kita** is thinking of doing it again this year. We would invite other clubs to our field for a giant outdoor free swap meet on May 27th. If we decide to go ahead, we will send out a separate invitation to hobby shops, MAAC, and other nearby GTA and surrounding area clubs.

## Indoor Flying @ York University

**Sat April 1st from 9:00am to 11:20:00am**

We still have one more indoor flying date booked on **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** and we are working on securing more dates for the summer. See the attached Indoor Notice for instructions.



## Toronto West Swap Meet - Sunday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>

### OAKVILLE (MILTON) MODEL FLYING CLUB



## Toronto West Swap Meet

Sunday April 23, 2023  
9 am – 12 noon

Units 13-14, 785 Pacific Road, Oakville, ON

**ENTRY \$5<sup>00</sup>**

**Come one, come all to the annual Toronto West Swap Meet hosted by the Oakville (Milton) Model Flying Club.**

The swap meet is located at 785 Pacific Road, Units 13 & 14, Oakville, Ontario. Pacific Road runs off Wyecroft Road and is south of the Q.E.W. between Bronte Road and Third Line. You are invited to look up our web site at [www.omfc.org](http://www.omfc.org) for a map and further directions. A MAAC Sanctioned Event.

**Rental for vendors is \$15 per table. Please register with Our Event Coordinator: [Events@omfc.org](mailto:Events@omfc.org) - 647-261-1591**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Field Clean Up Day and BBQ

**Sat May 6<sup>th</sup> - 10am**

Mark your calendars and help the club start the season on Sat May 6<sup>th</sup>. We need your help to get the field ready for spring. We will provide the necessary gloves and garbage bags.



Program Director **John Kita** will be pressing the BBQ into service for this event, so after the cleanup, stick around for food and fun. Unless we get the go ahead from MAAC to fly, we will be restricted to the following other events:

- Ground RC car obstacle course and race. Bring in your electric RC vehicles to participate.
- Kite flying and aerobatic kite competition.
- Anybody have control line models? Bring it on!
- How about model rockets? Single stage max C motor please





## Show and Tell – What a Surprise!



Our show and tell events are like a box of chocolates – you never know what you are going to get. At the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, **Cary Adams** brought in this phenomenal Northrup P61 Black Widow powered by twin DLE 55 gas engines. This plane was 3 years in the making and Cary built it from scratch! Who knew this was going on right under our noses! Thanks so much Cary for bringing it in for all of us to see.



Lady in the Dark beautiful nose art and cockpit detail

## Club 2023 Renewals

\*\*\* Now Good for 2024! \*\*\*

Because of what is going on at MAAC, you may be wondering if you should renew your club membership for 2023. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you so much for supporting the club in this difficult time. We need a strong membership to influence MAAC and Transport Canada to get us flying again.



*... to renew your membership today!*

However, due to this unfortunate situation, we cannot guarantee that our field will open this summer. We are doing everything we can to arrange cooperation agreements with other clubs that are not in controlled airspace while we look for other sites. We are actively engaged in discussions with our Zone Director and the MAAC President on a daily basis. And we are lining up more indoor flying dates for our members.

**If you renew for 2023, we will extend your membership to 2024 as well. It's the least we can do in return for your support!**

The renewal process is totally automated and online. Here is how to renew:

- 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 renewal application is approved, you will receive an email with a link to print your own 2023 member card!

**The renewal fees is now \$100.00.**

## Your \*NEW\* 2023 Club Executive

- President, Zoltan Pittner ..... (416) 823-0796
- Past President and Editor, Tom Gottlieb..... (416) 781-3189
- Vice President, Paul McMillan ..... (647) 618-8291
- Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie ..... (416) 741-4385
- Secretary, Gaetano Nicolo..... (647) 987-0619
- Program Director, John Kita ..... (416) 710-1156
- Field Officer, Walter Lam ..... (416) 433-0106
- Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494
- Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494



## 2023 Annual General Meeting Report

### Administrative Items:

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at the Weston Golf and Country Club. The meeting was very well attended with over 20 members present. President **Zoltan Pittner** called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Tom Gottlieb announced that the current 2023 paid member count was 56 and that there were 28 members represented either in person at the meeting or by proxy. Therefore, we had exactly 50% of the membership represented. According to our constitution, a quorum of 25% of the current paid up 2023 membership is required for the AGM and 33% of the current year's membership is required for a valid vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution. Therefore, the AGM was declared valid and could proceed.



**Zoltan Pittner** read the proposed agenda for the meeting. **John Deakin** moved to approve the agenda as presented and this was seconded by **Bob Bader** and carried. Secretary **Milt Charlton** read the minutes of the 2022 AGM which were published in the March 2021 Flyer. **Bruce Gillespie** moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by **David Edwards** and carried.

### Executive Reports:

President **Zoltan Pittner** provided a good review of the year's activities which was published in the Feb/Mar 2023 Flyer and painted a picture of a very successful year. However, he went on to describe the reason MAAC decided to suspend all flying in Canada and what could be done to restore access to our field or other sites. The executive is working hard to look into a possible alternative site in Maple as well as taking other routes to bypass MAAC's required permission through the establishment of a Special Operations Certificate (SFOC) from Transport Canada for the club. He invited any members with innovative ideas to step forward to help in this effort.

Treasurer **Bruce Gillespie** presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2022 and budget for the following fiscal year November 01, 2022 through October 31, 2023. Revenues were \$13,969.75 while expenses were only \$6,888.45 resulting in a record surplus of \$7,081.30. This was higher than previous years due to the surge in membership caused by other clubs closing their fields and over \$2,200 in donations generated from past members and estates donating airplanes and equipment to the club which were sold to raise funds. Bruce noted that our account at Tangerine had been closed without our knowledge and funds transferred to our main TD Bank chequing account. The executive will look into investing the surplus funds in short term GICs in case funds are needed to develop a new field in the near future. The proposed budget included normal expenses plus an extra \$1,500 for the planned purchase of additional deep cycle batteries for our solar charging station. Bruce reminded the membership that the Constitution allows the executive to spend budgeted items plus up to 10%. **Zoltan Pittner** moved to approve the Financial Statements and Budget which was seconded by **Ian Deakin** and carried.

Field Officer **Ethan Earle** thanked **Randall Thomas** for collaborating on field maintenance and all the members who

helped install the runway extension which was very well received and used by all pilots. The mower was sent in for major service last spring and is running well. Ethan announced that he would be stepping down as Field Officer due to personal time restrictions but would remain on to help wherever he could.

Program Director **Walter Lam** reported a successful summer Fun Fly and our first ever Outdoor Swap Meet as well as indoor flying at the Kitchener/Waterloo airport hangar where he works. Unfortunately, our New Year's Day Fun Fly and February Frozen Finger events had to be cancelled due to the MAAC flying suspension. He also announced that he would be stepping down as Program Director in favor of running to fill the position of Field Officer.

Chief Flight Instructor **Randall Thomas** reported a successful year of student instruction. He was very busy certifying new members that joined the club this year from other clubs. He is looking forward to a successful 2023 season pending resolution by MAAC of the suspension and restoration of our Transport Canada Article 9 exemption.

### Elections:

- **Zoltan Pittner** stood for re-election as President.
- **Tom Gottlieb** would therefore continue as Past President.
- **Paul McMillan** stood for re-election as Vice President.
- **Walter Lam** stepped down as Program Director and accepted the nomination to run for Field Officer.
- **Bruce Gillespie** stood for re-election as Treasurer.
- **Ethan Earle** stepped down as Field Officer.
- **Milt Charlton** Stepped down as Secretary.
- **John Kita** was introduced and welcomed by Tom Gottlieb accepted the nomination for Program Director.
- **Gaetano Nicolo** was introduced and welcomed by Tom Gottlieb and accepted the nomination for Secretary.

**Zoltan Pittner** thanked **Milt Charlton** and **Ethan Earl** for their service to the club and welcomed **John Kita** and **Gaetano Nicolo** to the Executive Committee. As there were no other members running for other executive positions, all the above candidates were acclaimed unanimously without objection.

The executive reappointed **Randall Thomas** as Chief Flight Instructor and Safety Officer. Randall accepted the appointment.

### Constitution:

**Tom Gottlieb** explained the changes to the Constitution that were proposed in the Dec/Jan 2022/2023 Flyer and summarized again in the Feb/Mar 2023 Flyer. **Vince Albano** made a motion to approve the proposed changes which was seconded by **Gaetano Nicolo** and carried.

### Closing:

As there was no other business, **Bob Bader** moved to close the AGM at 9:15pm which was seconded by **Milt Charlton** and carried.