



\*\*\* New Location - See New Feb 2024 Flyer \*\*\*

### Humber Valley Winter Meeting

**Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 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. Take a close watch for the entrance on the right past some tall hedges of kind of snags 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.



enough to make some positive changes, do some house cleaning, and refocus the organization from making all model flying CARS compliant – into finally realizing that our Model Airplanes are not drones, and not real aircraft, therefore they should not fall under the same regulations with either.

If our insider information is correct, Transport Canada finally realized that Model Aircraft cannot and should not be categorized under the same rules and regulations they put forward for commercial drones and for-profit commercial drone operations. Model Aviation is a hobby, and while operated by hobbyists, on well-planned and allocated fields, we do not pose the type of risk to civil aviation as do commercial drones defined under their RPAS definition.

In the coming months we hope to see changes to CARS Part IX coming from Transport Canada, which will possibly change the definition of RPAS and make Model Aircraft a separate category. This could take us back to the pre 2019 situation, where the modelling of RC aircraft did not have to be regulated by RPAS rules as it was considered a hobby.

If this happens, MAAC will surely call it a big victory for RC. But just know that they did not win this alone. You did it. We did it together. And here is why:

In August and September, while MAAC was busy making all operations CARS Part IX compliant, our club members (and many of our newsletter subscribers) took the time to post comments (that we recommended in the Flyer) to the new proposed RPAS regulations. Those comments were reviewed and tabulated by Transport Canada and over 10% of these comments told them that Model Aviation should have never been included in the CARS. Don from Don Drones On explains it very clearly in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk0jpg3rOHI>.

Over 10% of the comments is considered a significant percentage, and we are confident that Transport Canada will have to listen, and make changes to take us out from under these regulations.

This could give us our field back to operate Model Aircraft unrestricted and MAAC will have no choice but to lift many of the ridiculous restrictions they put in place through the existing SOC process.

So without making this letter longer than it needs to be, I wish everybody Happy Holidays, and to those who celebrate Christmas, Merry Christmas. Happy New Year to everyone! Keep your fingers crossed to see the above all come through in the new year!

... Zoltan Pittner, President

We will have coffee and soft drinks at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

### Year End President's Message



With the end of the year fast approaching, I decided to send you a quick message to thank you for your patience and loyalty throughout the very difficult flying season we just left behind us. As you all know we were grounded for most part of the year, for reasons well known and already debated many times by all of us. We spent countless hours analyzing and discussing the different events that occurred throughout the year, but further debating these will not make

them go away.

Instead, we must look forward. There is a new year in front of us, and a new flying season coming. You may have noticed that MAAC has a new president and hopefully he will be strong

### Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2024

<b>Sat Jan 20<sup>th</sup></b>	York University Indoor Flying 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
<b>Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm - Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Executive Elections for 2024 - Show and Tell
<b>Sun Feb 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sat Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sat Mar 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	York University Indoor Flying 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



### The AGM is Wed, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:30pm

It is important that you attend the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2023 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 re-election for each position. John Kita is stepping down from the position of Program Director, so we are open to receive volunteers or nominations. Thanks to John for all his help last year.

- 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 ... Open for nominations
- 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 2024 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](mailto:tgott@sympatico.ca)) or
- Zoltan Pittner ([zoltan@ngctech.com](mailto:zoltan@ngctech.com)) or
- Paul McMillan ([rpmcmillan@sympatico.ca](mailto:rpmcmillan@sympatico.ca)).

Simply send an email with the following:

Subject: Proxy for Humber Valley AGM Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Weston Golf and Country Club, Toronto, Ontario.*

**<type your name>**

### New Year's Day Fun Fly / Social – Monday Jan 1st, 11:00 AM

If Santa can do it, why don't you give it a try? Come out for our traditional Humber Valley New Year's Day fun fly on Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>. Be the first to fly in 2024!



Randall plans to show up in his nice warm car with a charged-up sub 250g airplane ready to fly. Sounds like a good idea to me. This year will be a BYOC – Bring Your Own Coffee event.

← **Photo Left:** Santa enjoys a little stick time after delivering all the toys on Christmas Eve.

### 2023 Memberships Are Good Thru 2024

If you never renewed your 2022 membership, we remind you that you can still renew your membership for 2024. We expect to be flying this spring – one way or another! If you decide to renew, you can do so on our club website.



If you were a past 2023 member, your membership has **automatically been renewed for 2024**. Just go to the club web site in the Member's Section and click on the Membership Card page. There you will be able to request your 2024 member card and it will be emailed to you.

If you are a current 2023/2024 member, you will receive an email with the new member password and gate code very shortly.

### Show and Tell – An AGM Tradition!



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!

### Your 2023 Club Executive

- President, Zoltan Pittner..... (416) 823-0796
- Past President and Editor, Tom Gottlieb ..... (647) 642-8100
- 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



## Indoor Flying – 4 More Days Coming Up!

We still have 4 more indoor flying days left at York University.

We are flying in the double gym in the “Field House” in the Tait McKenzie Building at 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 or If you haven't been there before, just follow the map below. Let's have a great turnout. Hope to see you there.

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	Jan 20, 2024	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday	Feb 11, 2024	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	Mar 02, 2024	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	Mar 23, 2024	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## 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.

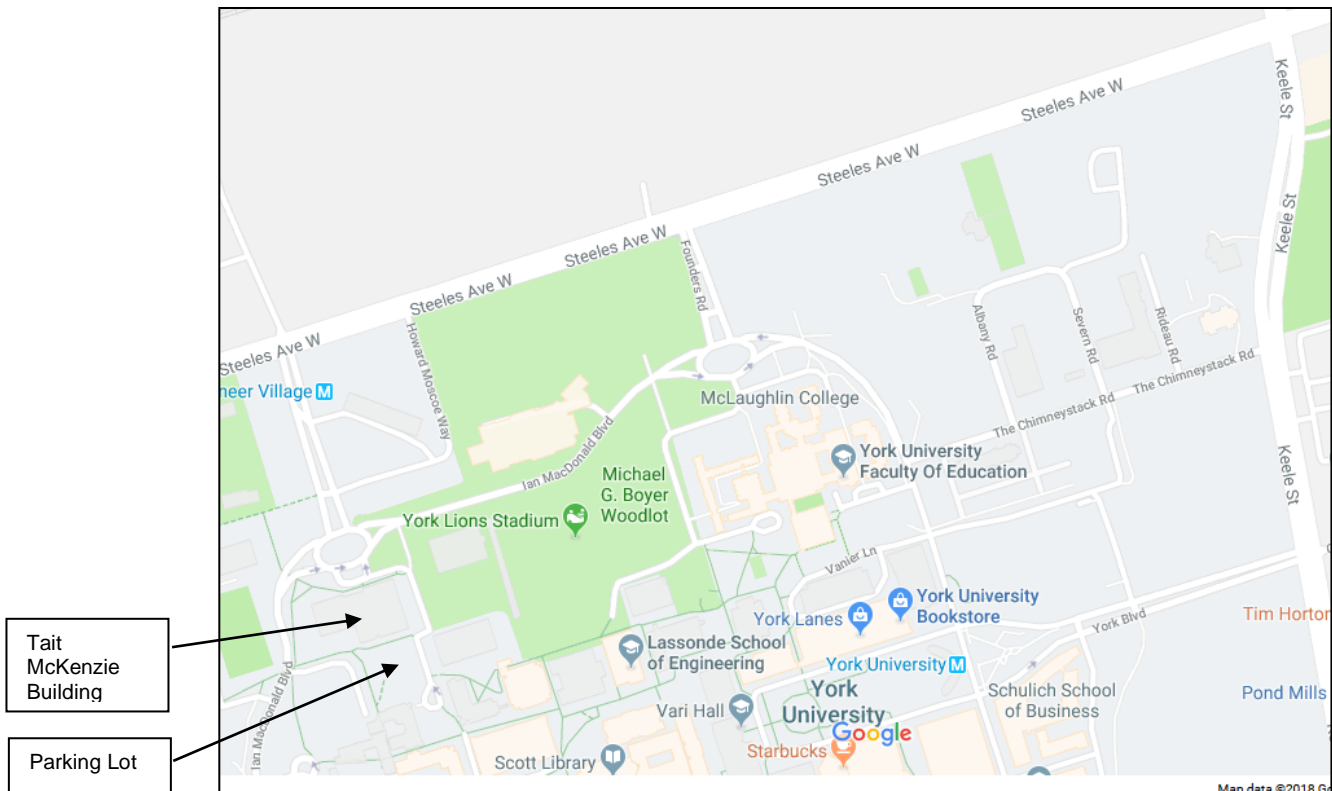
## Pre and Post Flight Inspections

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



Tait McKenzie Building

Parking Lot