

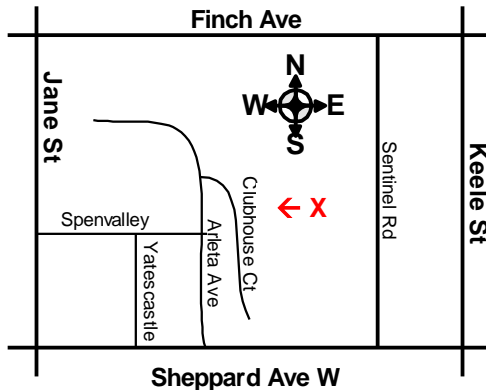


Humber Valley Meeting Announcement

***** NOTE NEW LOCATION *****

Wed Feb 7th 2024 @ 7:30pm
Northwood Community Center
Room #10 - Basement Level

Please note that the location of the Feb 7th winter meetings has changed because we can no longer book meetings at the Weston Golf and Country Club. We are meeting back at the Northwood Community Center for our AGM. **Feel free to bring a friend.**



Here's how to get there: Take Sheppard Ave East of Jane or West of Keele to Arleta Ave. Turn north on Arleta to Clubhouse Court. Turn right to **#15 Clubhouse Court**. The Northwood Center is straight ahead on the left. *Note that Clubhouse Court does not meet Sheppard Ave. You have to get to it from Arleta Ave.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2024

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

The AGM is Wed, Feb 7th, 2024 @ 7:30pm

It is important that you attend the Feb 7th 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.

Walter Lam has decided to step down as Field Officer this year. Thanks to Walter for his contribution to the club. **Paul Mazzotta** has accepted a nomination to fill the position of Field Officer for 2024.

- President Zoltan Pittner, nominated, running
- Vice President Paul McMillan, nominated, running
- Treasurer Bruce Gillespie, nominated, running
- Secretary Gaetano Nicolo, nominated, running
- Field Officer Paul Mazzotta, 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.

Voting and Call for Proxies for the AGM

You must be a 2024 member to vote at the AGM. All 2023 members have been automatically renewed for 2024. If you are only a 2022 member, you may still attend the AGM to hear about club news, but you may not vote. 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) or
- Zoltan Pittner (zoltan@ngctech.com) or
- Paul McMillan (rpmcmillan@sympatico.ca).

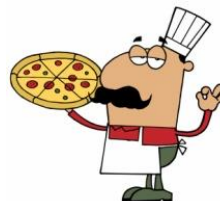
Simply send an email with the following:

Subject: Proxy for Humber Valley AGM Feb 7th, 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 7th, 2024 at the Northwood Community Center, 15 Clubhouse Court, Toronto, Ontario.

<type your name>

Pizza at the AGM on Feb 7th!



Yes, our Humber alley pizza tradition is back! We will be setting up the tables and chairs and serving pizza and soft drinks before the meeting starting at 7:00pm. The meeting starts at 7:30. Come early to schmooze with other club members and check out the Show and Tell or any Buy and Sell items.



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!

Buy & Sell or Free!

Our Feb 7th winter meeting will be a great opportunity to bring in anything you might want to sell. We will set up a buy and sell table. Just put your name and price on any items you bring. Make a few bucks or score a great find! Got stuff cluttering your workshop that you just want to get rid of? One man's trash is another man's treasure. Bring it to the meeting on February 7th and we will set up a free giveaway table.

How to Prepare for the 2024 Spring Season

Many members have been asking if they will be able to fly this spring at Humber Valley. Even though we are in Controlled Class C airspace, it should be possible to fly "normal" size RC airplanes at Thackeray Park in 2024. While we are cautiously optimistic that Transport Canada will provide us some relief from rules and make it easier for us to fly at Humber in the spring, we cannot rely on that happening. So to be prepared, here are some things you should know and what you can do over the winter to get ready.

- First, you need to understand that to fly under 250g you do not need any RPAS certificate.
- To fly a larger model in UNCONTROLLED airspace you need a RPAS Basic Certificate. You do not need to take a flight test for Basic.
- To fly a larger model at Humber Valley in CONTROLLED airspace you need a RPAS Advanced Certificate. You will need to also take a flight test in the spring to complete your Advanced Certificate after you pass the Advanced exam. We will work on arranging flight reviewers in the spring to help you pass the flight test. Cost will be \$150 to \$200 for the flight review test.
- We are still waiting on MAAC to clarify how we can accommodate student flying with buddy boxes in controlled airspace. We expect to have an answer before the start of the spring season.

I know it is all very confusing. You can get info on the Basic test on our web site in the Member section. It is at:

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

If you have trouble logging on to the Member Section, contact Tom Gottlieb. Credentials and password to the Member

Section were sent out previously. It might be a good warm up exercise to take the Basic Exam even though it doesn't help you at Humber. But you can use it to fly at other clubs that are not in controlled airspace.

The following information was sent out to all MAAC members on September 5th, 2023.

If you are interested in taking either Basic or Advanced training, please email Rivka Neal at office@maac.ca and tell her which course you want to take. She will validate your membership, and you will get an email invitation from the RPAS Centre.

The [RPAS Centre](#) is an industry-leading [RPAS Flight School](#) registered with Transport Canada.

In recognition of MAAC's strong support of RPAS Wilco, the RPAS Centre is making its online [Pilot Certificate Exam Prep program](#) available to all MAAC members at **no cost**.

Read more about these online courses here:

[Online Basic Pilot Certificate Exam Preparation](#) (No cost for MAAC members. Cost is \$85 for non-MAAC members.)

[Online Advanced Pilot Certificate Exam Preparation](#) (No cost for MAAC members. Cost is \$150 for non-MAAC members.)

NOTE:

You don't have to take the course if you want to study all the flight rules yourself and take the exam. The advanced course is 8 – one hour lessons. I know it's a lot of work. It has practice tests etc. You can take your time and do it over the winter. If you want to fly at Humber Valley this spring you have to "put some skin in the game"!

Good luck. We can discuss this at the next meeting at the Northwood Center.

Indoor Flying – 3 More Days Coming Up!

We still have 3 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
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



January 20th Indoor Flying Report

We were very pleased with the turnout at the last indoor session at York University. We think the Saturday afternoon time slot made it much easier for members to show up. We counted a whopping 19 flyers in the gym but there was plenty of airspace for everyone and we had the best time ever at York.

The next 3 sessions are also mid-afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00pm so why not come out and enjoy some great winter indoor flying. Hope to see you there.

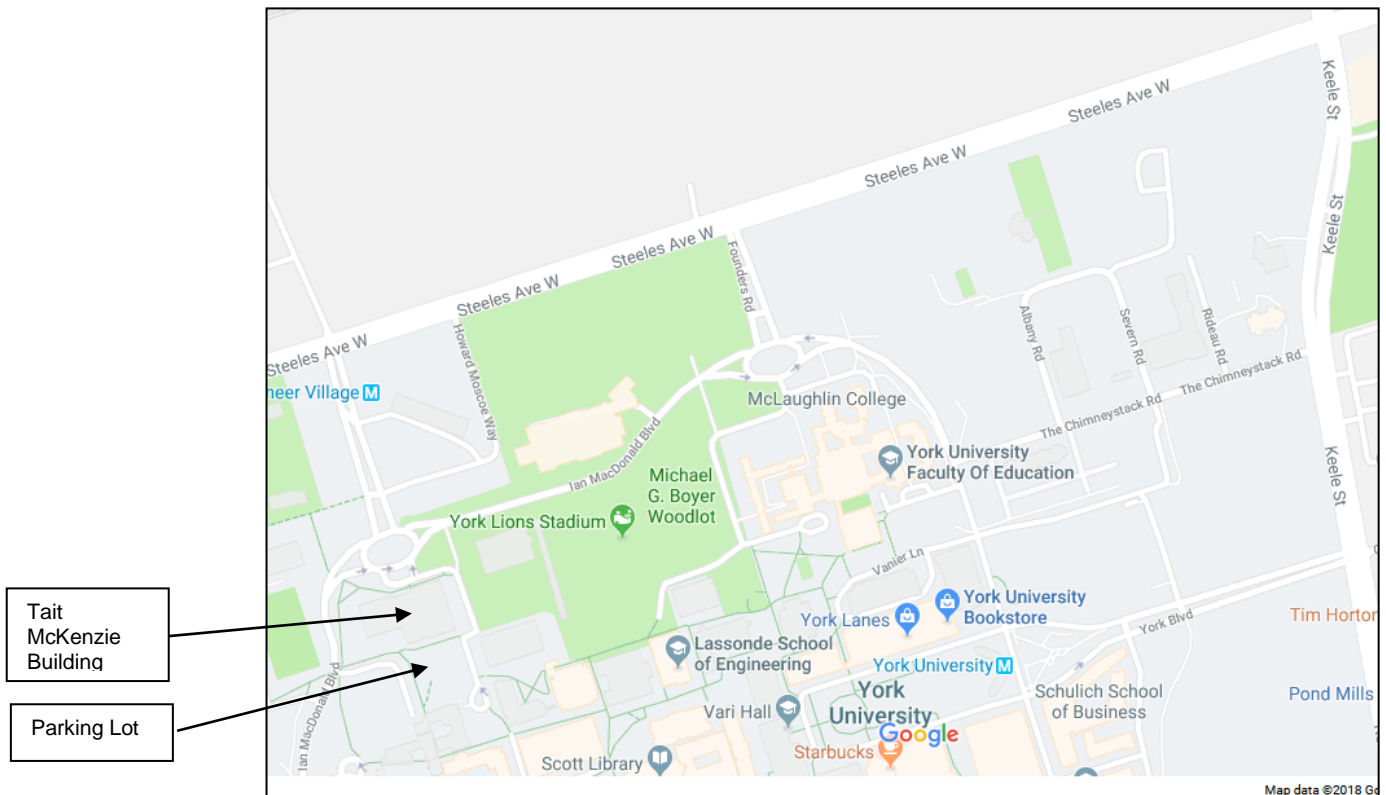
Where can I park?

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.



A record turnout of 19 flyers at the Jan 20th Indoor

Here is the map on how to get there:



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