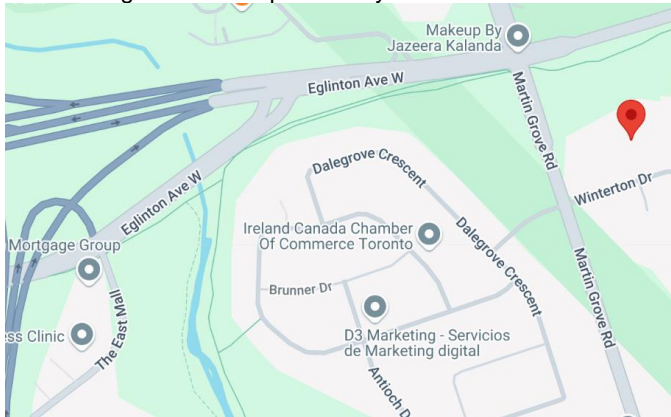




Humber Valley Winter Meeting Thurs Feb 20th 2025 @ 7:30pm Martingrove Collegiate Institute 50 Winterton Dr, Etobicoke, ON, M9B 3G7, Room 112



We have secured a new winter meeting location for 2025 at Martingrove Collegiate Institute. This was arranged by Chief Instructor, **Randall Thomas**, who coaches the school's robotics team. The collegiate is at Martin Grove Road and Eglinton Ave, just east of the 427. The meeting Room 112 is just to the right as you enter the building. Feel free to bring a friend. Hope to see you there!



Year End President's Message

Dear HVRCF members.



We have had a few really hard years that I am pleased to say are now behind us. The constant attacks on our hobby from Transport Canada, and the misrepresentation of our goals and wishes by MAAC, led many people to give up and leave the hobby.

The location of our field made our situation a lot more difficult than other clubs. Being in controlled airspace added additional requirements and burdens on our club causing us to fight for our very existence.

We fought for 3 years and tried to move mountains to get our field classification changed – or to at least allow operation of RC models at our specific field without the requirement of an Advanced RPAS certificate, but unfortunately it did not work out. It was not for lack of trying. We spoke to Transport Canada (TC) several times and drafted a request for a Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) but in the end we were advised that while TC was sympathetic to our situation, the need for an Advanced RPAS Certificate in Controlled Airspace was non-negotiable. While we were exploring all possible options with TC, the very association that is supposed to represent us and listen to us, offered no solutions, and only dictated how we must behave, leaving us with no other options. We did, however, make changes to our constitution so that we are not specifically required to be associated with MAAC, we have decided it was best to remain a MAAC sanctioned club. That way we continue to be insured by a well-known organization and maintain our history of trust with the City.

We ended up with a compromise solution which works OK for the time being. We are extremely lucky that we have such a dedicated Safety Officer (**Randall Thomas**) who stepped up to the challenge and became the first Chief Instructor in MAAC with Advanced RPAS Flight Reviewer privileges. As such, he can provide flight reviews for our club members at a very affordable price. Randall has been busy all summer helping people prepare for their Advanced RPAS Exam and administering flight reviews for those who have passed.

The club's future depends on all of you. I know that passing the Advanced RPAS exam is a nuisance, but it can be done, and it has been done by many members. To maintain our club, we still need more members to become advanced pilots and keep flying at our field. At the time of writing this message, we have 20 members who have their Advanced Pilot Certificate, and 19 members who have already renewed their membership for next year. A number of others are preparing for their exam or waiting for their flight review this spring. Please do not hesitate to join or renew; this is a great club, even if you have not yet passed the Advanced RPAS exam. Give it a try and renew as a pilot. As a reminder, Sub 250g pilot memberships are free, if you have not decided yet, go and renew as a Sub 250g pilot.

We need your support - please renew your 2025 membership.

Meanwhile, our club is moving forward and making improvements to the field for the future. Field Officer, **Paul Mazzotta** is planning to enhance the field layout for next year and improve the pilot stations. Lots of good things are coming, so please... go and renew your membership and fly with us next year!

With that, I wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

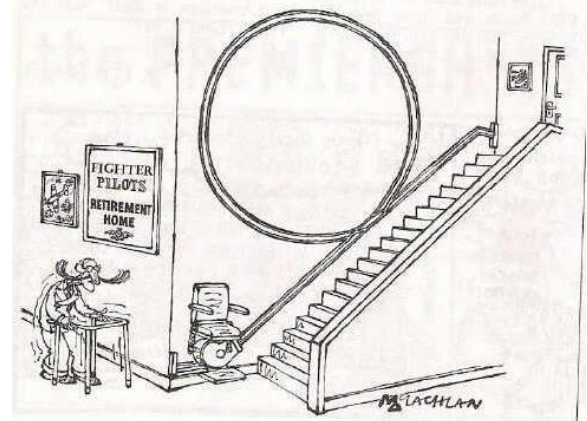
... Zoltan Pittner, President

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



Come out for our traditional Humber Valley New Year's Day fun fly on Wednesday January 1st. Now that the field is back in full operation, we hope to see a good turnout for our annual New Year's Day Event. Be the first to fly in 2025! There should be enough hot chocolate to go around for everyone. Hope to see you there.

Cartoon of the Month





No Indoor Flying This Winter!



Charlie Brown is really unhappy because he just heard that we were not able to book any days for winter indoor flying at York University this year. Their facilities are too booked up for the winter. If you are aware of any large indoor warehouse space or double gym that might be available for free or to rent for a good price, please let us know.

The AGM is Thu, Feb 20th, 2025 @ 7:30pm

It is important that you attend the Feb 20th 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. **Zoltan Pittner** is stepping down from the position of President after steering us through some very difficult times over the last three years! We really appreciate all that he has done for the club.

- President Open for nominations
- Vice President Paul McMillan, nominated, running
- Treasurer..... Bruce Gillespie, nominated, running
- Secretary..... Gaetano Nicolo, nominated, running
- Field Officer Paul Mazzotta, nominated, running
- Program Director ... Tom Gottlieb, 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 2025 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 20th, 2025

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 20th, 2025 at Martin Grove Collegiate Institute, Etobicoke, Ontario.

<type your name>

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!

Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2025

Wed Jan 1 st	New Year's Day Fun Fly, 11:00 am
Sat Jan 25 th	Kitchener-Waterloo Swap Meet -See ad on Page 3.
Sun Feb 2 nd	Toronto West Swap Meet Oakville Model Flying Club 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, See ad Pg 3
Sat Feb 15 th	Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly - 10:00 am
Thu Feb 20 th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate - Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Executive Elections for 2025 - Show and Tell
Thu Mar 27 th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate
Thu Apr 24 th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate

Your 2024 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, Vacant
- Field Officer, Paul Mazzotta (416) 578-4492
- Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas (647) 545-5494
- Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494



Announcing the Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly!

10:00am Sat Feb 15th



**Fabulous, Famous,
Freaking, Fantastic,
Farcical, Frigid, Family
Friendly, Fiery, Formidable,**

**Ferocious, February Frozen Finger Full
Force Fun Fly Free Food Fest Frenzy ...
(FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF) ...whew!!**

If you can think of any other "F" words, let us know...no profanities please!

Club Web Site Open for 2025 Renewals!

Just reminding you again that our web site is operating smoothly, and it is ready to collect 2025 membership applications and renewals. The process is completely online. Here is how to renew:



... to renew your membership today!

- 1) Go to the Club Info Tab and select "2025 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 2025 member card.

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!!**

****** RENEW BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND SAVE ******

New Membership Policies for 2025

Just wanted to remind you about our new FREE membership category for the 2025 season for those members who want to fly Sub 250g (mRPAS) models.

A FREE Sub250g membership would be perfect for you if you wish to fly at Humber Valley and are satisfied with flying smaller models. You will have full access to the field, the charging station and all the free advice and friendship you can handle. Or, if you like, it will allow you to continue flying while you work on going for your Advanced RPAS Certificate so that you can fly your larger RPAS models up to 25Kg. When you are ready, you can upgrade your Sub250g membership by paying the full member fee.

2025 Membership Fees

- Memberships for full pilot, up to 25Kg models:
 - Renewal Adult Fee paid on or before Dec 31st, 2024\$90.00
 - Renewal Adult Fee between Jan 1st and Jan 31st, 2025\$95.00
 - Renewal Adult Fee paid on or after Feb 1st, 2025\$100.00
 - Junior Fee (Under 18 as of Jan 1st, 2025)\$35.00
- Sub 250g membership category FREE
 - or make a donation to the club of any amount

Some Swap Meets Coming up!




RC Swap Meet

**Saturday
January 25,
2025**

9:00 am – 10:00 am Vendor Setup
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Doors Open

**Admission : Adults - \$5,
Kids - Free**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
247 Westmount Road East
Kitchener, Ontario
N2M-4Z2

Parking access is off Village Road.





Website :
new.kwfllyingdutchmen.com

**Reserve tables in advance,
\$10 per table**

Email : akotzambasis@gmail.com



Toronto West Swap Meet



Hosted by the
Oakville (Milton)
Model Flying Club



**Sunday Feb 2, 2025
9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

785 Pacific Road, UNITS 13-14
Oakville, ON, L6L 6M3

An array of Radio Control Models
and related merchandise.

Vendors: \$15 per table
Please register with our Event Coordinator at
EVENTS@OMFC.ORG

