



AGM - Tues February 3rd, 2026 @ 7:30pm

Our next winter meeting will be held at the **Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Room 102** in Brampton. See the article on Indoor Flying for instructions on how to get there. It is important that you attend this 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 2026 members needed for a quorum
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of 2025 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. Other Business

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.

The following is a list of members who are currently running for re-election for each position.

- President Paul McMillan, nominated, running
- Vice President Open for nominations
- 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

Call for Proxies for the AGM

Our constitution requires a quorum of at least 25% of Open Members to hold an official AGM, pass the budget for 2026 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. Or 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 3rd, 2026

This will allow <type name of the person you choose as your proxy> to vote on my behalf on all matters at the Humber Valley Radio Control Flyers AGM to be held on Feb 3rd, 2026 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Brampton, ON <type your name here>

Please Renew Your 2026 Membership!

If you haven't already done so, we are urging all 2025 and past members to renew for 2026. You need to be a current 2026 member to vote at the AGM even if you are a free Sub 250g member. It is still only \$95.00 for a full membership. Just go to the Club Info Tab and select "2026 Renewal Form". There are still many 2024 members who did not re-join the club in 2024. We get it... the extra regulations put in place by Transport Canada are discouraging. But, we have overcome these challenges and can help you get your fleet flying again. Contact any executive member to get back into the hobby with Humber Valley!

Indoor Flying Update

Our first Indoor Flying at the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School was a great success with about a dozen members taking part. The triple gym turned out to be a great space for our needs. Unfortunately, the original date for January 13th had to be cancelled due to floor repairs required in the gym, but **Yonas Lijiam** was able to schedule a makeup day for Jan 20th. So we have 3 more Indoor Flying days booked. Mark your calendars and come out to fly.



Here is everything you need to know:

- The gym is booked from 8:15pm to 10:00pm.
- The remaining dates are Jan 20/26, Feb 10/26, and Mar 10/26 (all Tuesdays).
- We have a huge indoor space consisting of a triple gym. It's about 80' X 150' so it's even BIGGER than the double gym we had at York University.
- Free parking! Enter from the "Theater" doors at the North East corner of the building.
- The cost of renting the space is a lot more than our previous deal at York University. So we are asking members and guests for a voluntary contribution of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per session to help offset the cost.
- The high school is a bit farther away in Brampton but still easy to get to.

Location:

**Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School
25 Corporation Drive, Brampton, ON L6S 6A2**

How to get there:

- Use Waze or Google Maps for your best route.
- The school is just North of Hwy 7 and Torbram Rd.
- Plan your drive to get there at 8:00 so you can find your way inside and start on time. It's about a 25-minute drive from our Thackeray Park field if you take the 407; about 35 minutes if you take Hwy 7. We only have the gym from 8:15pm to 10:00pm.

Remaining Indoor Flying Dates

Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	Jan 20, 2026	8:15 PM – 10:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb 10, 2026	8:15 PM – 10:00 PM
Tuesday	Mar 10, 2026	8:15 PM – 10:00 PM



REMINDER! Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly!

10:30am Sat Feb 28th

Plan to attend our traditional annual:

**Fabulous, Famous, Freaking, Fantastic,
Farcical, Frigid, Family Friendly, Firey,
Formidable, Ferocious, Fearful, Frosty,
February Frozen Finger Full Force Fun Fly
Free Food Fest Frenzy...**

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...whew!!

This Year's FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF will be a great chance to try winter flying and meet up with old friends.

Unfortunately, last year, we had to cancel at the last minute because of a huge snowfall that made the road impassable.

Let's hope for better luck this year. The runway is often windswept and clear but if the field is snowy, you can always hand launch, use floats or better still strap on or make up a set of skis for the event.

New Year's Day Fun Fly - Report

– Thursday Jan 1st, 11:00 AM



Considering the temperature was a frosty -10 degrees C, we had a very good turnout for our traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly and Social. Randall got there early and warmed up the shed for us and fired up the BBQ. Everyone enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and we all welcomed in the new year with some frozen finger flying.



Your 2025 Club Executive

President, Paul McMillan..... (647) 618-8291
Vice President, Vacant
Past President, Zoltan Pittner..... (416) 823-0796
Field Officer, Paul Mazzotta (416) 578-4492
Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie..... (416) 741-4385
Secretary, Gaetano Nicolo (647) 987-0619
Program Director & Editor, Tom Gottlieb..... (647) 642-8100
Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494
Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494

Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2026

Sat Jan 24 th	Kitchener RC Swap Meet (see ad)
Sun Feb 1 st	Toronto West Swap Meet (see ad)
Tues Feb 3 rd	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm - Annual General Meeting (AGM) - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Room 102 - Executive Elections for 2026 - Show and Tell
Tues Jan 20 th Tues Feb 10 th Tues Mar 10 th	Indoor Flying at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Gym – 8:15pm to 10:00pm
Sat Feb 28 st	Frozen Finger Fun Fly

Show and Tell at the AGM

– A Humber Valley Tradition!



We always like to invite members to bring their projects to winter meetings to spice things up a bit and give the guys some eye candy to enjoy. 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!

Ralph von Eppinghoven

– RPAS Advanced Exam Whisperer!

Our thanks go out to **Ralph von Eppinghoven** who recently passed his RPAS Advanced Exam and decided to share his experience and knowledge with other members. He collected all the materials needed, created a custom course for our members, and held the first Advanced Exam Preparedness Class on December 3rd, 2025. It was a great success. Four members attended and one attendee, Tony Aciri, already took the exam and passed it after taking the class.



Ralph gets a “thumbs up” from everyone who attended!

Ralph has agreed to hold another class in the spring if there is sufficient interest. To reserve your spot, contact Ralph at rvoneppinghoven@rogers.com.

Ralph: Congratulations! The club executive has voted unanimously to grant you the official title of:

“RPAS Advanced Exam Whisperer”



President's Year End Message



I think we had a great year at HVRCF and would like to especially thank our Chief Instructor, **Randall Thomas** and the rest of our executive team for all their efforts as well as to the grass cutting crew for keeping the field in tiptop shape all season. Also, many thanks to member **Ralph von Eppinghoven** for his initiative in offering an Advanced RPAS Exam training class to help members become

Advanced RPAS pilots to enjoy full flying privileges at HVRCF's field in controlled airspace.

I think it is vitally important that we continue to grow our Advanced RPAS certified pilot numbers. I feel like it has stagnated a little bit and hope we can get some momentum going to increase our numbers.

Initially I was also discouraged and found reasons/excuses not to complete my Advanced RPAS, but I am so thankful that I did. I really want to encourage all members who have not yet challenged the advanced RPAS exam to please move yourself to try it. Since it is an open book type exam you can use modern tools to help. If you contact Ralph, he will provide you with all the materials you need to study and many advanced tips to make sure you pass the exam. Then with Randall available as a local MAAC sanctioned flight reviewer, you can study what is needed to complete the flight review and enjoy flying your full-sized models at our cherished flying field.

We need to increase our Advanced certified pilot roster to keep club going and remain financially viable so let's all try to help any past members who would like to fly but haven't yet stretched to obtain the advanced RPAS certification needed to fly at Humber.

Our Field Officer, **Paul Mazzotta** is planning some exciting improvements to the field this spring. Every club took a hit in 2024, but our membership numbers are steadily growing so renew now to take advantage of all Humber Valley has to offer. I expect 2026 to be our best year ever!

... **Paul McMillan**, President

Field Officer's Report



Field Officer **Paul Mazzotta** has some exciting news to share with us regarding the field. We have been talking about the desire to level the field for probably more than ten years now and finally Paul is getting ready to do something about it. Over last few years, the area to the west has dropped off significantly, while the hills to the northeast have been building

up. Paul's goal is to finally get this work done in the spring.

"I have spoken with the city and received an official verbal go-ahead to level the field. I have requested all formal instructions via email to ensure we are in full compliance before any work begins. I have also started engaging with companies to request quotes for the project", says Paul.

We will keep you posted on any new developments and Paul will discuss his field improvement plans at the AGM. We are committed to being the best RC club in Ontario and this is just one more step in making sure our field is the best it can be.

Please Join the Members WhatsApp Group



We have noticed that there are still many members who have not yet joined our HVRCF Members WhatsApp Group. This group is a great place to keep in touch with what other members are doing, get up to the

minute club news, field reports and more. If you are a current member and not yet part of this group, please join for free today! Just scan the QR code here with your smart phone to get in on the fun and stay informed.



Some Winter Swap Meets Coming Up!

Toronto West Swap Meet



Hosted by the
Oakville (Milton)
Model Flying Club.

Sunday Feb 1, 2026
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: \$20 per table
Please register with our Event Coordinator at
EVENTS@OMFC.ORG



RC Swap Meet

Saturday
January 24,

2026

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

Admission : Adults - \$5,
Kids - Free

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Parking access is off Village Road.



Website :
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Reserve tables in advance,
\$10 per table

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