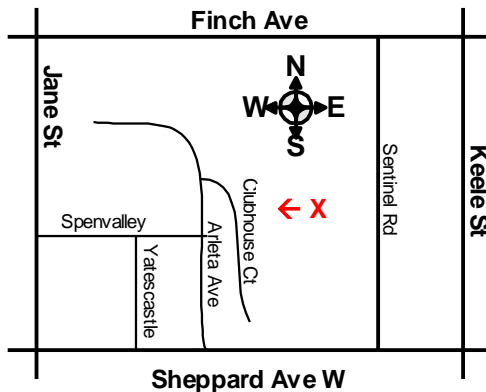




## Humber Valley Meeting Announcement

**Wed Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ 7:30pm**  
**Northwood Community Center**  
**New Room #10 - Basement Level**

Please note that the winter meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month from October to April. Come out to meet other members, participate in club discussions, make suggestions for next year, and enjoy a winter program of speakers, movies, special events and more. **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

<b>Wed Mar 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honorary Colonel Gerald P. J. Haddon, Royal Canadian Air Force will speak on Canadian aviation history.</li> </ul>
<b>Wed Apr 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Last Winter Club Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crosswind Landing Simulation Competition</li> <li>Show and Tell</li> </ul>
<b>It's Spring!!!</b>	Go Flying!!!!
<b>Sat May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Field Cleanup Day and Season Opener
<b>Tue May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<sup>1</sup> Start of student instruction program

<sup>1</sup> Students should check with **Tony Phan** about preparing for student nights which are Tuesday and Thursday nights starting May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly Report!

Four inches of snow Saturday did not deter a small dedicated (but crazy) bunch of Humber Valley flyers from braving the cold on Sunday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual FFFFF. It's always fun to take off and land with skis. Thanks to all those who showed up to keep this tradition alive and braved sub-zero temperatures again this year. Paul posted some pictures on the forum to prove that it really happened. Thanks Paul!

## Annual General Meeting Report

The club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and we had a good turnout with more than enough members and proxies to constitute a quorum. Reports of the year's activities were presented by the executive which in summary concluded a very successful year for the club. Bruce Gillespie, Treasurer presented the financial statements for last year and the budget for this year which was passed by the membership. Our field operations reported an excellent season of flying and highlighted the installation of the new geotext runway which greatly enhanced the enjoyment of our facilities thanks to the hard work of many volunteer members.

We want to express our thanks to last year's Field Officer **Ernie Dawson** and Program Director **Jon Holmes** who have stepped down this year after more than 3 years of dedicated service to the club. We are also pleased to see new members stepping up to fill these positions. At the AGM we elected **John Neves** as the new Field Officer. Even though John is a new member, he is no stranger to the club and quickly became involved in helping out in all aspects of field maintenance and development. Similarly, I am pleased to welcome **Milton Charlton** as our new Program Director, who became active with program ideas almost from the day he joined the club. The executive is strong and the club is in good hands with these new key people helping out. Please join me in welcoming John and Milt to the executive and remember, we don't run the club alone. We need help from all members to volunteer their time and ideas to make the club better.



John Neves  
Field Officer



Milt Charlton  
Program Director

Milt has always been a tinkerer and took apart and built radios as a child. He and his brothers flew control line planes with .049 and .074 engines. Their scratch built planes seldom flew owing to ignorance of the concept of center of gravity. Always curious about how things work, Milt became a university professor and scientist with a research lab studying nerve connections. Milt loves RC modelling because it combines many things which have always interested him: engineering, electronics, mechanics of flight, construction and flying. Milt got his wings last year and has rapidly become a passionate RC flyer and member.

## Come Hungry to the March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Special thanks are in order to **Peter Poli** who has taken on the job of looking after our hunger during the last several meetings. The quality of food and snacks has reached new heights since he volunteered to help out with food for winter meetings and other club events. Make sure you express your appreciation at the March meeting and enjoy the quality and variety of food Pete brings each time.



## March 4<sup>th</sup> Program Announcement Honorary Colonel Gerald P. J. Haddon Royal Canadian Air Force

### Perspectives on Canadian Aviation History

We are pleased to announce that Hon. Col. Gerald Haddon has accepted our invitation to speak at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting about his experiences and his perspectives on Canadian aviation history.



Mr. Haddon was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering, 16 Wing Borden, Ontario in October 2010. He is the grandson of Honorary Air Commodore, The Honourable J. A. D. McCurdy, the first British subject to fly a heavier-than-air machine in the British Empire on February 23, 1909 on Bras d'Or Lake, Baddeck, Nova Scotia in an aeroplane called the Silver Dart, designed and built by the Aerial Experiment Association. John Alexander Douglas McCurdy was Canada's first pilot, he opened Canada's first aviation school and he became known as the "John the Baptist" force behind the founding of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, to a senior Naval Officer of the Royal Canadian Navy with postings abroad that included Washington, D.C. and London, England, Honorary Colonel Haddon was taught at numerous schools in England, Switzerland, the United States and Canada, finishing at Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. He is a graduate of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and University College, London, England with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science and Economics.

He has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East and Europe, working his way through France, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Iran and Kuwait. Professionally, he was in broadcasting for the CTV Network based in Toronto, Ontario for 39 years where he was involved in the production and direction of such notable live shows as Canada AM - the breakfast show which he helped launch on air in September

1973 - CTV News, W5 as well as Winter and Summer Olympics and numerous outside drama, sports, comedy, variety and cultural shows produced for both national and international audiences.

Honorary Colonel Haddon is a member of the AEA 2005 group, which built a replica of the Silver Dart that was transported to Baddeck, Nova Scotia and flew on Bras d'Or Lake, February 22, 2009 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of J. A. D. McCurdy's historic flight. He and his wife, Amanda, were sworn in as members of 434 (Niagara Peninsula) Wing, Air Force Association of Canada, on Baddeck's frozen ice, February 23, 2009 in front of the replica Silver Dart.

Throughout 2009, as part of the Centennial of Flight celebrations and as the proud grandson of J. A. D. McCurdy, Honorary Colonel Haddon was actively engaged as a keynote speaker on numerous occasions to detail the exploits of his eminent grandfather. The story of J. A. D. McCurdy's historic flight of the Silver Dart captivated and educated a diverse audience of Canadians and firmly established Honorary Colonel Haddon as a member of the Air Force Speaker's Bureau. He is also a member of the Memory Project Speaker's Bureau whose mandate is to inform a broad spectrum of students about Canada's proud and illustrious aviation history.

Honorary Colonel Haddon was awarded the Chief of the Air Staff Medal in 2009 from Lieutenant-General Angus Watt and was presented with the Centennial of Flight Award of Excellence from Brigadier-General Gaston Cloutier. Named after his grandfather, Honorary Colonel Haddon presented the J. A. D. McCurdy Trophy, the Air Force Association of Canada's top civilian Aviation Award, to the AEA 2005 Silver Dart Team in 2009, of which he is also a proud member.

He and his wife Amanda reside in Oakville, Ontario where his hobbies include sailing, tennis, reading, writing, travelling, public speaking and building vintage aeroplanes!

### Name that Plane – Show and Tell



Can you name this famous Canadian airplane? As a tribute to Col. Haddon, please bring in a model plane – **especially one with Canadian or British heritage.**

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