



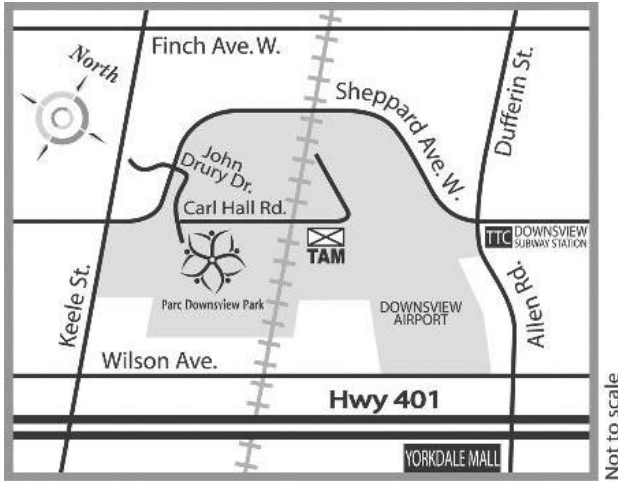
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Humber Valley's Annual General Meeting Tues March 2nd, 2004 @ 7:30 PM



Here's how to get there: From the 401, take Keele north. Turn right on Sheppard, and follow Sheppard to the Downsview Park entrance and turn right

on John Drury Drive. Turn left at Carl Hall Road and continue over the railway tracks. The museum is on the right.



De Havilland Plant Tour Report

On February 15th, about 20 club members toured the enormous plant for over two hours (and still didn't nearly see all of it). After seeing the massive wiring harnesses being prepared and the rat's nest of hydraulic and pneumatic piping in the open wings and body, it became clear to everyone just how complex these planes are. Things like air bladders on



Gaetano Nicolo (center) and members of the EMFSO with a DASH 8/400

the leading edge of the wing which can be inflated to break off ice. Active (real time) noise and vibration reduction systems in the cabin. Major security enhancements added after 9/11. Huge milling machines milling 14" x 3" x 40' solid aluminum stock (2 at a time) down to wing spars so precise that you can lift one end with one finger. Twin 5,000 HP turbo-prop engines driving 6 (heated) adjustable pitch props. More high tech materials fabricating, tempering, gluing, corrosion control and testing systems than you can shake a stick at. Did you know that Dash 8's consume 1/2 the amount of fuel of a comparable jet for short distance routes? That's one impressive plant making some pretty impressive products.

March 2nd Program Announcement Ken Fluney – Pylon Racing!

Ken Fluney from the Orangeville R/C Flyers will be making a special trip to Toronto to talk to us about Quickie 500 Pylon Racing on March 2nd. He will bring some sample pylon planes including a new ARF that can get you racing in no time. Given that we already have a special interest in combat, it will be very interesting to hear about this aspect of RC flying that is new to our members. Make sure you attend this special event.



The Great Planes "Shoestring 16" (above) designed for Pylon Racing

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun Feb 29 th	Humber Valley Annual Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly 10:30 AM to Noon
Fri Mar 5 th	7:00- 10:00 PM Toronto Club Swap Meet – See newsletter for details
Tue Apr 6 th	Club Meeting: Bob Hudson - IMAC
Tue May 4 th	Cub Meeting: Beauty Contest
Sun Jul 11 th	Humber's Death Valley Dog Fight - Scale Combat Competition
Sun Jul 25 th	Summer Fun Fly

Time for a Winter Maintenance Check!

Winter is a great time to perform a thorough winter maintenance check. In the last few weeks, we have heard of many flyers discovering some of the problems below. Do your maintenance checks and keep your airplane flying! The following are strongly recommended:

- Recycle batteries and check voltage levels
- Lubricate engine with after run oil
- Engine mounts and bolts tight – use locktight
- Prop nut and spinner tight
- Servo tray tight, mounting screws and control horns tight
- Fuel tank hoses secure and sound - no splits or cracks

Meeting Minutes Soon to be Available

Members may view the minutes of previous general and executive meetings, and associated material, by following the "Minute Book" link on the Members Only section of the club web site. Minutes of the previous meeting will also be available in hard copy at regular meetings of the members.

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Feb 3rd Program Report

Jack Humpheys provided us with an interesting talk on FAI Competition flying at the Feb 3rd meeting and brought in his great looking 40 year old vintage flying boat (see photo below).



Don't Forget the Humber Valley ... Fabulous, Famous, Freakin' February Frozen Finger Fun Fly Frenzy ...whew! FFFFFFFFF! Sun Feb 29th

Don't forget, this Sunday is the FFFFFFFFF! Come to the field Sunday morning 10:30 AM to 12 Noon for fun, flying, hot chocolate, and a great fun time. Can you beat the elements? You won't know unless you try. The FFFFFFFFF is a Humber Valley sacred tradition! Even if you don't fly, bring a friend and come out to see the snow and skis fly at the field.



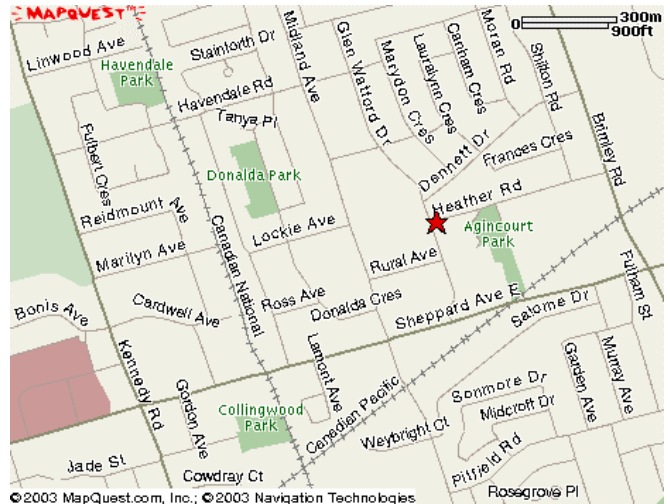
Tony Phan, Jeff Shimo, and Tom Gottlieb practice for the FFFFFFFFF on skis at the field on a nice sunny February morning - (Photo by Dave Edwards).

Are You Combat Ready?

Club member Rick van Amelsfort certainly is! He showed up at the February meeting with a surprising fleet of combat SPADS nearly ready to take on all comers for the 2004 season. Rick looks like he is going for gold in this year's May beauty contest (see photo opposite). How about you? It's time to get busy and get building in time for the May 4th Beauty Contest meeting.

RC Club of Toronto Swap Meet – Mar 5th

The Radio Control Club of Toronto has invited the Humber Valley, Richmond Hill and Seaton Valley RC clubs to its annual RC Swap Meet , **Friday March 5th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM** at the Alexander Mackenzie Senior Public School, 33 Heather Road in Scarborough. Closest major intersection is Kennedy Road and Hwy 401 (see map below). Entrance is at the far west side of the building....look for the cars.



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Rick van Amelsfort with his fleet of combat SPADS