



Next Meeting is Tues April 2nd at the Northwood Center @ 7:30pm

Here's how to get there: Travel on 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.* See <http://hvr flyer.tripod.com> if you need a map and feel free to bring a friend.

March 5th Meeting Report



Ken Manuel brought with him a whole squadron of electric war birds and demonstrated a most unusual and simple method of covering a foam fuselage with silk and water based varethane. He did the whole thing in less than 15 minutes! A number of members took advantage of a special discount purchase deal offered by Ken at

the meeting. If you would like more information, go to <http://www.webhome.idirect.com/~manuel/>. Ken was delighted to receive an honorary Humber Valley membership for 2002. He expressed interest in the idea of putting on a demonstration of pylon racing at our summer fun fly so stay tuned for further news on this.

The March meeting was well attended by over 50 members. The results of the SPAD build program were evident from the large turnout of finished SPAD designs. A highlight of the SPAD "show and tell" was Gary Del Bel Belluz' SPAD P51 Mustang design built entirely of coroplast. This airplane is a beauty and here's the photo to prove it.



April 2nd Meeting Program Intercept Technologies & the Robofalcon Ornithopter

We are bringing you something completely different for the April meeting. And you thought there was no practical application of RC modeling! **Rennie Carson and Wilfred Emonts**, President of Intercept Technologies will be giving the talk on the RoboFalcon. This is an electric ornithopter designed to control birds at airports, golf clubs, or any other sites such as landfills where seagulls or geese can be a real problem.

Intercept Technologies is a company committed to the development of programs, products, and technologies for environmentally appropriate ways to control wildlife. When developing an animal control product or more specifically a dispersal product, it is important that it address the natural or constant behavior of the animal. Otherwise, the animal will become immune to it through learned associations.



It is this type of in-depth knowledge of animal behavior which leads to a good and consistent wildlife control product. Robofalcon™ was developed after providing falconry services for 20 plus years. Falconry did not meet the main objectives of a

good wildlife control product. It cannot be delivered in a consistent way, it is not cost effective and does not achieve the objective for which it was intended. In fact it can end up being counter-productive as part of a wildlife control program on an airfield. Falconry however was instrumental in the development of Robofalcon. This unique insight provided the knowledge required to combine the effect of a real hunting falcon with the control of the human mind (Robofalcon) and thereby overcoming the many limitations of falconry. Intercept Technologies released Robofalcon in April, 2001.

Come to the April meeting to see this amazing application of RC modeling, and state-of-the-art ornithopter research.

Holy Toledo!

It's almost here! If you're thinking of going it's time to start thinking about getting your rides and hotel set up for the **Weak Signals Toledo RC Show** - April 5th, 6th & 7th at the Seagate Center, 401 Jefferson Ave, Toledo. For information and were to stay in Toledo visit: www.toledoshow.com.





Dream Engine Raffle – Results



The engine raffle was held at the March meeting. The raffle turned out to be a success for the club. The cost of the prizes was more than covered by the total sales of tickets and the extra money was used to purchase the “Jug of Fuel” prizes for the monthly “Show and Tell” raffles. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets to support this

year’s raffle. If you didn’t win, there’s always next year to try again. The lucky prizewinners were:

- David Plank: OS .91 4 stoke engine
- Vince Albano: Great Planes CG machine
- Lucio Gaetano: Jug of fuel

Beauty Contest Coming - Are You Ready?

The winter is rapidly drawing to a close and spring is just around the corner. There are only 2 meetings left and of course the May Beauty Contest coming up. Next month we will be announcing the prizes and categories for the Beauty Contest so get those building projects ready for the May meeting. The survey indicated that you want us to keep the Beauty Contest going so don’t let us down. Bring in your airplanes to the May meeting. The April meeting will be your last chance to bring something in for “Show and Tell” and your last chance to win a jug of fuel.

Calendar of Events

Apr 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Winter Meeting – Intercept Technologies - Electric Ornithopter • Show and Tell Raffle
Apr 5,6,7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toledo RC Show
Apr 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground School Class on Field Safety and Etiquette – mandatory for new students @ Northwood Center
May 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Winter Meeting • Beauty Contest

A Note About 2002 Renewals

If you are a year 2001 member and have not yet renewed, you will still receive club the Flyer until May/2002. After that, if you have not renewed, your name will be **removed** from the list in preparation for the mail out of the official spring Member List. You will not receive further club information or Flyers and you will loose the enjoyment of flying at our field. Please renew your membership now!

Should We Build a Shelter at the Field?

There was a lot of discussion at the March meeting about the pros and cons of building a shelter at the field to provide a place out of the sun and rain. There seems to be a lot of strong feeling about this but before we can make a decision, it was decided that we needed to get more information. Wally Jaremko and David Plank volunteered to find out if the city would approve a simple shelter and what the cost would be for an acceptable design. Once we have this information, we can consider motions.

Ground School, April 9th @ 7:30

Don’t forget, new students are expected to attend the Ground School class on **Field Safety and Etiquette**. We will cover everything you need to know about safe starting procedures and field operations. All members are welcome to attend.

Frequency Board Repair Completed

The frequency board has been re-printed, laminated and repaired. Thanks to Brian Millar for refinishing the board. It looks good and should last longer than the previous one.

Spring Equipment Check

With spring weather rapidly improving, now would be a good time to conduct a thorough check of all your equipment before your first flight. Here’s a suggested list:

- 1) Cycle your batteries a number of times to insure the capacity is still there.
- 2) All hinges and servo control horns tight.
- 3) All engine mounts, head bolts, plug, prop nut, carburetor mounts tight.
- 4) All wheel collars tight.
- 5) All “plumbing” fuel hoses in good condition.
- 6) Transmitter range check at the field.

A problem in any one of these areas could cause you to lose your plane. Please govern yourself accordingly.

MAAC Insurance – You must renew!

Since the spring flying season is rapidly approaching, we want to make it clear to everyone that flying at the field without current MAAC insurance is strictly against club rules. We cannot check every member who renews to see that they have also renewed their MAAC. Therefore, you must always have your 2002 MAAC and your 2002 Humber Valley member card displayed in the plastic pouch hanging on the frequency board when you fly. It is the responsibility of all members to check the board and challenge any flyer that does not comply with club rules.

First Aid Box - Combination Lock

Please remember that the First Aid box combination is **written on the underside of the box**. The combination is



Right 29, Left around once 56, Right 37. That’s 29-56-37. For your protection, we suggest you write the combination on the back of your membership card and test the lock yourself. The box has been re-stocked with gauze and Band-Aids. In the spring, it will be stocked with a fresh supply of 2002 club information sheets and applications.

Please provide information to any visitors to the field who are interested in joining our club.

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