



Last Winter Meeting is May 7th

Here's how to the 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://hvrclfyer.tripod.com> if you need a map and feel free to bring a friend.

Beauty Contest is finally here - May 7th

The long awaited Beauty Contest is finally here! This contest was strongly favored in our club survey, so don't let us down. Bring in your planes. All skill levels wanted. See the Contest Categories below. Please bring in your beauties and win some cash. Sorry – no ARFs this year. **Total Prize Value: \$160.00**

Category	Prizes
Sport/Scale Under .50 engine	3 prizes \$30, \$20, \$10
Sport/Scale Over .50 engine	3 prizes \$30, \$20, \$10
Best Electric	1 prize \$20
Best SPAD	1 prize \$20

Field Repair & Cleanup Day - Sat May 11th

Please mark your calendars and make an extra effort to help out. We are arranging to bring in a load of topsoil and grass seed, which we will be using to repair the pit area and field perimeters. **Dave Edwards** has agreed to organize the field cleanup day and is investigating the possibility of other field improvements. If you can help in any way with materials, equipment or experience, please contact Dave Edwards at (416) 769 5243.

WE NEED YOU! PLEASE COME on Sat May 11th from 10:00am to 1:00pm TO HELP WITH FIELD REPAIR. PLEASE BRING...

- ✓ Rakes
- ✓ Shovels
- ✓ Pails
- ✓ Wheelbarrows
- ✓ Spreaders



Student Instruction Starts May 14th

Ready – Get Set – Go! The flying season is here and the student program starts May 14th. Please note that we have decided to change the student evenings to Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from approximately 6:00 – 6:30 and usually until dusk. This was done because we feel there is a better chance of seeing good weather if the days are spaced apart. Also it was felt that is was better for instructors if the program was not on consecutive days. The club will provide instruction at other times subject to instructor availability and their willingness. Please remember that our instructors do this on a volunteer basis.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 7 th	Final Winter Meeting Beauty Contest
May 11 th	Field Cleanup Day
May 12 th	Combat Tournament
May 14 th	Start of student instruction program at the field
May 16 th	Student instruction continues each Tuesday and Thursday



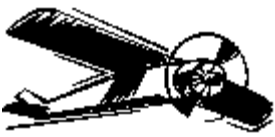
Gary's Model ↑

← Tom's Model

It's easy really. All you have to do is compare the entries and decide which beauty you like best. The above is provided for practice only. We will provide score sheets and all members will be asked to score the entries. Then we will tally the numbers and award the prizes.

Our WEB site is popular!

The popularity of our web site is increasing. We now get about 150 visits each week. Did you know you can check out the weather forecast and current wind conditions at the field before you head out. There is also a forum where you can post questions, Buy and Sell notices and see what's going on in the club. Visit our site often.



Motion About Sunday Student Flying will be voted on May 7th

After some discussion, a motion was put forward by Richard Barlow and seconded by Pat Knight that the club rules be changed with respect to student flying on Sunday morning. This time has been traditionally reserved for cleared pilots. The problem is that if the field is not busy, and instructors fly students at this time, to do so would result in the flight violating our club safety rules and therefore violate our MAAC insurance. According to MAAC, you are not insured if you violate any club published rule. Therefore, providing there is no objection from other cleared pilots at the field, student flying sometimes does occur on Sunday morning.

The motion proposes that:

“The safety rules be amended to say that on Sunday mornings until 2:00pm, cleared pilots have priority use of the field and student flying is discouraged, instead of being prohibited until 3:00pm.”

We will vote on this motion at the May meeting. **If you feel strongly about this issue, make sure you voice your opinion and vote at the May meeting. If you cannot attend and wish to vote for or against the motion – you may e-mail or mail your proxy vote to one of the club executive.**

Motion to build Sun Shelter will be voted on May 7th.

David Plank has researched and designed a shelter and has estimated the costs involved. Garry Del Bel Belluz has been in contact with the city and has received verbal approval that we will be allowed to build a sun shelter at the field. The plan is to have the shelter to the east of the frequency board facing the flight line between the two small trees replacing the hedge. The following picture was made using computer editing so you can get an idea of what it would look like.



There has been considerable discussion about the idea of a shelter and there are strong views on both sides. I can tell you that the executive is split on the issue but we will put it to a vote at the meeting and we will abide by the results of the vote. We will vote on this motion at the May 7th meeting.

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Shelter Costs

Costs for the shelter have been estimated in the table below. Based on the estimate we are asking the membership if they wish to approve the shelter project at a maximum cost to the club of \$2000.

Please call Dave Plank if you can help. There are a lot of members who have skills, equipment and materials. **If you can help, we are certain to be able to bring the cost down considerably.** However, in the event that we need to purchase everything, we are confident that we can stay within the budget of \$2000.

Description	Unit Cost	Units	Total
4" X 4" X 6'	\$6.00	2	\$12.00
4" X 4" X 16'	\$18.00	8	\$144.00
2" X 6" X 8'	\$5.38	4	\$21.52
2" X 6" X 10'	\$6.90	24	\$165.60
2" X 6" X 12'	\$7.62	28	\$213.36
2" X 6" X 16'	\$11.27	17	\$191.59
2" X 8" X 8'	\$6.78	2	\$13.56
2" X 8" X 10'			\$0.00
2" X 8" X 12'	\$10.17	16	\$162.72
2" X 8" X 14'	\$11.75	2	\$23.50
4' X 8' X 5/8"	\$25.67	12	\$308.04
Shingles	\$0.43	344	\$147.92
Tar paper	\$17.47	1	\$17.47
Sonotubes - 6" X 8'	\$6.27	4	\$25.08
Cement - 2 per post	\$3.37	16	\$53.92
Power Auger rental	\$60.00	1	\$60.00
Generator Rental	\$46.00	1	\$46.00
Nails & bolts	\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Fireproofing	\$150.00	1	\$150.00
Total Estimated Cost			\$1,806.28

The motion proposes that:

“A shelter be built this spring as proposed above for a maximum budgeted cost of \$2000.00”

Membership Update – Renewals

If you have not renewed yet, this is the **last newsletter** you will receive!!! The spring membership list will now be updated and all delinquent members will be dropped from the list. That means you won't hear about our summer program and fun fly unless you renew! Don't delay. **DO IT NOW!** The final 2002 membership list will be sent out in the summer newsletter with the Fun Fly notice. **There will NOT be a June newsletter.**



Safety Talk – by Dave Whitton

A number of years ago I attended a training seminar and was presented with the following mechanism supposedly useful



as a way of quantifying people. It actually is useful in explaining the process of skill development through to the point of mastery. Wrapped in the guise of RC flying we can find a reasonably good way of illustrating pilot competence in relation to a skill set. In a gentle way it can give us a

sense of where we think we fit in and give us some awareness of others levels of abilities and skills when we share the air with them. As they say, "knowledge is a good thing". Competence in this case equals skill and mastery.

Consider that there are four basic categories that you as a pilot can be placed in. Have a read and see where you fit?

1) Consciously Incompetent

- the new student (self explanatory)
- actually it means you don't have any skill whatsoever and you know it.

2) Unconsciously Incompetent

- because you have passed the test you think you have more skill than you really do. Your true lack of experience is unknown to you. You can take off, land and burn holes in the sky - you mean there is more?
- the recently graduated pilot.
- mechanical flying
- few self imposed limits
- undisciplined flying
- not enough experience to stay out of trouble
- handles simple emergencies but survives more by luck than skill (if survives at all)
- very limited technical repertoire
- rudimentary spatial awareness

3) Consciously Competent

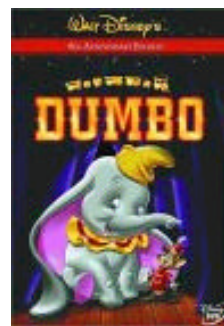
- flying demonstrates consistency
- has developed personal limits and displays self-discipline
- makes fewer technical mistakes in the air
- can handle most emergency situations
- flying is somewhat mechanical but transitioning
- is developing and mastering a technical repertoire
- Is starting to make the transition from that of consciously flying the airplane with the hands to that of flying by feel
- has a moderate sense of spatial awareness and control of same

4) Unconsciously Competent

- makes few technical errors.
- handles emergencies
- flies mostly by thinking the airplane and not the hands through the moves
- has an advanced sense of spatial awareness
- a developed repertoire
- structures flying either consciously or unconsciously

Most of us will fit into one of these categories with the exception of a very few who have been able to push beyond and develop a truly high level of technical and imaginative expertise and mastery. Those people we call "Masters" and for good reason (just think Tiger Woods).

So, what does all this have to do with Safety? In short, the most dangerous person on the field is... the newly minted pilot. Like any adolescent, they can get it up, they can play with it, if they're lucky they won't break it and they can get it back down in one piece ready for the next round. At the same time, they really don't know what to do with it and are desperate to find out. We're talking airplanes here folks! Only time, experience and hopefully a little guidance from that much older babysitter from down the street can ease this terrible burden and frustration.



**Don't be a Dumbo!
Fly Safely!**

As you know, our club members are very generous when it comes to helping out. If you ever find yourself on the flight line and in trouble just give a yell and see how many people come running. If you are one of our less experienced pilots and are having trouble getting that landing lined up properly, don't be surprised if someone shows up at your elbow to help guide you safely back to earth.

As this is the last article of the season, I'll leave you with the following thought.

Care, Courtesy, and Common Sense on the field and in the air are the best safety and flying skills you can bring to the field. Sadly, it is proven true that common sense isn't innate, it is taught.

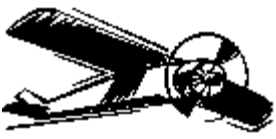
Enjoy the season. ... Dave Whitton

Treasurer's Message – Mark Painter

It has been my pleasure to serve as club treasurer for the past 3 years but my increasingly heavy workload, will make it impossible for me to continue to be effective in this capacity. Therefore, we are looking for someone to step forward who would be willing to take on the duties of treasurer, effective with the resumption of meetings in the fall (September / October). Duties include receipt and deposit of membership dues, mailing out of member cards, payment of bills principally for the grass and toilet, and preparing a brief financial report twice a year. Please submit your interest to me, to Tom Gottlieb, President.



... Mark



The Club Thanks Northwood Center Staff

The club wishes to thank the evening maintenance staff at Northwood Community Center. We try to tidy up the meeting rooms when we're done however the coffee, cookies and leaky airplanes can leave a trail. We appreciate all the assistance from Dante Raising, Ben Hillier and Clem Horan at our Tuesday meetings. Their help and co-operation was especially appreciated during the SPAD building workshop that was held this winter.

Field Services Started



The grass cutting service was started on May 20th. Please report any problems or concerns to Mario Derosa, Field Officer.

The toilet service will start May 1st.

HVRC Combat Club Tournament Sunday May 12th 1:00pm

That special breed of new combat flyers has started practicing this exciting mode of flying. John Homes and David Plank spent some time last week chasing each other around the sky as a preamble to real combat flying. David reports that it was great fun, and he found it fairly easier than he expected to keep the opponent's plan in sight.

An inaugural mini combat tournament event will be held on Sunday May 12th starting at 1:00pm, as an alternate if the weather is bad. John is reviewing the American combat rules,



and coming up with a simplified version for us to use as an introductory set of rules.

Once we get the hang of it, then we can decide if we want to add in all the stringent engine start and timing rules the Americans use.

Each pilot requires a "spotter"... someone that stands beside them, and can direct them to the enemy and help avoid midair collisions, as well as warning the pilot of any out of bounds flying. Each pilot will be responsible for arranging his own spotter.

John will have more information on the basic combat rules at the May meeting, but in the meantime, pilots with SPAD combat planes should try to finish them as soon as possible. Either way, all pilots, students, guests and future hopeful combat participants are encouraged to come to the field on Sunday to witness the carnage!

NOTE TO REGULAR PILOTS: Combat flights last only 10-15 minutes so there will still be airtime for regular flying. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Possible Free Money for Humber Valley!

It may be possible for the club to receive money from the Trillium foundation for a capital development grant to offset the costs of the shelter or even possible some of the field improvements and repairs.



They allow a maximum of \$75,000 per year for 5 years!!! Obviously we don't need anything like that, so we are hopeful they will be willing to help us with our comparatively meager needs.

David Plank has the application information and is working with Mark Painter, Treasurer to detail some of our annual costs and any equity we have, as well as the budget for any projects we are looking to have funded. David is exploring the possibilities and will report to the club on the results. This could be a great benefit to Humber Valley!

Vice President's Message – Gary Plank

On Monday, April 22nd I met with Jim Wakelin, Supervisor with Parks Department. at the field. Bob Cunningham from the maintenance department accompanied us on the site inspection. I had previously sent Jim a letter outlining the club's needs and wishes a few weeks earlier. He has agreed to assist us by providing the following:

- 10 yards of triple mix for field repair to be delivered before May 11
- 10 yards of crushed gravel for the pit area to be delivered before May 11
- Garbage pick-up after field clean-up day from parking area, bag small waste, pile large waste (after May 11)
- Parking lot re-surfacing with fresh limestone and graded (date to be set)
- Road potholes and muddy sections filled in and graded (date to be set)
- Damaged gate hinges and hardware have been replaced / repaired

Bob has walked the western perimeter of Thackery Park. He found one gap in the fence and closed it off. He plans to inspect the northeast opening in the fence soon. That should discourage of the motorized vehicles. Even though the snow and wind kept our meeting time to a minimum, it was a pleasure to meet with Jim and Bob to discuss field issues. Jim commented on how close he lives to the 400 club north of Toronto. We'll have to heighten his interest in model airplanes with a few flying lessons some day!

The club wishes to thank the Parks Department for their continued support and co-operation and allowing us the use of the field.

...Garry

The Last Word –Tom Gottlieb

That's it for the winter season. Now it's time to get out to the field and fly! Don't forget to charge your batteries overnight and watch for the summer newsletter. Have a great summer and remember....

"Do or do not... There is no try."

... Yoda to Luke Skywalker