

The Humber Valley Flyer

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Next Meeting is Tues December 4th at the Northwood Center @ 7:30pm

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://hvrcflyer.tripod.com if you need a map and feel free to bring a friend.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Dec 4 th	Member Renewal Meeting – renew your membership and you could win a 4 channel radio system – WOW! Surprise Speaker to be Announced
Jan 8 th	January Winter MeetingMember Survey Results
Feb 5 th	 February Winter Meeting Humber's 1st Winter Dream Engine Raffle being planned
Feb 9 th	Humber Valley Frozen Finger Fun Fly!
Mar 5 th	March Winter Meeting
Mar 12 th	Ground school class on Building and Equipment Installations!
Apr 2 nd	 April Winter Meeting 2nd Winter Dream Raffle Planned
Apr 9 th	Ground School Class on Field Safety and Etiquette – mandatory for new members and students.
May 7 th	Final Winter MeetingBeauty Contest.

2002 Membership Renewals and Survey

You will find enclosed the 2002 membership renewal form. If you bring it to the December meeting and renew prior to or at



the meeting you will be eligible to win this **Futaba Skysport 4 channel radio system**. What a deal! On the back of the renewal form, you must complete a member survey questionnaire to be eligible to enter the Futaba Radio Draw. This is your chance to tell us how you feel about club events. Please take a

few moments to fill it out with your renewal. Write your name on the draw ticket on the top right corner of the form and we will enter your name for the draw. This prize is sponsored by Hobby Hobby who helps the club with discounts for event prizes! Thanks Hobby Hobby!

If you can't make it to the meeting, you can still qualify for the draw if you get your renewal payment in before the Dec 4th meeting. All paying members renewing at or prior to the meeting will be entered into the draw. If you can't make the meeting, send your renewal and cheque to the address shown on the form.

November 6th Meeting Report

We held a very successful and well-attended meeting. Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Patricia Jones-Bowman had to cancel at the last minute due to personal schedule conflicts. The good news is that if you were unable to attend this meeting, you may have a second chance to hear Patricia speak and present her unique Ornithopter design. We are attempting to re-schedule this interesting topic and Patricia says her model will be much further along in a couple of months.

At the last minute our own newly elected Vice President, David Plank agreed to present his "Home Depot" airplane. This is an example of a S.P.A.D. a Simple Plastic Airplane Design. There is a whole world out there of these cheap good looking planes made out of household hardware parts that are readily available at incredibly cheap prices. You can build an entire plane for \$40.00 in parts. See David's message below.

Vice President's Message

My name is David Plank, and I am one of the two new vice presidents along with Gary Del Bel Belluz.

At the November meeting I gave a short presentation on the subject of SPADs (Simple Plastic Airplane Designs). For those who were not able to attend the meeting, SPADs are super quick building, super cheap RC plane designs made of corrugated plastic (coroplast) and PVC downspout.

SPADs make excellent low cost trainers, but more importantly, they make excellent combat planes. You can check out a wide variety of SPADs, with full plans and building instructions, at www.spadtothebone.com. There is so much interest in SPADS that this web site gets almost 50,000

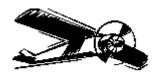


visitors each year for the last 2 years! At the November meeting, there were at least four or five members interested in **RC combat** for the spring, as well as good general interest in SPADs. If there is enough interest, I will run a SPAD building workshop some evening in January or February. The workshop fee

would be approximately \$40, and all the materials needed to build your own SPAD would be supplied. Short of radio and engine installation, one evening is more than enough time to completely build one of these ingenious and simple designs.

Tom Gottlieb has advised me that the club will subsidize half the cost of the building materials for the first 5 members to sign up, on the condition that they use their best efforts to learn to fly combat and perform a demonstration combat event at next year's summer Fun Fly. What a deal! Build your own plane for 20 bucks!

If you are interested in participating in this SPAD workshop, please let me know at dplank@sympatico.ca, (416) 763 0082, or talk to me at the December meeting.



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Dave Whitton Speaks out on Safety

Consider the following: It's a busy day, there are 4 planes in the air, and someone brings a 5th onto the field and yells "taking off". On second thought, lets talk about something else

One guy is standing on a flying stone working his plane through its moves, when someone on the next stone over starts up and begins to tune a noisy 46 in preparation for a flight. Not illegal, just annoying as hell, and really distracting. Lets not talk about that one either, at least not today.

Try this. One guy is standing on a stone flying around at a reasonable altitude, and the guy down the way starts to work



on his low-level technique. The low-level plane makes a close to the line very low pass and startles the first flyer. Not that the low plane is doing anything wrong, or illegal for that matter, it just startles the other pilot because it suddenly appears in his eye line and sounds "real close" as it goes over. This one we talk about.

Shared airspace demands of us a different and broader set of perceptions than those we normally use when flying alone. It is essential that we not only extend our levels of situational awareness beyond the boundaries we normally employ when flying, but that we also modify our flying to reduce the chance of accident.

During our wings training it is heavily emphasized that we never look away from the plane. Some of us have done so and paid the consequence. So how do we keep track of everyone else in the air? Start by doing a lot more listening. You will be surprised at just how much information your ears give you. You can, to a certain extent, tell where other planes are, as well as how fast they are going and which way they are headed. In any case, careful listening is a valuable asset and another good reason to tune your plane up in the pit and not at the flight line. Screaming engines at the flight line are a major noise distraction and therefore a safety hazard to flying pilots.

Other than keeping our ears open to everything else going on around us, we must also make a point of adjusting our flying style so as not to put ourselves or others at risk. The chosen few of us that have had mid-air collisions, know for a fact, that we honestly couldn't see the other plane coming until the accident was a done deal. So, other than heightened listening on our part, we expect other pilots to keep things on an even keel and not go zooming around erratically. Save your amazing flying for an empty sky. Keep your plane within the boundaries of the field's circuit, and make sure you can perform and exit any "cool" moves in clear airspace.

One final thing, the club does have a policy that requires you to replace anyone's airplane that is lost or damaged as a result of your erratic flying.

... Dave Whitton

Cleared Pilots

Congratulations to the following students who received their wings last month.

Brian Millar	
Jamie Christie	

For Sale or Wanted

Goldberg Super Chipmonk, 60 size, 64" wing w/2 high-speed aileron servos installed. Just add engine and radio. Excellent condition, flies great, double clunk system installed, Mario Derosa (416) 663 7271. \$325. Make an offer!

Great Deal: SIG Extra 300XS ARF, ¼scale, 73 5/8" wing, all scale hinges added, completely built, just add your radio and engine. \$500, Mario Derosa (416) 663 7271. Let's make a deal!

Moki 1.35 engine matches the above Extra or will sell separately. Includes free 16X10 prop. \$350, Mario Derosa (416) 663 7271.

Half constructed Goldberg Super Chipmunk for 60 size or 90 4stroke, 64" wingspan, with added fiberglass cowling (worth \$35). Steal it from me for \$125. Dave Edwards (416) 769-5243

Laser200, mid wing sports plane ready for your engine and radio. Fiber glass body. A real beauty, all covered and built, for 60 size or 90 4-stroke. Only \$150. Dave Edwards (416) 769-5243. Make an offer!

WW11 Bearcat scale, with matching brand new in box Magnum .015 engine, 32" wing span, beautifully built and test flown, Can take 5 channel aileron and flaps! What a deal \$150, including engine. Dave Edwards (416) 769-5243. or email DEdwards@Edbro.ca.

Wanted: Any good reliable used, new or nearly new, name brand 40 or 46 size engine for a reasonable price. Call Tom Gottlieb 416-781-3189.

The Final Word - President's Message

I just wanted to say thanks to all the hard work of Wally Jaremko, Richard Barlow, and Miki Sasvari who have retired from the club executive after many years of dedication and service. At the same time I am pleased to present to you the new executive below. It was my idea to elect two vice presidents this year, in order to share the load and help me out if and when I am out of town on business and unable to attend meetings or events. Thanks to David Plank and Gary Del Bel Belluz who have stepped up to the task and have already shown their willingness to help and lead the club with me going forward. Thanks also to Eric Siegele who is already the glue that holds the student instruction program together and has agreed to take on the position of Chief Instructor.

I understand there was not a lot of opposition to my election as president at the last meeting. For any of you out there who are still undecided, I'll do my best to live up to your expectations and organize a great 2002 flying season with the help of the fine individuals listed below.

...Tom Gottlieb

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