



Last Winter Meeting May 2nd

The last club meeting is on May 2nd at 7:30pm. 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 Center is straight ahead on the left.

Beauty Contest May 2nd

The long awaited Beauty Contest is finally here! See the Contest Categories below. Please bring in your planes to show off your skills and win some cash. **Total Prize Value: \$180.00**

- Electrics Best in show (1 prize) \$30
- ARFs..... Best in show (1 prize) \$30
- Sport..... 3 prizes \$30, \$20, \$10
- Scale 3 prizes \$30, \$20, \$10

Field Repair & Cleanup Day - Sat May 5th

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.

WE NEED YOU! PLEASE COME on Sat May 5th from 10:00am to 1:00pm TO HELP WITH FIELD REPAIR. PLEASE BRING...

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 2 nd	Club Meeting: Computer Radio Raffle and Beauty Contest
May 5 th	Field Repair and Clean Up Day

First Aid Box - Combination Lock



We have placed a new combination lock on the First Aid Box. The combination is Right 29, Left around once 56, Right 37. That's 29-56-37.

The combination has been written on the underside of the box. For your protection, we suggest you write the combination on the back of your membership card.

Renew Your Membership

Haven't yet renewed? Too bad, you won't be hearing from us again after this newsletter.

\$425.00 Computer Radio Raffle – May 2nd

This is your last chance to buy tickets for the **Futaba (T6XAS with 4 servos) Computer Radio Raffle worth \$425.00** (tax included) at the May 2nd meeting. Send in your tickets or buy them at the May meeting. **NOTE:** These raffles are strictly for the benefit and enjoyment of paid-up club members. If you don't renew your membership – you can't win. Take advantage of this opportunity and buy lots of tickets. You are only competing with about 100 members in this draw. If about half the members buy the same number of tickets you have about a 1 in 20 chance of winning one of the 3 prizes!! Don't waste your money on Lottario with a 1 in a million chance of winning. **Don't delay. Buy early. Buy often to win!**



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Here's the deal and all the rules.

- 1) Raffle tickets will be sold at the April and May meetings.
- 2) The raffle will be drawn at the end of the May meeting.
- 3) You must have renewed your membership to qualify for the draw.
- 4) Write your name on each ticket purchased and enter it into a sealed box.
- 5) You may buy tickets at either the April or May meeting.
- 6) Can't attend? No problem. Just mail your tickets and cheque to the address shown on the form.
- 7) You need not attend the May meeting to win. If your name is drawn and you are not in attendance, you will be called to collect your prize.
- 8) **There will be 3 prizes and they are:**
 - 1st Prize: **Futaba 6XAS (4 servos)**
 - 2nd Prize: **Great Planes CG Machine**
 - 3rd Prize: **One Gallon 10% fuel**



- 9) Tickets prices:
 - \$2.00 each or
 - \$5.00 for 3 tickets
 - \$10.00 for 7 tickets

NOTE: Prizes for draws have been sponsored by Tom Bakonyi at Hobby Hobby who discounts club purchases so that the club saves money. Please show your appreciation and visit Hobby Hobby for your RC needs.

New Gate Keys Issued

As previously announced, the city has now changed the lock at the field. The new lock and chain is much stronger than the old one. Everyone should now have the new key. If you need one, please call Mark Painter.





Helicopter Rule Change Proposed

There was considerable discussion at the April meeting about the wording of the motion

so it was tabled until the May meeting in order to tighten the wording and make it clearer. Therefore, we now propose the following motion.

Change the safety rule from: ***“Operation of R/C Cars or Helicopters is prohibited.”*** To ***“Operation of R/C cars is prohibited. Priority will be given to fixed wing flyers. Helicopter flying will be permitted only with the unanimous consent of all members present at the field at any given time. The operation of any helicopter, or its engine, is prohibited while any fixed wing flying is taking place.”***

A vote will be taken at the May 2nd meeting to pass or defeat this motion.

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". Dave Edwards reported cycling his packs and found out that his older radio packs now had serious cell problems - full cell voltages but some cells with no material capacity and cycling could not restore capacity.
- 2) All hinges tight.
- 3) All servo control horns tight.
- 4) All engine mounts, head screws, plug, prop nut, carburetor mounts tight.
- 5) All wheel collars tight.
- 6) All "plumbing" fuel hoses in good condition.
- 7) 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.

April 4th Meeting – Internet Demo Success

Ivan Kristensen unfortunately was unable to make it to the April 4th meeting. Instead, Tom Gottlieb provided a demonstration of RC on the Internet. He was able to get a telephone line from the next door office and with a 50' extension cord was able to set up the demo in the meeting room. With a large screen projector, everyone was able to see while we "surfed the Net". We visited the Humber Valley web site as well as rconline.com, rcyellowpages.com, e-bay.com and a few others. Everyone seemed to find the demo informative and fun.

Frequency Board Repair Completed

The frequency board has been re-printed, laminated and repaired. It looks good and should last longer than the previous one. No excuse now! Get out flying!

A Tribute to HVRCF Member Alec Burns

The face of Aeromodelling has changed. Today, the emphasis is on flying, and the majority of that is radio controlled. We can buy ready built aircraft, ARFs and highly prefabricated kits. A few stalwarts build from plans, but even for them, most components are available as bolt-on or glue-in accessories. It was not always thus.

Fifty years ago, there were kits, but you cut out the parts yourself. If you wanted control horns or engine mounts, you usually made them yourself. For the most part, we bought balsa, wire, tissue and dope and got to work. Building was just as important as flying, or even more so.

There are a few people in the club who can claim to have been building and flying model aircraft for over fifty years. Often these are the quiet elder members of the club who say little but have a vast store of aeromodelling knowledge. Such a man is Alec Burns.

A couple of weeks ago, while looking through back issues of old magazines looking for a plan, I came across the August 1953 issue of "The Aeromodeller". As I turned the pages, I was interested to see a typical free-flight power model of the day. As I admired the plan, I noticed that it was designed by Alec Burns of Mimico. A call to his wife verified that she was the one holding the plane in the photos. Alec had, as announced, married her. A copy of the original 1953 article is attached.

How many of our members have had a design published in an international magazine? Not many I would believe. To Alec, congratulations on a long and successful life as a modeller.

.... Written by Richard Barlow

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