

# The Humber Valley Flyer



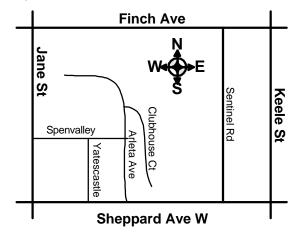
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## **NOTICE: MEETINGS CHANGED** TO 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH!

## Next Meeting is Tues November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Northwood Center @ 7:30pm

There was a very favorable reaction to moving the winter meetings to Tuesdays so we are laying in the schedule of speakers and events for future meetings. Watch the Flyer for news of upcoming events.

The next meeting is Tuesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to bring a friend or quest. 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.



### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Nov 2,3,4	Visit the Hobby Show at the international Center
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting: Ornithopters 2002 Executive Elections
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Member Renewal Meeting – renew your membership and you could win a 4 channel radio system – WOW!
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	January Winter Meeting Member Survey Results
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	February Winter Meeting Humber's Dream Engine Raffle being planned
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Humber Valley Frozen Finger Fun Fly!

#### RC Items Wanted or For Sale?

E-mail, mail or call Tom Gottlieb for postings of items "Wanted" or "For Sale" to appear in future editions of the Flyer. These were very successful last year.

## **November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Anouncement Ornithopters** Patricia Jones-Bowman

And now for something completely different... In case you didn't know, an Ornithopter is a flapping wing aircraft and we



have a local expert coming to Humber Valley to show us her new design and RC model construction in process. Our guest speaker is Patricia Jones-Bowman who is determined to be the designer of the first successful powered Ornithopter, capable of

sustained controlled flight. Many have tried before and failed.

Patricia started flying private aircraft at the age of 16. Now a successful commercial pilot, flight instructor and builder, she recently became interested in flapping wing flight and volunteered as the test pilot for the University of Toronto Ornithopter Project. After several flights and a near disastrous crash, she became convinced that the U of T design was unstable and set out to design her own. She is now in the middle of a project to build an 8 foot RC scale model which will be the prototype for a 44 foot wingspan full size aircraft.

Patricia will tell us of her experiences on the U of T project team and the challenges she faces with her own design. She also wants to meet our members for tips on good RC building techniques. You can see an animated video of Patricia's Ornithopter in flight at her web site at www.ornithopterpilot.com. Don't miss this Humber Valley event on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Elections to be held at Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We will to elect the following positions for 2002.

- President
- Vice President
- Contest Director
- Program Director Dave Edwards nominated
- Chief Instructor

## Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Report – Jets & Turbines

Ed Miedzybrocki and Kevin McLeod provided an excellent presentation on jets and turbines and brought in a pile of equipment and some great models. This was a very informative talk and was well received by the membership. Ed and Kevin were awarded free honorary 2002 club memberships for the outstanding work. We might even see some jet flying at Humber next summer!



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## **Dave Whitton Speaks out on Safety**

Over the winter months I will write a short column in the Flyer concerning safety issues as they relate to us at Humber.

I saw many faces that I didn't recognize on the field this summer. Not surprising considering the high member turnover rate at RC clubs such as ours. A yearly change of 25% is not uncommon. I also saw a lot of flying that I didn't like. This became a concern to me and other long time members, as a lack of awareness of club flying etiquette and safety rules was displayed more than once. This isn't any ones fault per se, merely a realization that it is once again time to put the rules and general policies on the table so that everyone was on the same page.

Over the years, our rules have been debated, developed, and massaged into pretty good shape. We have 'wot works for us'. Thankfully, we have had the common sense not to overburden ourselves with rules and practices that make our flying experience overly restricted or oppressive. There is on the other hand, a need to make sure that the rules we do have, are well known and adhered to by the membership.

Perhaps the most important rule we have at Humber is the one that restricts us from flying north of the railway tracks. It cannot be emphasized enough just how important it is to stay south of the tracks. Many members don't realize that the 407 highway is about as far north of the tracks, as our flight line is to the south. We have enough room to make a



recovery and a cushion if we get in trouble, but we don't have much more than that. Under no circumstances should a plane on the north leg of a circuit make a turn to the outside (north). New flyers to the field (or to the hobby) might not realize that beyond 100 meters or so, your depth

perception dissipates dramatically. It is almost impossible to tell how far your plane is away from you, certainly this is the case when you have a mile of altitude and no horizon reference. In our case we have some advantage because the raised embankment gives us a reference from which to judge. Even so, it would be wise to bring the north leg of your circuit in a little closer.

For those not aware of the implications of an accident north of the tracks, just imagine what would happen if one of our planes crashed into a car on the 407. The potential for serious injury and death is no joke. Such an accident would cost us the use of the field virtually overnight. Please govern yourself accordingly at the field and keep safety first in your mind while flying.

... Dave Whitton

#### **Humber Valley's Dream Engine Raffle**

You want to win this engine don't you? It's coming soon to your club. Watch the Flyer for details.



### Are you Flying on Borrowed Time?

Check this chart to determine the age of your Sanyo battery pack based on the date of manufacture code printed on the pack. If your batteries are more than 3 years old, make sure they are good by testing with a cycler. Don't ever use a battery pack that is more than 5 years old.

Year	Year	Month	Month
P = 1985	X = 1993	A = Jan	G = Jul
Q = 1986	Y = 1994	B = Feb	H = Aug
R = 1987	Z = 1995	C = Mar	I = Sep
S = 1988	A = 1996	D = Apr	J = Oct
T = 1989	B = 1997	E = May	K = Nov
U = 1990	C = 1998	F = Jun	L = Dec
V = 1991	D = 1999		
W = 1992	E = 2000		

### **Cleared Pilots**

Congratulations to the following students who received their wings this season. If you have cleared and we don't have your name, please contact Tom Gottlieb.

Andrew Perry	
Guiliano Mior	
Jon Holmes	
Tibor Szekszardi	

## The Hobby Show

Don't forget to attend the Hobby Show at the International



Center this year. for a look at all the latest in RC. NOTE: We are not hosting a booth at the show his year. Visit the hobby show web site at <a href="https://www.thehobbyshow.com">www.thehobbyshow.com</a>

#### Show hours are:

Friday November 2, 12PM to 9PM Saturday November 3, 10AM to 9PM Sunday November 4, 10AM to 6PM

Admission Fees: Adults - \$10.00

Seniors & Kids 6 to 12 - \$5.00

### 2002 Membership Renewal & Survey

You will receive your 2001 membership renewal form with the December issue of the flyer. If you bring it to the December meeting and renew prior to or at the meeting you will be eligible to win a 4-channel radio system. What a deal! On the back of the renewal form, you will be asked to complete a member survey questionnaire. 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.

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