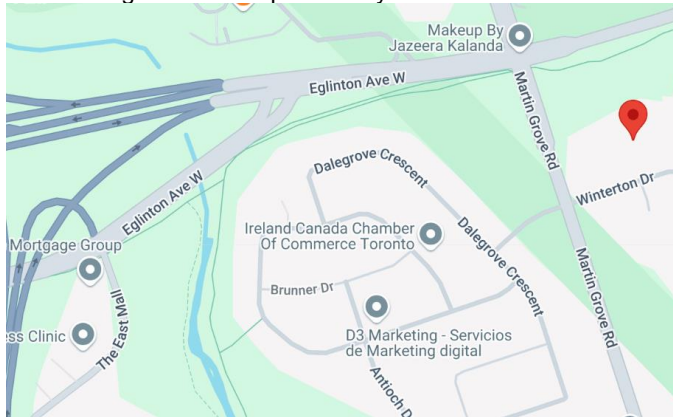




Humber Valley Winter Meeting Thurs Feb 20th 2025 @ 7:30pm Martingrove Collegiate Institute 50 Winterton Dr, Etobicoke, ON, M9B 3G7, Room 112



We have secured a new winter meeting location for 2025 at Martingrove Collegiate Institute. This was arranged by Chief Instructor, **Randall Thomas**, who coaches the school's robotics team. The collegiate is at Martin Grove Road and Eglinton Ave, just east of the 427. The meeting **Room 112** is just to the right as you enter the building. Feel free to bring a friend. Hope to see you there!



Thursday February 20th, 2025 @ 7:30pm

It is important that you attend the Feb 20th meeting because this is the club's Annual General Meeting.

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following agenda is planned for this meeting:

1. Announcements and attendance and count of 2025 members needed for a quorum
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of 2024 AGM minutes
4. Annual general business meeting reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Field Officer's Report
 - d. Program Director's Report
 - e. Chief Flying Instructor/Safety Officer Report
5. Executive Elections – Nominations and Voting
6. Other Business

Any member may still run for an executive position. If you wish to run or nominate a member for any executive position, please contact **Bruce Gillespie**, Treasurer.

Zoltan Pittner is stepping down from the position of President after steering us through some very difficult times over the last three years! We really appreciate all that he has done for the club. Thank you very much Zoltan! The following is a list of members who are currently running for re-election for each position.

- President Open for nominations
- Vice President Paul McMillan, nominated, running
- Treasurer Bruce Gillespie, nominated, running
- Secretary Gaetano Nicolo, nominated, running
- Field Officer..... Paul Mazzotta, nominated, running
- Program Director ... Tom Gottlieb, nominated, running
- Chief Instructor..... Randall Thomas, appointed & Safety Officer

Call for Proxies for the AGM

Our constitution requires a quorum of at least 25% of Open Members in order to hold an official AGM, pass the budget for 2025 and conduct executive elections. Therefore in case of insufficient attendance the night of the AGM, we are asking that if you do NOT plan on attending the AGM, please send your proxy to any member attending who you trust to vote for you. Our constitution allows proxies to be sent by email, fax or letter. If you wish, you may select one of the following to vote for you by sending the email text below to either:

- Tom Gottlieb (tgott@sympatico.ca) or
- Zoltan Pittner (zoltan@ngctech.com) or
- Paul McMillan (rpmcmillan@sympatico.ca).

Simply send an email with the following:

Subject: Proxy for Humber Valley AGM Feb 20th, 2025

This will allow <enter name of the person you choose as your proxy> to vote on my behalf on all matters at the Humber Valley Radio Control Flyers Annual General Meeting to be held Thursday February 20th, 2025 at Martingrove Collegiate Institute, Etobicoke, Ontario.

<type your name>

REMINDER! Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly! 10:00am Sat Feb 22nd

Fabulous, Famous, Freaking, Fantastic, Farcical, Frigid, Family Friendly, Fiery, Formidable, Ferocious, February Frozen Finger Full Force Fun Fly Free Food Fest Frenzy... (FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF) ...whew!!

This Year's FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF should be memorable since we are expecting 10 to 15cm of snow on Thursday evening. So there will be lots of snow to play in on Saturday morning. Don't let that stop you from coming out. You can always hand launch, use floats or better still strap on or make up a set of skis for the event. Tom's Aeroworks is chomping at the bit to fly.



Tom's Aeroworks profile plane is ready for snow!



New Year's Day Fun Fly – REPORT

Our traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly was held on Wednesday Jan 1st and there was certainly a pent-up demand for members to see each other again and come out to the field. It was cold but not too windy for a few brave flyers who took to the air to celebrate 2025! Tom served up some hot chocolate which everyone seemed to enjoy as we huddled around the storage container trying to keep each other warm while we dreamed of spring. Here is the photo to prove who showed up. Who needs AI when we have new member **Ralph Von Eppinghoven**? He photo-shopped Fardad into the pic (it was Fardad who took the picture).



Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2025

Thu Feb 20th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martingrove Collegiate Institute - Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Executive Elections for 2025 - Speaker: Andrew Sliwa - Discussion: Why do you love RC?
Sat Feb 22nd	Feb Frozen Finger Fun Fly - 10:00 am
Thu Mar 27th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate
Thu Apr 24th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate

Club Web Site Open for 2025 Renewals!

Just reminding you again that our web site is operating smoothly, and it is ready to collect 2025 membership applications and renewals. The process is completely online. Here is how to renew:



... to renew your membership today!

- 1) Go to the Club Info Tab and select "2025 Renewal Form"
- 2) Fill in the online form and click the button to request your renewal.
- 3) You will receive an email with instructions on how to pay your renewal fee using an Interac eTransfer or how to make other payment arrangements.
- 4) Submit your payment.

When your application is approved, you will receive an email with a link to print your own 2025 member card.

RENEW BEFORE the February 20th AGM to be eligible to vote for executive elections.

Clarification of the New 2025 Season Sub 250g Membership Policy

NOTE: The new Sub 250g membership category is **free** but **new** members still must pay the one-time \$50.00 joining fee. Existing members may renew as a Sub250g pilot for free. Sub 250g pilots may still make an optional voluntary donation to the club when they renew.

Even though you don't need an RPAS Certificate to fly a Sub 250g (mRPAS) model, new Sub 250g members must still pass a flight test before flying solo.

Feb 20th Speaker Announcement Andrew Sliwa: Tips for Advanced 3D Flying

If you were at the field at all last season, you would likely have seen Andrew perform amazing 3D stunts with his high performance electric fleet. If I didn't see it with my own eyes, I would have a hard time believing it is possible to make an airplane do the things he does. Don't miss Andrew's talk where he will reveal his set-up secrets and the technology he uses to perform the nearly impossible.



Consider this: Why do you love RC?

I think we can all agree that the last several years have been a real challenge for many members. The new Transport Canada regulations also make it more difficult for new modelers to get into the hobby and become successful flyers. So, with all these barriers to entry, what is it about RC makes us fight to keep our field open and continue RC operations? I have given this a lot of thought lately and have also read numerous articles about the impact of COVID on our general mental health and our need as human beings to interact with one another in person. This makes me believe that the enjoyment of RC is about much more than just flying model airplanes. I would like to conduct a survey in the coming months to evaluate what we love most about RC. How important to you are the following factors in your enjoyment of the hobby?

- Sport Flying
- Competition Flying
- Problem Solving
- Helping Others
- Social Interaction
- Aerobatic/3D Flying
- Building/Repairs/Maintenance
- Learning New Skills/ Maneuvers
- Making New Friends
- Getting out of the house

Please give this some thought and be ready to discuss it at the Feb 20th meeting. ... **Tom Gottlieb**, Editor

Your 2024 Club Executive

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- Past President and Editor, Tom Gottlieb..... (647) 642-8100
- Vice President, Paul McMillan..... (647) 618-8291
- Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie (416) 741-4385
- Secretary, Gaetano Nicolo..... (647) 987-0619
- Program Director, Vacant
- Field Officer, Paul Mazzotta..... (416) 578-4492
- Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494
- Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas (647) 545-5494