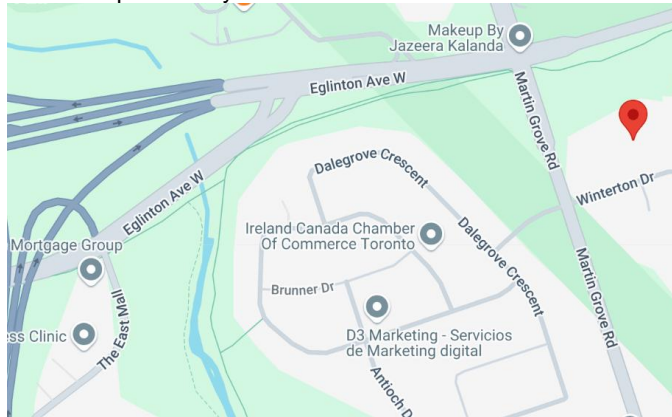




Humber Valley Winter Meeting Thurs March 27th 2025 @ 7:30pm Martingrove Collegiate Institute 50 Winterton Dr, Etobicoke, ON, M9B 3G7, Room 112



The next winter meeting will be at Martingrove Collegiate Institute. 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!



Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2025

Thu Mar 27 th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate • Mosquito Build Project • Show and Tell
Sun Apr 6 th	Aurora Model Club Swap Meet @ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thu Apr 24 th	Winter Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm Martin Grove Collegiate

Feb 20th Meeting Program Report

We had an excellent turnout for the February 20th meeting at our new location. The room was ideal with lots of space and good seating around tables. **Andrew Sliwa** brought in his very large 3D aerobot and generated a lot of interest showing how it was set up for 3D flying. He commented that with an airplane like this, in some ways the wings are not required other than to provide a surface to connect crazy big ailerons since most of the time the plane is flying on brute force engine power rather than traditional lift. This was received with considerable amazement and laughter. He showed us how he set up "Super Spoilers" and how extreme throws can put the airplane into controlled convulsions. Not for your everyday pilot but definitely fun to watch.



Members inspecting Andrew's airplane at the AGM.

Why do you love RC? A Survey...



In the February Flyer, I talked about the idea of conducting a survey to understand what it is about RC that we love so much. At the February meeting, I handed out a sample survey form and got 10 responses back. The preliminary results were very interesting and showed that some of the softer, more social aspects of the hobby were very important to our members. So we

plan to conduct a full online survey in the coming weeks to get a more complete picture of members' thoughts. If you were at the meeting and completed the test survey, please also complete the official on-line survey when you get it.

The survey will ask you what you love most about RC among the following factors.

- 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 when you receive the online survey. ... **Tom Gottlieb**, Editor

March 27th Meeting Program Announcement

Bruce Gillespie & Mike Gerace Giant Mosquito Build Project

Bruce Gillespie and **Mike Gerace** have been working together over the winter on an ambitious project to build a beautiful large scale de Havilland DH-98 Mosquito. She weighs in at 14 lbs and has a big span of 72". For Power, Bruce chose twin electric e flite Power 52 motors producing about 200watts per lb so there should be plenty pf power.

The de Havilland Mosquito was a British multi-role combat aircraft used during World War II, known for its wooden construction and high speed, earning it the nickname "Wooden Wonder." It served various roles, including as a bomber, night fighter, and reconnaissance aircraft, and was one of the fastest operational aircraft of its time.



Bruce will bring his big Mosquito (see pic below) to the March 27th meeting and talk about the build process and challenges.





2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Administrative Items:

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 20th, 2025 at Martingrove Collegiate Institute. The meeting was well attended with over 13 members present. President **Zoltan Pittner** called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. **Tom Gottlieb** announced that the current 2025 paid member count was 37 and that there were 21 members represented either in person at the meeting or by proxy. Therefore, we had 57% of the membership represented. According to our constitution, a quorum of 25% of the current paid up 2025 membership is required for the AGM. Therefore, the AGM was declared valid and could proceed.



Tom Gottlieb read the proposed agenda for the meeting. Dave Edwards moved to approve the agenda as presented and this was seconded by **Mark Willer** and carried. Secretary **Gaetano Nicolo** read the minutes of the 2024 AGM which were published in the April 2023 Flyer. **Ian Deakin** moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by **Vasyi Yarmamedov** and carried.

Executive Reports:

President **Zoltan Pittner** provided his assessment of the 2024 season choosing not to dwell on past challenges with MAAC and Transport Canada but instead to focus on the positive accomplishments of 2024 and the future of the club.

Given that we are in Controlled Class C airspace, we have done a remarkable job of complying with all government regulations and brought the field back to a very active flying site. This was achieved largely because of the efforts of our chief Flight Instructor **Randall Thomas**, who became the first Certified RPAS Flight Reviewer authorized by RPAS Wilco to be able to administer flight reviews for MAAC members at a greatly reduced cost.

We introduced a new Sub 250g membership category this year to help members fly while they work on passing their Advanced RPAS Exam and take their flight review.

Having stayed on for 3 years as President to help the club navigate through these challenging times, he confirmed that he is stepping down as President but will stay on as our Web Master and of course remains on the executive as Past President to help guide the club going forward.

Treasurer **Bruce Gillespie** presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024 and budget for the following fiscal year November 01, 2024 through October 31, 2025. Revenues were \$1,454.12 while expenses were \$3,671.96 resulting in a loss of \$2,217.84. This was expected since we automatically renewed 2023 members to 2024 at no charge due to the time it took to adapt to new Transport Canada CARS Part IX regulations. However, the club has ample assets of over \$24,000 and can easily absorb the planned loss for this year. The budget proposed for this year was presented which also projects a small loss depending on how many members renew in the spring.

Bruce commented that the upgrade of the charging station was completed last year Thanks in large part to **David Edwards** who sourced and installed new AGM (Acid Gell Mat) batteries

that are maintenance free going forward. Two 12-Volt and one 24-Volt charge modules can now each deliver 85 Amps.

Bruce reminded the membership that the Constitution allows the executive to spend budgeted items plus up to 10%. **Mark Willer** moved to approve the Financial Statements and Budget which was seconded by **Vasyi Yarmamedov** and carried.

Field Officer **Paul Mazzotta** described his goal to keep the field in excellent shape, his initiative in 2024 to reconfigure the pilot stations and fences and his plans in 2025 to attempt to level the parts of the field experiencing the worst undulations due to shifting ground. He also reminded us that the mower will need a major maintenance service this year.

Tom Gottlieb filled in as Program Director in 2024 and provided a brief statement confirming his commitment to keep our schedule of established Fun Flys and Swap Meets for 2025 which members look forward to each year.

Chief Flight Instructor **Randall Thomas** reported that instruction resumed last year but very few students showed up due to the new Transport Canada regulations. This should improve in 2025. However, he was busy conducting flight reviews for members and as a result the field was very busy this past summer. He confirmed the statement by Transport Canada confirming that an Advanced RPAS certificate holder using a buddy box to train a student in controlled airspace did not contravene CARS Part IX rules.

Elections:

- **Zoltan Pittner** stepped down as President and would therefore become Past President and remain on the executive committee.
- **Paul McMillan** gave up his position as Vice President and accepted the nomination for President.
- **Tom Gottlieb** accepted the nomination as Program Director which was previously vacant in 2024.
- **Paul Mazzotta** stood for re-election as Field Officer.
- **Bruce Gillespie** stood for re-election as Treasurer.
- **Gaetano Nicolo** stood for re-election as Secretary.

There were no other nominations for Vice President so that position is currently vacant. As there were no other members running for executive positions, **Randall Thomas** moved to acclaim the above candidates. **Tom Gottlieb** seconded the motion to acclaim which was then carried unanimously.

The executive reappointed **Randall Thomas** as Chief Flight Instructor and Safety Officer. Randall accepted the appointment.

Closing:

As there was no other business, **Bruce Gillespie** moved to close the AGM at 8:30pm which was seconded by **Randall Thomas** and carried.

Your ** NEW ** 2025 Club Executive

President, Paul McMillan..... (647) 618-8291
 Vice President, Vacant
 Past President, Zoltan Pittner..... (416) 823-0796
 Field Officer, Paul Mazzotta (416) 578-4492
 Treasurer & Membership, Bruce Gillespie..... (416) 741-4385
 Secretary, Gaetano Nicolo (647) 987-0619
 Program Director & Editor, Tom Gottlieb..... (647) 642-8100
 Chief Flight Instructor, Randall Thomas (647) 545-5494
 Chief Safety Officer, Randall Thomas..... (647) 545-5494



Student Instruction Starting This Spring

We are pleased to report that student instruction using a buddy box will be able to resume this spring. Based on recent discussions with Transport Canada, we received a written opinion stating that providing:

- The Instructor has his Advanced RPAS Certification
 - The Instruction is provided through a buddy box,
 - The Instructor can take control at any moment,
 - And all other CARS Part IX rules are followed,
- ... then instruction may proceed in controlled airspace.

Note: This means that students must still:

- Obtain an account with Transport Canada and register their airplane as a MAAC Model Airplane.

Note to Students:

Currently **Randall Thomas** is an RPAS Advanced Certified Pilot and so will be conducting instruction for students with Spektrum radios (or with your own buddy box). Make sure you connect with Randall on the Student WhatsApp group to confirm arrangements. Randall can connect you with other instructors as well.

About Buddy Boxes: We can get you cleared much faster if you come to the field with your own buddy box. The club has two DX5 Spektrum radios you can borrow to set up your own buddy box. If you come to the field with your own buddy box already working, you can fly with any instructor and get cleared much faster.

Show and Tell – A Humber Valley Tradition!



Bring an Object • Share Its Story

We always like to invite members to bring their projects to winter meetings to spice things up a bit and give the guys some eye candy to enjoy. We will open the floor to anyone who wants to show off their latest winter project. You can take 5 or 10 minutes and do your part to inspire others to get building!

Need help with your Advanced RPAS?

Contact **Randall Thomas** for any help you require in passing the Advanced RPAS exam and completing your flight review. We are here to help!



Another Swap Meet coming up in April...

905 Squadron R/C Club Presents

R/C SWAP 25th

RETURNING TO OUR LARGER LOCATION!

NEWMARKET RECREATION CENTER
200 DOUG DUNCAN DRIVE
NEWMARKET

Great deals on new and used R/C equipment! local R/C Vendors!
Raffle Prizes! Refreshments!

ADMISSION:
General: \$5
Youth 13-16: \$2
12 and under: Free
Vendor Tables: \$25

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10AM-2PM
(VENDOR SET-UP 8AM)

APRIL 6

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