

October 2018



WAYPOINTS

President's Message

Good day everyone,

First of all, thanks to John and the crew for completing our viewing benches project at Springbank. As you will see by the photos in John's newsletter entry, it looks great and is a good addition to the airport. Ralph, thanks for suggesting the idea.

Young Eagles day is fast approaching and as of 25 September we have around 35 registered for the event. Our next meeting date gives us a couple of days to make final preparations, we will firm up the details and procedures at the meeting. Besides our pilots, we will need 3-4 people on the ramp and 2-3 processing sign in and coordinating the paperwork. My thought is to limit the day to 5-6 flights for each pilot, and since we are expecting 7-8 pilots providing 10 seats or so, that would mean a cut off at around 60 registrations. We can discuss what to do about overflow (if that happens) at the meeting.

Thanks Clark for stepping up and filling the unexpected entertainment gap at our next meeting. See John's notes on Clark's presentation, it's a good teaser and should prove to be very entertaining. Hopefully we will have Dr. Melvill-Jones out to a later meeting.

Thinking ahead to our plans for November, the suggestion is to do a hangar visit. There have been a few additions and changes to the High River fleet that I think we would all enjoy checking out, so I would ask our members with an aircraft at High River to prepare a quick brief on their planes. We might be able to work in a BBQ as well.

As some of you know, I decided to downsize my mode of flight. The Mooney is basically down to a one person plane (me) and more than I really need right now, so it's up for sale. I've been intrigued with some of the new composite designs, particularly some of the European makes. A Flight Design CTSW came up for sale at High River and I am now the owner. I just completed a week long journey south of the border with it and I learned a lot about how they make these things work so efficiently.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

---- Doug

Vice-President's Message



Public Viewing Benches Installed at Springbank Airport

A long-planned project to install public viewing benches at the Springbank Airport finally came to fruition in September. This is a project idea raised by Ralph Inkster as something we could undertake with part of our B-17 commission funds to do something for Springbank as thanks for the support we received in hosting the visit of Aluminum Overcast in 2016.

On Saturday, September 8th, a crew consisting of Donavon Bentz, Vance Lucas, Carl Forman, Kent Barlow, Ralph Inkster and myself arrived in the parking lot just north of the Calgary Flying Club to get ready for the concrete pour. The Calgary Airport Authority had drilled holes for the bench concrete foundations the previous day. Last minute preparations for the forms and rebar installation were made, as well as partial assembly of the two benches so that they could be put in place during the concrete pour, as the bottoms of the legs must be imbedded in the concrete. Also, a form was made up to support the waste and recycling bin that the Calgary Airport Authority provided for the project. The concrete truck arrived shortly after 10 am, and all hands were kept busy getting concrete placed as quickly as possible. As we ended up slightly short, Vance made a quick trip to town for a few bags of Sakrete in order to finish things off.

After allowing the concrete to cure for a week or so, and then letting the weather warm up enough to make it bearable to work outside, I worked with the Airport Authority on September 21st to get the project finished off. Doug Black of the Authority brought over the bobcat to move some gravel over to bring up the ground level under the benches. The bench foundations were built at an elevation that would provide good sight lines over the fence for people enjoying the view. This necessitated raising the ground level about five inches so that the bench seats would be at a normal height above the grade.

The Airport Authority also brought over the above-mentioned waste and recycling receptacle, and yours truly completed the bench assembly and placement of the parking curbs. The final product looks great. Hopefully we still have some nice weather coming this fall to allow people to enjoy the installation. Thanks to the crew who came out on September 8th, and the Calgary Airport Authority for their part in getting this project done.

Entertainment Programme for October 4th Meeting

The plan for the October meeting entertainment had been to have Dr. Geoffrey Melvill-Jones come to give us another talk on his incredible experiences as a pilot and Aeromedical Officer with the RAF during the 1950's. Unfortunately, due to a medical issue he is unable to attend in October. In his stead, Clark Seaborn will be making a presentation on his trip earlier this year to New Zealand. As an introduction, Clark has sent me the following:



“Dear EAA 1410 friends

I am pleased to be able to present a programme to you which I call “AN AEROPLANE GEEK VISITS NEW ZEALAND”. In March/April this year the wife and I spent 5 weeks driving 9000 kilometers around the North and South islands of New Zealand. We didn't just visit wineries entirely, but also some aviation stuff- the shops restoring and making new DH Mosquitos and a few museums featuring dioramas of impeccably perfect First War replicas made in the shops of New Zealand's famous moviemaker, Sir Peter Jackson. The end of the trip was highlighted by a visit to New Zealand's famous airshow “Warbirds over Wanaka”.

The presentation will consist of a power point of 20 minutes duration, followed by a 57 minute professional DVD of the airshow. Come and enjoy a visit to NZ's historic aviation works without having to endure 16 butt numbing hours on an airliner. See you at High River on October 4, 2018 immediately following our EAA business meeting.

Cheers mate

Clark Seaborn”

Don't miss Clark's presentation!

SportAir Workshops Held in Bright, Ontario

Shortly after Oshkosh, on August 11-12, Ralph Inkster and Jack Dueck put on SportAir Workshops at Lubitz Field in Bright, Ontario. Both the Sheet Metal and Annual Inspection courses were given. Turnout was moderate and costs were more than covered, and some things were learned to improve the course offerings for next time. In all, a good start for SportAir away from High River.

Preparations for Young Eagles Day, October 6th, 2018

It sounds like we will have quite a few Young Eagles show up on October 6th. At the September meeting we had, I believe, seven pilots and aircraft planning to come, which should be a great turnout. Hopefully the weather is good.

Just a reminder to everyone planning to fly Young Eagles to complete the training for the EAA Youth Protection Policy and Program prior to the event, and to **bring a copy of your verification with you to the event**. If you have not done this yet, here is how you do it:

1. Go to EAA.org
2. On the banner just below the top of the page, click on “Chapters”, then click on “Young Eagles Volunteers”
3. Click on “Youth Protection Policy and Program”.
4. Follow the “Training Access Instructions’. If you have not already set up a membership account, you will need to do so, but this is very simple. Once you have set up your account profile, click on “Go to Training” near the bottom. You will need to do the Youth Protection Training Course, and also apply for the Background Check. It is important that you do this quickly, because the Background Check can take 7-10 days.

Thanks to all for volunteering and getting this step done. Hopefully we get good weather for the event.

Fly Safely Everyone,

--- John



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Attend our next chapter meeting. Ask for anyone and they will be pleased to help. All the required forms will be made available for you to fill out. You must be a current member of EAA International, so please have your EAA membership number. If you are not a member, you can join EAA at the meeting.

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For registration forms contact the treasurer (see the list of the executive below).

Please update your web member profiles

On our web site, in the member's section, there are many pictures and profiles that are quite dated (aluminum parts which are now beautiful flying machines). The updates should be sent to the webmaster (webmaster@eaahighriver.org) Please supply: Name, project or aircraft, facts about your project and area of aviation interest.

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