February **2019**



President's Message

Good day everyone,

Well so far 2019 has been rolling along with pretty decent flying weather, I trust many of you have been able to put in some air time. For those who have, we would like to hear about your flights, so please feel free to tell us about it at the next meeting.

First thing, I want to apologize for the last few meetings running late, poor timing on my part. Let's plan to finish dinner by 7:15 pm and start our meeting no later than 7:30, that will give us time to complete the business portion and be able to start the entertainment by 8:00.

Our new VP Gary brought up an idea that I think is worthy of discussion, please check out his entry in this newsletter. It's good to have new blood every once in a while, we get a fresh perspective from those who are not that familiar with what our chapter is all about. I won't steal his thunder so read on!

Our main entertainment on Thursday will be a presentation on the use of satellite technology for aircraft tracking. Two of our members, Soren and Donovan, have been working diligently on the topic over the past few weeks, and will be our presenters. With all the controversy over ELTs, etc. in recent years, I'm sure we will all enjoy hearing what these guys have put together for us.

Our presentations for the following months should prove to be entertaining as well. For the March meeting our speaker will be Tim Willms, Field Operations Manager, Airborne Imaging Inc. He will be speaking about the past, present, and future of aerial surveying with a focus on the progress of LiDAR technology. For those not familiar with this technology, LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) has given us some of the most incredibly detailed mapping we see today.

The April meeting should also provide us with some good entertainment. Nick Van Aalst, Air Traffic Controller at Calgary International, will be our guest speaker. People in this profession always seems to have great stories, and Nick is no exception and he is a great speaker. If there is anything in particular you would like him to address, please let me know and I'll pass it on to him.

Speaking of presentation, I think everyone will appreciate the new projector screen now in place. It dictates a change in our seating arrangement which should help the acoustics as well.

As part of our agenda for this meeting I would like to have a quick review of our annual Young Eagles day. Our current timing in late September creates a number of problems, please think about the possibility of another date and we will have a brief discussion about it on Thursday.

I really enjoy seeing input from within our membership, we have a lot of knowledge and experience within our ranks and I would like to continue taking advantage of it. Thanks to our members who have provided great input at our meetings, and I know we all look forward to hearing more from our members. Please consider offering something, big or small, to our meeting presentations.

See you all Thursday!

Vice-President's Message

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I know I have a limited history with the club and don't want to come across as being critical, however sometimes it can be beneficial to look at things with a new set of eyes. The first meeting I attended just before the new year I did so with some trepidation as I believed that I was attending a meeting of persons who's strict focus was building experimental aircraft. Well this was quickly proven to be an incorrect assumption on my part.

The members of this EAA chapter are as varied as any aviation club I have attended in the past. Many of you are flying certified aircraft and a lot of you are flying aircraft you have built with your own hands and some aren't aircraft owners or even active flyers or even pilots which shows how diverse our membership is.

The point I am trying to make is that the name EAA Chapter 1410 may in fact not be as inclusive as it could be. I don't think that the name that we are currently using is doing the club justice or serving us in the best way. Doug and I have discussed a possible name change to be more inclusive of the membership. I am not suggesting that we abandon the EAA, to the contrary I am proposing we expand on the name of the club. I personally like the idea of including the Town of High River in the name given we are flying out of and meeting at the High River Regional Airport. I think that possibly the name High River Regional Flying Club EAA 1410 or something along that line would serve to attract a larger audience to check out the meetings.

Like myself who for so many years before attending my first EAA meeting thought I may not fit in, I believe that others may have this same incorrect perception. I would love to hear your comments and suggestions in this regard as the forgoing is merely my opinion and I know there will be many others.

Thank you,

Gary Abel

Vice President

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Who We Are

We are an enthusiastic group of like-minded individuals from various backgrounds who share a passion for recreational aviation in Southern Alberta and we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning.

FOR SALE

Zenith CH250 project. Closeout inspection done. Comes with brand new iCom A210, Garmin GTX320, Dynon D60, Garmin 396 and RWS engine monitor, plus an assortment of AN hardware and tools. Email Robert Fridman for more details (ch250calgary@gmail.com).

Hartzell C2YR-1BFP/F7497-2 72" Blended Airfoil Propeller. Looks factory new! This Scimitar Hartzell prop was bought new in May of 2013 and was totally overhauled in November of this year. It is a "0" time certified propeller that looks like it just came from the factory because most of it did. \$9000.00 or best offer. Gary Abel 403-901-7876

How to Join Our Chapter

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.

Contact us by post at **EAA Chapter 1410 Box 5280, High River, Alberta T1V 1M4** Or by email at <u>president@eaahighriver.org</u>

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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