

# EAA Chapter 1410

## High River, Alberta



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Newsletter

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### Vice-President's Message

By Jay Burrows

Welcome to April EAA, looks like spring is actually here this time, not just April fools, we hope...

Block heater cords stowed away, the dead leaves we didn't rake last fall starting to show up in the receding snow drifts in the yard, yup its spring. Those of us in the unheated hangers can't put off our spring annuals any longer.

This Thursday's meeting will be the usual meal fare with John hopefully rolling in with the ribs and fixings followed by a brief meeting to take care of our usual business and updates, then off to do the annual hanger crawl. Dennis has volunteered again this year as has Guy, Donovan and myself over on Hurricane Way, then over to High River Aeromotive and Doug will be able to let us in to see what Brad is working on that's new and great in the G.A. world. Time depending, Donovan can give an update on some very interesting interactive safety scenario media that he has been working on, we can review or defer and make a full meeting out of the group interaction so we can possibly learn from others experience so we don't have to dig into our "geez I got lucky there" purse too often.

Hope to see everyone There and keep our fingers crossed we aren't trudging through the snow between hangers Thursday night.

Jay

## An Aviation Enthusiast' Legacy Lives On

Derek Riphagen, a former EAA Chapter 1410 President, recently contacted Donovan reporting that Rick Thorburn, an amateur aircraft builder and pilot who lived in Vernon BC, had passed away this February.

It appears from the obituary that Rick was just about as passionate as any person could be with respect to building and flying airplanes. Here is an excerpt from that Obituary.

*Rick was always motivated by a project. He thoroughly enjoyed building aircraft just as much as flying them while sharing his building experience & knowledge with others. He rebuilt three taildragger aircraft, six new aluminum aircraft, and over 50 model airplanes. His focus turned to the design and experimentation of electric propulsion systems for his plane in his final years.*

For the published Obituary see the following link:  
<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/obituaries/rick-thorburn-7328685>

Derek reports that Stuart Mclean, who flies one of Rick's many planes asked him to let Donavon know that the now partially built kit RV 9A, that Rick bought from Donavon, is going up for sale (subject to Probate etc.) There is an AME doing some work (wings) on the RV 9 just to make it more saleable. Derek is not sure how much work is still outstanding (estimate is 75% complete) or how this will be handled in the estate.

Another of Rick's planes, a Vans RV 7A C-FRVJ, which Stuart has been flying while he completes his RV7, is also likely going to go up for sale. Derek further reported that Rick had a number of projects from different kit suppliers underway including one which he thought was a Piper PA12, (modified enough to be classified as Amateur Built), in which Rick had been trying to install an electric motor and batteries. It has most of the major parts including an engine but nothing has been skinned. There is also another RV9A partial kit, unassembled, which is available.

If anyone in the Chapter has an interest in acquiring one of these completed aircraft or one of the partially completed projects that might prove to be your dream aircraft, please contact Rick's son Jay Thorburn at: [Jaburn@shaw.ca](mailto:Jaburn@shaw.ca)

## April Fly-ins & Events

Here are a few of the regular monthly Fly-ins as gathered and researched by Dennis Fox.

**CEN3 Three Hills AB** Coffee from 9 till noon first Saturday each month.

**CYXH Medicine Hat AB** Fly-in Breakfast 8:00 to 12:00 second Saturday each month

**CEK6 Killam\ Sedgewick AB** Coffee and Treats by Shelly third Saturday each month.  
COPA Discover Aviation Day on April 27th, 200 kids registered.

**CEX3 Wetaskiwin AB** Coffee 9:00 to 12:00 fourth Saturday each month.

## Coming Flyin events are:

**Survival Exercise "That Night in the Woods"** at RD Forestry - Apr 6&7. Save your spot at <https://bit.ly/TNITW24>

**CZNL Nelson BC** Breakfast 8-noon - April 20

**Alberta Air Tour** Stop at High River - May 25.  
Updates to follow from Dennis Fox at this months meeting

**Cold Lake Air Show** on July 20-21.  
Early registration is open for civilian aircraft to fly in and display.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

Apr 4	Hangar Crawl High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30
May 2	TBD High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30
June 6	TBD High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30
June 22	Young Eagles
July & Aug	Summer Break

Smile!

You only need two tools in life....WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't use Duct Tape.

I still have a landline, or as I like to call it a "cell phone finder"

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm.

## Chapter Classified Ads

Contact Kelvin Downs if you wish to have an Advertisement in the Newsletter

### Hangar space for rent for one single engine plane at CEN4

Also I am cleaning out the hangar and have the following items, and many more for sale:

- 19 qt Aeroshell w15/W50 \$15 per qt,
- 1 qt Aeroshell Sport Plus 4 (for Rotax) \$15,
- 2 pt CamGard \$30/pt, 4 qt Marvel Mystery oil \$15/qt,
- Tempest oil filter AA48110-2 for Lycoming \$30,
- Ariens SnoBroom 36 with new B&S Intek 1450 engine ~~\$2100~~ \$1800,
- Brand new SkyTec starter for Lycoming \$1500,
- Marvel Schebler Carburetor for Lycoming 360 used 200 hr ~~\$1500~~ \$1200,
- Slick magneto model 4371 with impulse used 200 hr, c/w harness ~~\$2000~~, \$1800
- ACS keyed ignition switch, new \$150,
- TELEX ANC headset like new with battery case and 12V power adapter \$350.

Please contact Kimbull 403-606-2867

### OSPREY 2 PROJECT

Osprey 2 project with MDRA paperwork, signed of ready to close and final inspection. Includes new instruments, radio and an O320.

Fuselage centre section opened up for upgraded retract gear. All other woodwork complete, retract gear installed. Instrument panel and centre console ready to install. Full instrument package in original packaging.

Wings complete; ready to cover with aftermarket fibreglass tanks. Tail section is complete and ready to close. Some fibreglass work still remains.

Engine package is from another Osprey and includes engine mount, propeller, cowling and O320 with 67 hours in the logbook. New exhaust system required.



*(Representative photo of finished aircraft from Wikipedia)*

\$10,000 or best offer, it needs to go soon.

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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 a chance to meet others who combine fun with learning.

Join us for our monthly meetings held the first Thursday of the month at the Cadet Hangar located at the High River Airport

**For more information visit our Website**

[Chapter 1410 High River, Alberta](#)

## How to Join Our Chapter

Attend our next meeting. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Air Cadet Hangar at the High River Airport. Ask 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, you may complete your registration prior to the meeting or someone will assist at the meeting.

For registration forms, contact the Treasurer from the Executive list below.



## Members Action List

### **Newsletter Input**

We are always looking for input and content for the Newsletter including any project updates, classifieds etc. It doesn't have to be a long detailed article, a photo and description is often enough. For any ideas or suggestions for Newsletter content please contact: Kelvin Downs [downskelvin@gmail.com](mailto:downskelvin@gmail.com)

### **Meeting Presenters\Ideas**

If anyone is interested in presenting or has a great idea for a meeting topic please contact Donavon or Jay.

### **Website Input**

For any changes or updates to members profiles or website content please contact: Carl Forman [webmaster@eaahighriver.org](mailto:webmaster@eaahighriver.org)

### **Chapter Dues Reminder**

Chapter 1410 fees of \$40 are due in January. Please make payments via e-transfer, cheque or cash to Vance Lucas. E-transfers are preferred emailed to [vlucas@live.ca](mailto:vlucas@live.ca).

### EAA 1410 2022 Executive

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