

# EAA Chapter 1410

## High River, Alberta



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Newsletter

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### President's Message

By Donavon Bentz

Happy New Year Everyone. May 2024 be a year that allows us propeller heads the joy of flight free of smoke from forest fires. In 2024 Your chapter's brain trust requires all of your ideas to continue to provide you with a social gathering that you want to attend and babble about all things related to aviation. We all know of course that the main draw at our meetings is the time we have to share hangar stories related to the joy of building, flying and maintaining aircraft while savouring a meal of ribs, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and the requisite pie and whipped cream. The follow-up of course is a presentation that we hope to be of interest, with of course our scintillating fifteen-to-twenty-minute business meeting sandwiched in between. When it comes to presentations, we really value your input, whether it is something you can present or you identify a topic or presenter of interest.

In our upcoming meeting on **Thursday, January 4** we will have the pleasure of hearing from George Farrington who is the Director of External Relations with the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA). He will be able to present the advantages of adding this organization to your aviation membership and speak about the various initiatives and advocacy being undertaken with both Transport Canada and Nav Canada to support and enhance the continued safe flight operation of general aviation aircraft within Canadian airspace.

On **Thursday, February 1**, Brian Vasseur will present his rescheduled talk about all the factors he needs to take into account as a dispatcher with

## President's Message (cont.)

Westjet in order to plan for safe flights for their pilots. The kind of preflight considerations each of us need to remind ourselves to check prior to our launch our small general aviation aircraft.

On **Thursday, March 7** Kelvin Downs with help and input from Jack Dueck will present on a methodology for crafting a wooden propeller and on balancing any propeller whether it be wood or metal.

On **Thursday, April 4** we plan a hangar tour to see what prized aircraft are about. May and June presentation slots remain wide open.

Our Tool Crib initiative is well underway. Steve Hurst has procured a suitable Sea Can and has had it delivered to his place. He has also picked up the SportAir tools from Jack Dueck's workshop and they are now stored in a trailer until a work bee can be arranged to transfer these tools to the Sea Can and properly arrange them. Following that Jack Dueck has agreed to provide a Train the Trainer workshop to interested Chapter members on teaching Sheet Metal Basics in Aircraft Construction. This training will be arranged sometime in 2024 with this date to be determined in early January.

Jay Burrows, your new vice-president and I have decided to explore whether local High Schools might have any interest in adding training in working with Sheet Metal as it applies to aircraft construction to their shop curriculum in the upcoming school year. If there is interest perhaps shop teachers may be interested in receiving training and having access to these tools. This exploration is partly arising from the recognition that our Chapter is full of aging members and is badly in need of involvement from the next generation if it is to survive. This coupled with the idea that perhaps the next generation might both enjoy and benefit from acquiring skills in addition to those related to computer technology alone.

Thanks to Dennis Fox for continuing to identify and communicate where our members might fly each week. By doing so he helps allow members owning aircraft a reason to justify the cost of their toy! There may also be a way to plan for weekend trips to certain valued destinations such as the Okanogan.

Lastly, I would like us to explore how we might incorporate the concept of Advanced Pilot Qualification (APQ) training for members. This initiative attempts to train pilots to deal with

threatening situations which can and do arise unexpectedly while flying an aircraft. These situations are outside of what is normally taught to us while achieving a pilot license. The training is intended to prepare pilots for these situations that may arise for the first time ever in their flight history resulting in surprise and disbelief and likely extreme anxiety or terror. Incidents such as a Loss of Thrust on Take Off, Reduced Thrust on Takeoff or an inadvertent entry into IFR. The intent of APQ is to reduce fatalities in General Aviation by preparing pilots for such events conceptually (imagining this happening) and then training to the point a response to such an event becomes ingrained and automatic. I've been informed that we have some scenario training involving video reconstructions of such situations available to us so using aid with discussion to follow may be a starting point, and of course a way to fill those presentation spots you have not volunteered to fill!

Donavon Bentz  
Chapter 1410 President

## December 2023 Meeting Recap

Our December meeting had a full agenda of business items that were attended to. Fifteen members were in attendance providing a quorum for elections and motions. The following are the results of elections and motions presented.

### **Elections**

The term for two positions were up for election, Vice-president and Secretary. A nomination was made for Jay Burrows as Vice-President. The nomination was accepted by Jay and there were no other nominations. The membership voted to accept Jay as the new Vice-president. Congratulations and thank you for taking on the position. Soren Christiansen agreed to the nomination for a second term as Secretary and the membership accepted and confirmed his position as Secretary. Thank you Soren.

### **Motions**

Three motions were presented for consideration by the membership. Background information was provided and pre-prepared motions were presented for discussion and revisions.

The **first motion** presented was concerning the authorization for the purchase and setup of a shipping container for the purpose of a Chapter Tool Crib on Steve Hurst's property. After a discussion, the motion was passed by a secret ballot from the membership.

The **second motion** was to appoint Steve Hurst as the Tool Crib Manager and Guy Bourgeois as the Assistant Tool Crib Manager. The membership agreed and the motion was passed.

The **third and final motion** concerned the purchase of Laser Printer using Young Eagle credits of \$235 plus additional funds from the membership account to a maximum of \$250. The laser printer would be primarily used for Young Eagle events. The motion was passed by the membership.

**Post Meeting Notes**

Concerning the purchase of the Shipping Container, Steve Hurst has arranged the purchase, and the container has now been delivered to his property along with miscellaneous shelving, peg boards etc. Thank you Steve for taking care of this. The tool crib idea has been around for many years and is now in place. A work bee will be arranged in the near future for setting up and arranging the tools in the container.



Vance Lucas has also been super efficient in the purchase of the laser printer. The printer is in Vance's position and will be available for future Young Eagle events and any other membership requirements. Thank you Vance!

**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



**January Business**

During our January meeting we will have one business item to consider. A motion will be presented to purchase an inexpensive laptop computer for the purpose of making presentations at our meetings and for use at Young Eagle events etc.

**January Fly-ins?**

Here are a few of the regular monthly Fly-ins. We will get a further update from Dennis Fox during our meeting

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

**CEN3 Three Hills AB** Coffee from 9 till noon first 12:00 second Saturday each month.

**CEK6 Killam\ Sedgewick AB** Coffee and Treats by Shelly third Saturday each month.

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

**Coming events are:**

Fur hat Festival at RD Forestry in Feb  
April is the "night in the woods" at RD Forestry  
Lac Labiche does a winter flyin on the lake in March(?)

Lacombe also does a flyin on Gull Lake on?  
More info coming on all of the above soon

Schedule of Upcoming Events	
Jan 4	George Farrington - COPA Director of External Relations High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30
Feb 1	Flight Dispatch: Doing the hard work for pilots - Brian Vasseur High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30
Mar 7	Build your own Propeller - Kelvin Downs High River Air Cadet Hangar Time 18:30

**Smile!**

- "New Year's Day: now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual . . . New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions." - Mark Twain
- "Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution." - Jay Leno
- "The proper behaviour all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New Year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kiss the person you're married to." - PJ O'Rourke

# Chapter Classified Ads

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

## 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.



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### 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 will be due soon. 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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