

October 2020



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President's Message

Good day everyone,

It's time to pickup where we left off, if I can remember that far back! I trust everyone has endured the past few months without any major issues. Now that some of the restrictions on group gatherings have been relaxed it's time to get together and get back to normal, or as close as we can get for the time being.

We will host our next meeting Thursday 1 October, 6:30 pm at the Air Cadet hangar, with a few modifications. We will NOT be planning the usual meal but we will have coffee and snacks as well as the usual refreshments. The now standard protocols will be in place, distancing and/or wear a mask. As you might expect, the cadet organization has some stringent regulations regarding COVID 19 safety and as a result we will have limited access to their tables and chairs, but we will have enough seating for everyone.

We will modify our format somewhat by dispensing with the usual business meeting and just giving a brief report from the executive on what has been happening, which is pretty much nothing! Then straight into the entertainment, which this month will be a presentation by Clark Seaborn. Clark always has great topics and content so I hope you will plan to attend.

As usual, we would love to hear about your flights, trips or experiences, so if you have something of interest, please plan to give us an update.

Speaking of updates, Jack Dueck has once again provided the latest info on the Zenith 601 project, you can read about it in this newsletter. It's getting really close to the painting stage!

Nico and Guy are also making good progress with their project, hopefully we will get an update from them as well.

A while back I had a conversation with the guys at EAA Chapter 30 in Edmonton, our members were invited to their regular gathering at the Wetaskiwin airport. In mid August some of us made the trip and we were impressed with the projects their members are working on as well as some completed aircraft. Busy people up there as you can see by the photos in this newsletter (pg 4). Many of you will recognize some of the projects – a Wittman Tailwind with a Mong in the background, and a Ercoupe with Stearman parts hanging overhead. We offered to reciprocate their invite the following weekend to see our Zenith project, but due to nasty weather there, they were not able to make it to High River. Hopefully we can get together again with our northern neighbours sometime in the future.

There are a few other items for discussion but we can address them at the meeting. See you there!

--- Doug



EAA CHAPTER 1410 LEARN/BUILD UPDATE

ENTERING THE HOME STRETCH!

The dreams and expectations of a group of EAA Chapter 1410 members to learn how to build an aircraft is coming to fruition.

You will remember our start in October of 2018 when Doug Eaglesham and I met with Brad Kingsmith and negotiated the purchase of a partially completed Zenith 601 XL. We believed that there were a number of individuals who had aspirations of building an airplane and using it to learn to fly, as well as some others who already had their PPL and would come out to help with this project. I asked Doug if a portion of our shop would be adequate for the job and Doug agreed.

Early Days

And so began our odyssey. Our original group consisted of Doug Eaglesham, Vance Lucas, Sukhman Singh, Kent and Lucy Barlow, Jack and Debra Dueck. Word got around and we were immediately joined by Kelvin Downs. Then neighbors, Ron Gardner and Jeff Ogilvy came to see what we were doing. Eventually we were joined by Ethan Chen, Ken Martin and Dave Pridie. And so it all started.

We wrote up a set of by-laws as well as an agreement regarding liability issues. We agreed on a preferred count of 6 to 8 members with equal financial investment. We agreed that we would keep accurate account of costs and hours worked for future sweat equity considerations. In many aspects we were starting out with a blank piece of paper and feeling our way along as we progressed. Today, Vance, Kelvin, Kent, Sukhman, Eithan, Debra and Jack Dueck comprise the seven investment members. Doug, Ron, Ken, and Dave come along to help because they want to!

We have always felt the support of our local EAA Chapter, especially that of Doug, Kelvin and Vance. We met every Saturday starting at around 9 AM and working until around 4 PM. We separated into 2 or 3 groups, each working on separate items. It soon became apparent that we had individual strengths that came to bear. Doug and Debra worked on the engine installation, Kelvin, Kent and Vance worked on the electrics and avionics, And the rest of us worked wherever we were needed. At 4 PM we would stop working, bring out our liquid refreshments and enjoy what airplane people always do, talk airplanes and tell lies.



We are now on the home stretch. As I write this, I'm waiting for Vance to come over to help finish the cowling. That leaves some incidental issues to be addressed and then we want to paint the aircraft. We have chosen a base colour and have decided that when this aircraft is turned over to a (yet to be formed) flying club, its members can add decorative colours. We have registered the call sign C-GHRG which to us represents the High River Group. We expect to have this aircraft ready for its first flight in October. Vance will fly the requisite 25-hour test phase and then its up to the flying club that presently consists of Vance, Kent, Sukhman, Ethan, and Debra. We want to attract an additional 5 members to make up the optimum 10-member count. Does this include you?

We are so very grateful to Nico Meier, Guy Bourgois, and Doug Robertson for their donations towards our glass cockpit instrumentation. This aircraft is equipped with two Dynon 7" displays, a Trutrack autopilot, and an AV30-uAvionix unit with ADS out and the required 406 ELT. Pretty impressive and a great training platform for student pilots.



Osprey 2 on its Gear

What comes next? Dave Pridie has a Mosquito helicopter that we want to assemble. And then the Osprey 2.

I recently received a call from a lady in Calgary who had heard of our learn/build group. Her father had been building this Osprey but had passed away about ten years ago. Now her mother had also passed away from Covid 19 complications. She was cleaning out the garage and didn't know what to do about her father's dream of building and

flying this aircraft. She stated that we could have it and her only other option was to “bust it up and put it into a dumpster”. Would I come and take a look at it. Doug Robertson, Vance, Dave and I arranged to see it and we were amazed at the workmanship and the stage of completion of this aircraft. It even included a Lycoming 0320 engine that appeared to have 1508 hours since new. She asked us to take everything associated with this project as well as any tools we might be able to use. She only asked that we might be able to give her father a legacy for his work.

As a group, we will decide if we want to complete this as a next project, or sell it to someone who would do so. We already have a person asking for first dibs if we decide to sell it.

When we started out, one of our goals was to end up with a bunch of good friends. We certainly have achieved this in spades.

Jack Dueck



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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

1/3 share in Vans RV9A FBII originally built by Jack and Jean Dueck. Lycoming O-320. Just over 800 hours airframe/engine. Hangered in High River. \$31,500. Contact Mike (mkapusta@gmail.com)

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
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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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