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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our regular chapter meeting will be held at the High River Air Cadet hangar on September 4, 2014, business meeting starting at 7:30. For those wishing to have a dinner and chat with fellow members, dinner will be served at 6:30pm, cost of dinner \$10 per person. Anyone wishing to dine is asked to email Bryan Gilbert to reserve a meal <cbgilbert@shaw.ca>. The bridge and road to the airport is now open.

## **MEETING ACTIVITY**

The main business activity this meeting will be the delegation of duties for our Young Eagles day September 20.

The presenter for the September meeting will be chapter member and professional engineer Garry Wright, who will talk about MODERN BATTERIE'S compatibility with aircraft, considerations for use in aircraft and electrical protections. This is a very rapidly changing environment with lots of sideshow stuff and circus barkers busy peddling their wares during a time of rapid evolution. Potential for trouble in aircraft is very real and needs to be discussed extensively and knowledgeably. Everyone should be reading Bob Nuckolls' recent series in "Kitplanes" on this same subject as well as attending this discussion.

## **PREVIOUS MEETING**

Our last meeting was June 5, remember that far back? We had a general bull session then visited in Garry Wright's hangar and also Troy Branch's hangar and RV10. A number of lucky guys got to go to Oshkosh and other big events during the summer. I am hoping that we will get a short report on Oshkosh activities from one of our members attending.

## **LIST OF LOCAL FLYING AND AVIATION EVENTS REMAINING THIS SUMMER**

September 20 Young Eagles day- we need lots of participation from the chapter members.

Sept 28 High River AB fly in breakfast-car shine and show.

WAYPOINTS

# LOCAL EVENTS AND NON EVENTS

I am disappointed to report that two of our chapter members have resorted to boating and building boats rather than flying and building flying machines. Chapter super builder Troy Branch has been reported as taken to sailing and has his family out in the Okanagan on a sailboat, though I don't have any photo proof of that fact. And likewise our Chapter newsletter editor Robert Fridman has built not one, but two kayaks which he is now paddling about.

I am also disappointed to report that so far this summer I have not had my Gipsy Moth up for its first flight. It has taken a lot of little trimming of wires and control connections, all associated with final assembly which is being done in my hangar at Indus. I had hoped to have it flying for a debut at the Calgary Airport's new runway opening on June 15. As it wasn't ready, I was able to fold the wings and to tow it on a trailer to the airport and through the tunnel to the static display (see page 4 for photos). I received great help on this from John Mader, his daughter Janet and my son Jeff. Chapter member Soren Christiansen, with the help of his son, was able to fly in his two Stinsons. All together, there were about 31 aircraft on static display, from our single engine antiques up to the Air Canada Boeing Dreamliner.

## CLUB MEMBER MATT STEN'S ACCIDENT

Our chapter member, builder and flyer Matt Sten suffered a serious motorcycle accident during the summer. I am happy to report that he is progressing very well in his recovery, and is now located in the Black Diamond Hospital, where from time to time chapter member Doug Robertson visits him- usually taking Matt's dog in for a visit. If you have a chance to visit I'm sure Matt would appreciate it.

## AIRCRAFT FOR SALE

Matthew MacDonald has a Stits Playmate project for sale- for more information visit Kijiji and search for "Stits Playmate project". Here is a link: <http://www.kijiji.ca/v-cars-other/calgary/stits-aircraft-project/1013899404?enableSearchNavigationFlag=true>

## AIRCRAFT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Chapter member Vance Lucas report he has started working on his Corvair powered Zenair 750, its STOL capability needed for his 1000 foot farm strip. Jay Burrows now his his Midget Mustang out at the airport being assembled.

See you at the meeting, happy landings always  
Clark Seaborn Chapter 1410 President 2013-14



# REMEMBERING GORD TONES

*A tribute by those who knew him*

Gord passed away in the crash of his BD-5 on August 26. I first met Gord during the spring of 2003 when I joined the Calgary chapter of RAA. Every meeting ended with this old guy insisting that everyone meet him for breakfast on Saturday at the Calgary Flying Club and then go to his hangar to help him on his BD-5.

Who was this old guy and why should everyone help him? As I eventually learned, he appreciated all the help he could get. I would end up spending a lot of time helping with the BD-5 as well as travelling with Gord in his Bonanza on many trips.

Gord's involvement with the EAA began in the early 70s, with his first trip to Oshkosh happening in 1974. After some gaps in the first few years he has attended for more than 35 consecutive years. He always encouraged new people to attend each year and was responsible for taking many first comers to Oshkosh.

The normal flight plan was to overnight in Alexandria to let the slower planes catch up and then holding court at lunch every day and most nights at supper while at Oshkosh.

Like many, Gord started to build a BD-5 in the early 70s. While most would let their projects sit uncompleted, Gord persevered and flew his for the first time in October, 1983. He was continually improving the BD-5 with the intent to fly it to Oshkosh "*next year*".

Sadly, that is a trip he will not be able to complete. His continued hounding of anyone not unable to attend Oshkosh with "Are you going to Oshkosh?" will be missed and Gord will be missed by all who knew and met him and his passing will leave a large hole in the Alberta aviation community. Blue skies and tailwinds Gord.

Gord's last fly-in and memorial will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at the Flagstaff Regional (Killam/Sedgewick) airport, between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If coming by plane, please contact Al Squair: (780)





# WAYPOINTS

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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

Polyfiber covering components for sale. All of these materials are typically used in any fabric airplane and were purchased in this last year. Includes reinforcing tape, ribstitch thread, cloth protective tape, 1", 2", 3" and 4" fabric tape, 3" bias tape, poly fiber reducer, poly brush, and poly spray, drain grommets and inspection rings. Original purchase price \$921 including GST, will sell for \$550 which is 40% off. Call for complete listing, will sell as a lot only. Clark Seaborn (403) 256-1861 [clarkseaborn@gmail.com](mailto:clarkseaborn@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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Box 5280, High River, Alberta T1V 1M4  
Or by email at  
[president@highriver.org](mailto:president@highriver.org)

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 (clecoed aluminum parts which are now beautiful flying machines). The updates should be sent to the webmaster ([webmaster@eaahighriver.org](mailto:webmaster@eaahighriver.org)) Please supply: Name, project or aircraft, facts about your project and area of aviation interest.

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