February 2014

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MEETING PRESENTATION

Thursday February 6, 2014 Air cadet hall High River Airport starting at 7:30pm.

Our presenter for the next Chapter meeting will be Phil Ward. As you might recall, Phil was scheduled to make his presentation at our January meeting but was prevented by the onset of the dreaded flu bug. Phil is now healthy and set up to entertain and inform us. As you may know, Phil is one of our AME members who travels the globe with his employer, Kenn Borek, that aviation charter company which works in the corners of the earth where non other can survive. You may recall that in 2001 a Kenn Borek Twin Otter rescued an ailing US doctor marooned on Antarctica when the giant USAF was unable to do it. Well, for this presentation, Phil is going to take us to the corner of Ellesmere Island in the Canadian north on a project pertaining to science and sovereignty. Join us in this meeting to learn more about the operations of this iconic Canadian aviation charter company and its impact on the Canadian political landscape.

APOLOGIES

For those members who might have missed the email directions indicating that the January meeting was rescheduled from January 2 to January 9, we apologize.

POT LUCK DINNER

Saturday February 8, 2014 Air Cadet hall High River Airport starting at 6:00pm.

As it was done in previous years, our annual pot luck dinner will commence at 6:00 pm with cocktails and chat, buffet dinner 6:30 to 7:30, and guest speaker presentation from 7:30 onward. We are suggesting a donation of $5.00 per person to defray expenses for dish and table rentals etc. Our speaker for the night will be Doug Robertson, our chapter member, retired airline captain, former bush pilot, former air force transport pilot and person who has endured many and varied experiences around the globe. Doug is a raconteur of many stories, aviation and non aviation related and his stories will be certain to entertain both the chapter members and spouses. His talk will be illustrated with power point.

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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.

AND MY STORY FOR THE MONTH, WITH A VERY FINE THREAD CONNECTION

Speaking of Doug Robertson, my wife and I were guests of Doug and Sue Robertson on Maui this January, and one of the entertainments we enjoyed in addition to swimming and enjoying the warm weather was to take a 9 hour car trip on primitive and desolate roads around the major part of Maui to the eastern town of Hana. Along the way, and on what is about the most primitive and unspoiled part of the island, we found the resting place and grave of Charles A Lindbergh. Now, Charles Lindbergh, as any pilot knows, did an incredible feat in 1927 of piloting an overloaded 400 gallon gas tank of an airplane with a blind forward view, for 33 hours VFR, across the Atlantic, from New York to land in darkness in Paris on an airfield full of euphoric Frenchmen, and without hitting or killing any one on the field. In his life he triumphed in other aviation accomplishments, and was also saddened by the tragedy of his first son being kidnapped in 1932. Near the end of his life he evidently sought anonymity, as his grave is not in the US Arlington cemetery with other US notables, but in this very remote, obscure and beautiful part of Hawaii. I enclose photos of the cemetery and church, with Doug and I standing beside the grave, as well as a photo of the gravestone.

Now for my very fine thread connection to this man Lindbergh. In 1974 I purchased a 1933 Waco airplane wreckage which had perished in the Canadian north in 1963. After two years of historical research I located the original owner of my Waco, a Mr. Barron P Lambert, a banker, still living not too far from his 1933 address of 480 Park Avenue in New York City. In the following 8 years of his life in which I traded many letters with him, and during which we met him on a few occasions, he described some of his family history. His uncle was Casey Lambert, also a flier, and who had learned to fly with Orville Wright and who had been the wealthy St. Louis banker who had bankrolled Lindbergh on his most famous flight. So our Waco had been owned originally by one of the prominent and wealthy Lambert family members connected with Lindbergh. The attached two black and white photos

show a proud Mr. Lambert with his newly purchased Waco.

This Waco became part of our family, the restoration we completed in the years 1974 to 1979 when we took it to Oshkosh. I enclose one coloured photo of my family taken in June of 1980 at the Moose Jaw airshow. The little guy, 8 years old standing on the left is my son Jeff, whom many of you know as a chapter member and airplane builder. He may have been infected with the aviation bug by his many hours flying in the Waco. Sadly, time passes on, and after 21 years and 800 delightful flying hours of ownership I sold the Waco in 2000, the airplane once owned by a member of the Lambert family. This was my very fine thread connection to the man Lindbergh buried in Maui.

Happy Landings Always
Clark Seaborn
EAA Chapter president 2013-14

1933 Waco NC 13072 new from factory with proud owner Mr. Barron P Lambert. Photo taken at Curtis Wright Airport near Baltimore

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

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) Please supply: Name, project or aircraft, facts about your project and area of aviation interest.

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