



A future member of the Snowflakes? Allen Dunn's grandson, Seamus, loves airplanes & helicopters. He just turned three and every time he hears an aircraft he runs to the window and declares "I need to FLY!" He loves everything about airplanes and gets very excited whenever he visits the airport. Due to his interest Allan and Meledie have become members of our flying club and now Seamus has his own T shirt with his name and *Vernon Flying Club* on it. He doesn't like the "official" name badge (yet). Seamus knew that IFF is "one of those formation planes" as he was watching John and Steve Swallow take off!

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Vernon Takes Flight

Story and Photos by Bill More

The Greater Vernon Museum and Archives have opened their newest feature exhibit and the Vernon Flying Club was represented by Rick Thorburn as one of two guest speakers at the official opening September 26th.

It is a very impressive and creative blend of videos and history celebrating the Vernon's connection to aviation. A number of items were contributed by our flying club and individual members.



I learned during my recent visit that the charming "barrel aeroplane" (the GEE BEE Racer built by Barry Harsent and Bob Marsh) on loan from our flying club, has been a big hit with the young future aviators.

This exhibition is on until the end December.

Admission to the museum is by donation. If you haven't been to the museum in a while, go check it out!

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VERNON TAKES FLIGHT

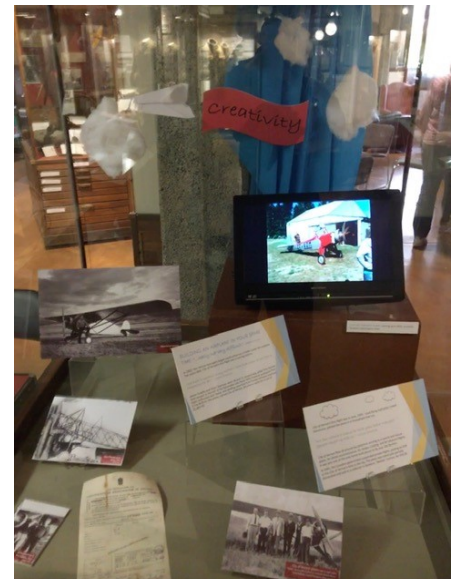
VERNON MUSEUM

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Vernon takes to the air in the 20th Century. The SKY IS THE LIMIT in this new family-friendly exhibit.

Exhibit Opening
September 26, 2019
Guest Speakers: Duke Dawe & Rick Thorburn
Early entry for Members at 6:30pm
Public entry 7pm
Guest speakers to start at 7:15pm

Vernon Museum - 3009 32nd Ave
Refreshments provided
Admission by Donation



Answer to the trivia question: Kal Lake Store.

In 1935, four local boys completed a two-place open cockpit airplane (CF-AOM) which they called the “City of Vernon”. It was flown to Edmonton becoming the first homebuilt aircraft to fly over the Rockies.

A mural depicting this aircraft and pilots Eldon Seymour and Jim Duddle is located in downtown Vernon.

New Flight School at the Vernon Airport

By Bill More

The Vernon Flying Club would like to issue a warm welcome to our newest Corporate Member, Aurora Aviation Academy. From their website:

The Aurora Aviation Academy fixed-wing flight training unit is the newest member of the Aurora group of aviation companies. For over 14 years, Aurora has been providing customers with the highest standards in helicopter charter, training, and maintenance services. No matter the mission, be it Environmental Monitoring, Forest Fire Suppression, Wildlife Survey, Aerial Photography and Filming, or Tours and Sightseeing, Aurora has been a key player in the Canadian aviation industry.

Aurora now adds its fixed-wing flight training unit to help solve the shortage of fixed-wing pilots that plagues the Canadian aviation industry. We offer a rewarding and comprehensive training program by combining long-standing industry experience with the high standards of a full-service aviation company, supported by in-house maintenance and full office resources, and lead by a committed and passionate group of aviation professionals.

The flight school is based at the Aurora Helicopters building next door to the Vernon Flying Club. Sylvain Leone is managing their new venture (Fixed wing/FTU Manager/ Instructor).



Getting ready for the next student, and no, Charlie, you can't go

Moving forward on another complete overhaul of the second Cessna 172, recently added to their fleet



By Spring they will have their full fleet of 4 Cessna 172's, one of the most popular training aircraft ever produced, available for the growing demand for training.



In addition they expect to have a Piper PA-30 Twin Comanche on line as soon as the complete overhaul has been finished.

If you have been to the clubhouse lately you will have noticed a bit of construction taking place. Tom Glover and Eric Hiebert are working hard to add secure storage space adjacent to our club building. The chain link fence will be moved so that the shed will be inside the airport property. This will free up space in the clubhouse for items such as the pop-up tents and seasonal equipment.



As of October 27th



As of November 7th

Monthly Pancake Breakfast

Our Pancake breakfasts are becoming famous! We sold 42 October 27th!!! Could it be the delicious pancakes or remarkable scrambled eggs?

Or is it the romantic fireplace on the TV?

And then again, maybe it is the charming servers!!



The Next Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, November 24th 9:00 to 11:00



The Wednesday Ladies celebrate Alison Crerar's Birthday

October 16th

The ladies of the flying club get together each Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 to visit, work on a craft (or not), enjoy tea and goodies and generally just enjoy each other's company.



LOOKING FOR WORK . . .



Very experienced commercial pilot, with over 19,000 hours – instructor rating CAT 1

Over 10 log books to verify experience

Only

A slight vision problem

Call me care of the Vernon Flying Club



Other things going on at the Clubhouse...

Halloween Patrol at Vernon Airport October 31st



No mis-BEE-having here!

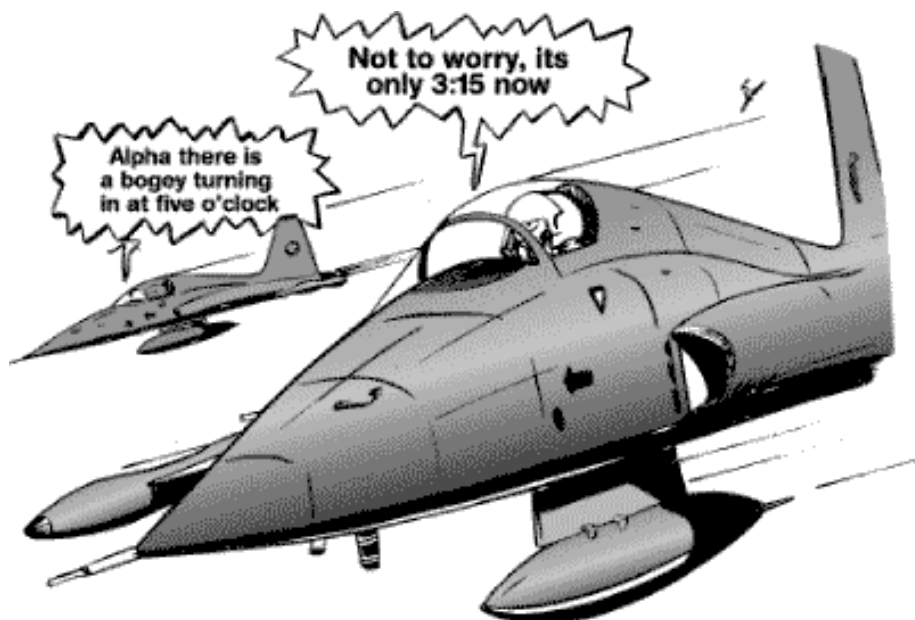


Prisoners, Pilots, Pirates, & Psherrifs

John Olsen Scholarship for Aircraft Maintenance Technicians

The Scholarship Committee had a really difficult time deciding between the final two applicants so we decided that two \$250.00 scholarships would be awarded this one time. When John Olsen heard about our decision he urged us to award each of the winners the full scholarship of \$500.00 each. Since he funds the scholarship, we were happy to comply.

Several members of the Vernon Flying Club attended the presentation held at the Okanagan College Aerospace Campus on October 11, 2019. Doug MacKinnon, President of the Vernon Flying Club, made the presentations to Brittany Hill-Lonergan and Tristan Sparling. Brittany and Tristan join the other graduates of the AMT program at the second phase of their training at Northern Lights College in Dawson Creek.



Snowflakes Fly Past in Honour of Bruce Aikenhead September 22nd

The Flying Club received the following email sent to the attention of Stu McLean:

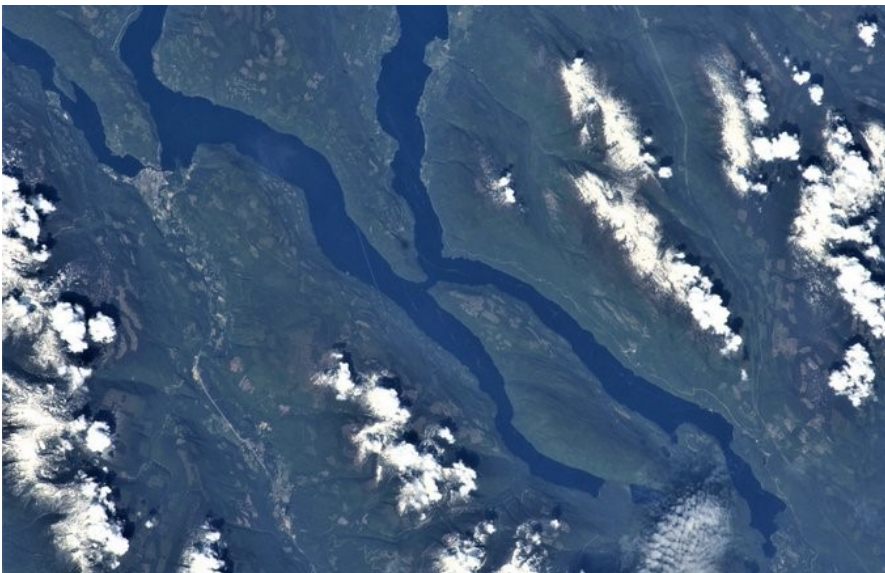
Once again I must thank you and the Formation Flying Team for a very touching flypast for Dad, Bruce Alexander Aikenhead. Guests and people who heard about it remarked that it gave them "emotional shivers" and commented "I think I'm going to cry." All understood what an honour it was!

By now the VFC will have received a cheque for \$400 made out to the VFC Formation Flying Team and the VFC. Dad often spoke to children at school so I think he would like to encourage kids to become involved in aviation. His interest in aviation began when he was almost six when he saw the Graf Zeppelin over Detroit and Windsor, ON. As a kid Dad collected and made model planes which hovered from the ceiling of his bedroom. As a child in London, Ontario, he was a member of a children's aviation club, 'The Birdmen of America'.

At sixteen he would ride his bike miles away to the nearest airport runway to watch biplanes take off and land. He'd had the aviation bug since he was 5 years old, so that would be an interest for 90 years!

Best regards,
Kasey (Kathleen Bernz)

Bruce Aikenhead, an Officer of the Order of Canada, who worked for 40 years in the aerospace field, has passed away Monday at the age of 95.



Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk said "the first group of CSA astronauts did not have a deep background in aerospace. But our program manager did. Bruce Aikenhead became our go-to guy for information. To say thank you, I sent a photo of Shuswap Lake from ISS to Bruce. Bruce passed away yesterday. He will be missed."

According to his [biography at the Canadian Virtual Museum](#) "Bruce Aikenhead is one of the pioneers of the Canadian aerospace industry with over 40 years' experience in aerospace engineering and astronaut training development. Aikenhead's career as a systems engineer led him to work on illustrious projects such as the Avro Arrow, NASA's Project Mercury, and

the Canadarm for NASA's Space Shuttle program. Additionally, he served as a project engineer for RCA's ISIS-2 Ionosphere Research Satellite, 'Hermes' Communications Technology Satellite and the High Altitude Research Project (HARP) at McGill University. Aikenhead was integral in the development of the Canadian Astronaut Program, where he served as Director-General. Aikenhead was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canada's space program."

The CBC's Bob McDonald, host of Quirks & Quarks, paid tribute to Aikenhead when he turned 90.

He said "you probably recognize the astronaut on the (right) in the photograph below, but Chris Hadfield owes his career in space to the gentleman on the left, Bruce Aikenhead, who hired Chris and the other Canadian astronauts and who was a pioneering founder of the Canadian space program."



Bruce Aikenhead gives astronaut Chris Hadfield a tour of the Okanagan Science Centre space galleries he curated after he retired. Credit: Okanagan Science Centre.

"Bruce, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, is one of those behind-the-scenes engineers you seldom see, but without whom major projects would not get off the ground. With a career spanning more than half a century, Bruce has seen the remarkable evolution of Canada's involvement in the space program from the very beginning."

<http://www.canadianspace.ca/2019/08/bruce-aikenhead-canadian-space-pioneer.html>

<https://www.saobserver.net/obituaries/bruce-alexander-aikenhead/>

Not quite a brand new board...*from the minutes of our Annual General meeting September 17, 2019***ELECTION OF OFFICERS** for 2019-2020 fiscal year: (John Swallow, moderator)**Seven Directors:**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ELECTED</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>
> President:	Doug MacKinnon	Stan Owen
> Vice-President:	Dennis McLeod	Cameron Bottrill
> Treasurer:	Bill More	Don Usher
> Secretary:	Marion Ross	Albert Bueckert
> Director at large:	Alison Crerar	Chuck Ross
> Director at large:	Tom Glover	Barry Jackson
> Director at large:	Albert Bueckert	Eric Hiebert

COPA Executive

- > COPA Captain: Stu McLean (incumbent acclamation)
- > COPA Co-Captain: Stan Owen (incumbent acclamation)
- > COPA Navigator: Eric Hiebert (nominated by Chuck Ross)

Editor's comment: with only 22 attendees, including one guest it is disappointing that the majority of our current members did not attend this important meeting. As addressed by our President Doug MacKinnon, other tasks/ jobs/positions have to be filled to continue to run all of the critical events that fund the operation of the Club.

New and Improved Website

Eric Hiebert and Barry Meek have spent a lot of time working to improve the website. We are much closer now to have current items on the website that will enrich the experience of guests looking for information about the Vernon Flying Club. We are hoping that it will also serve our members and increase the engagement in our various successful events each year.

www.vernonflyingclub.org

Spotted at the Airport

October 24, 2019

De Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver (L-20/U-6)

This 1957 Beaver was formerly with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Air Division. It was traded back to De Havilland Canada for a Turbo Beaver in 1979. It would be officially registered to Kluane Airways out of Whitehorse, YT in September 1981.

Photo by Bill More



Dassault Falcon 50



This Falcon 50 operated by BDK Air out of Villeneuve airport (ZVL) is visiting for a few days. This one was built in 2002.

BDK is another of our valued Corporate Members

Photo by Bill More

GlaStar

November 1st

Bern & Peter Kotelko's GlaStar

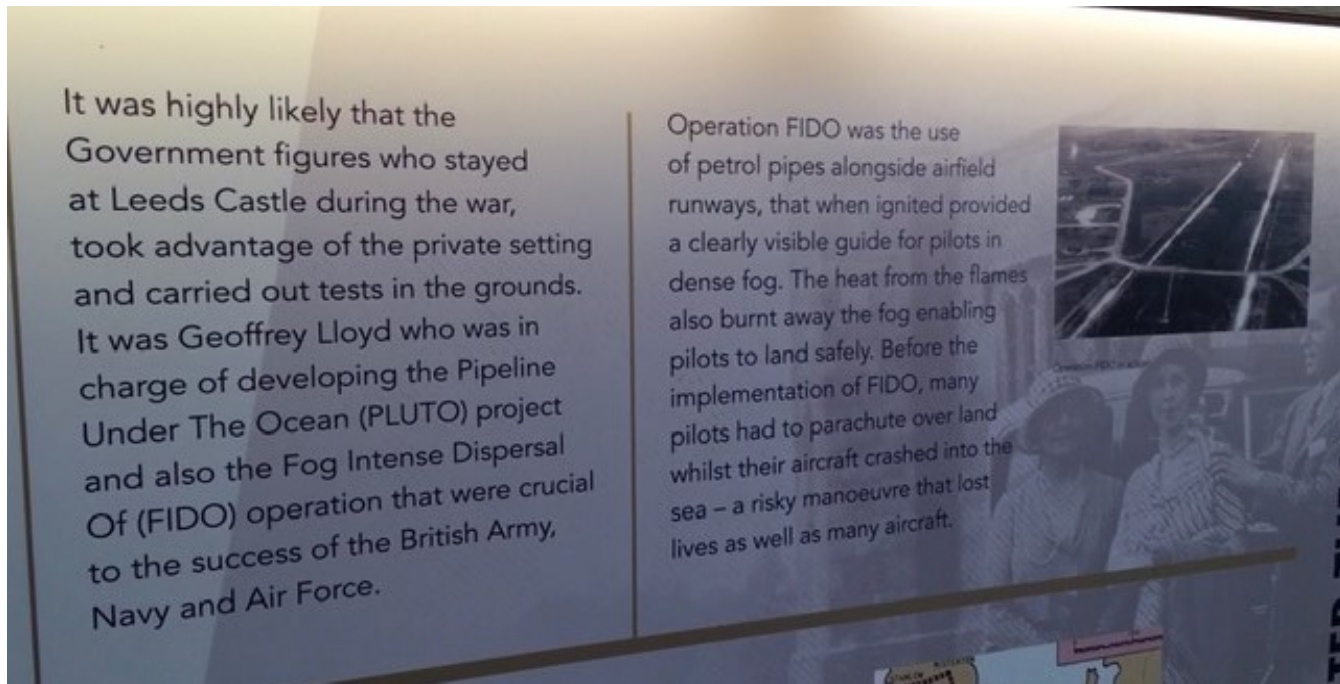
Photo by Marion Ross



Did You Know?

By Bill More

Mindful of Remembrance Day 2019, I wanted to share a surprising part of history related to World War II. I saw this during a visit to Leeds Castle in Southern Kent in early October. The most interesting aspect is what was accomplished on behalf of aviation and Air Operations



More detail about the incredible undertaking of laying pipelines under the channel to deliver fuel for vehicles for the invasion in 1944

