



Thanks, Darcy MacPhee, for replacing the damaged siding and painting the address sign. The plane commemorates John Swallow's RV C-FBJV

RV Fly-In is a Great Success!

Melissa Brown Hewson was the driving force behind the first annual Van's RV Show 'n Shine held at the Vernon Airport on a gorgeous Saturday, September 16th. A joint effort between the Kelowna Flying Club and the Vernon Flying Club, we saw 29 aircraft participate.



Photos by Melissa Brown



Steve Fuhr, from Kelowna won the “people’s choice fan favourite” with his RV8 C-FURH



Apple strudel and a coffee (for only \$5.00) was a big hit!





Photos by Marion Ross, Alison Crerar, Melissa Brown

Pictured above: Cessna 172-L C-GWHJ, Kelowna, BC, Mark Payer; RV9A C-FAJO, Vernon, BC Mike Hewson; RV7A C-FUXI, Vernon, BC, Franz Fux; RV7A C-GWPY



The Registration Tent ladies welcomed the fliers and signed everyone in. Everyone was given a sticker from Van's and a ballot for the "fan favourite" award. Melissa Brown (Hewson) was also busy selling hats and t-shirts!

Many thanks to **Van's Aircraft Inc.** of Aurora, Oregon, USA for their support of our first effort at a Van's Fly-In Event!



Aircraft Type	Number Participating	Home Airport	Flown in from	
C-172	1	Boundary Bay	Vancouver	1
C-180	1	Calgary/Springbank	Fairmont / Invermere	2
Chipmunk	1	Calgary/Springbank	Pitt Meadows	1
F1 Rocket	1	High River	High River	1
Glasair Sportsman	1	Josephburg	Josephburg	1
Lancair	1	Kamloops	Kamloops	2
Mooney M20P	1	Kelowna	Kelowna	1
RV4	1	Kelowna	Kelowna	1
RV6	1	Mable Lake	Mable Lake	1
RV6A	4	Olds-Didsbury	Olds-Disbury	2
RV7	3	Oliver	Oliver	1
RV7A	5	Penticton	Penticton	1
RV8	3	Prince George	Prince George	1
RV9A	4	Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm	1
RV14A	1	Vernon	Snowflakes	9
TOTAL	29	Vernon	Vernon	1
		Vernon	Vernon	1
		Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin	1
		TOTAL		29

F1 Rocket C-FADK

Springbank, AB David Deere

“First time here; awesome airport and facilities”





RV-14A C-FMRB

Josephburg, AB

Kerry & Dina Busse



RV-8 C-GPMC

Olds-Didsbury, AB

Paul Malott



RV7A C-GWPY

Vernon, BC

Derek Riphagen



RV7A C-GWMD

Kamloops, BC

Monte Dauncey



RV9A C-FBFF
High River, AB
Donavon Bentz



RV6A C-GZVD
Kamloops, BC
Dale Maher



RV7 C-GXMQ
Springbank, AB
Trevor & Carine Fleming
"Thanks for such a fun day!"



Glasair Sportsman C-FMHF
Mabel Lake, BC
Maile Friesen



Cessna 180A C-FUVN

Prince George, BC

Andy & Katie Townsley



Mooney M20P N9187V

Boundary Bay

Yoyo Au



C-FOAV

Dehavilland DHC-1 "Chipmunk"

Dave & Karen Gillespie



"Also have an RV6 C-FTET but chose to bring the chipping!"



RV7A C-GOES
Wetaskiwin, AB
Martin Cordwell
"Great Flight!"



(didn't register)
C-182Q C-GYVF
Williams Lake



2009 Seawind 3000 (For Sale)
C-FEWR
Vernon, BC
Ted Malewski



RV8 C-FIFF
Penticton, BC
Ron Townson



RV7 C-GULF

Calgary/Springbank, AB

Darin Watson



RV4 C-GEAU

Vernon, BC

Chuck Ross

"What a great day for a fly-in!"



RV6 C-GDMF

Penticton, BC

Dave Fish

(first officer for the day: Douglas Dahl)



RV9A C-FAJO

Vernon, BC

Mike Hewson

I tried to get photos of every aircraft that participated that day but it appears that I missed a few! For example, the beautiful Lancair 360 C-GOEX from Olds-Didsbury flown by Claude Parent. And Dennis Ellingson's RV6A C-GXRT from Salmon Arm; Kent and Kerri Hardisty's RV7 C-FVJR hangared at Vernon.

Also, I can't forget to mention The Snowflakes who flew a Castanet.net reporter in a formation practice complete with smoke to start the day off right! Sorry I didn't get a photo of their airplanes: Rob Kennett's RV6A C-GRBK, Steve Foord, RV9A, Steve Swallow, RV9A, Stu McLean, RV7A (flying the aircraft owned by Rick Thorburn).

There are videos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/flyingclubvernon> that captures the essence of the event!

Thanks to all the volunteers from the Kelowna Flying Club and the Vernon Flying Club for making this, our first annual RV Fly-In, such a terrific success! – Marion Ross

Three old pilots were walking across the ramp to their airplanes.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday."

Third one says, "Yeah so am I. Let's go get a beer instead."

"I don't think I possess any skill that anyone else doesn't have. I've just had perhaps more of an opportunity, more of an exposure, and been fortunate to survive a lot of situations that many others weren't so lucky to make it. It's not how close can you get to the ground, but how precise can you fly the airplane. If you feel so careless with your life that you want to be the world's lowest flying aviator you might do it for a while. But there are a great many former friends of mine who are no longer with us simply because they cut their margins too close." – R.A. "Bob" Hoover during a TV interview

Meet the 2023/2024 Board of Directors and COPA Flight 65 Executive

- President Pauline Readner
- Vice-President Derek Riphagen
- Treasurer Betty Lee Longstaff
- Secretary Marion Ross
- Director Alison Crerar

Executive for COPA Flight 65:

- COPA Captain Art Ratte
- COPA Co-Captain Derek Riphagen
- COPA Navigator Keith Readner



Art Ratte, Marion Ross, Alison Crerar, Derek Riphagen, Pauline Readner, Betty Lee Longstaff

Committees for 2023/2024

- Bulletin Board, Exchange Library, Magazines (keep tidy & current) (**VACANT**)
 - Constitution / By-laws Maintenance (**Bill Wilkie**)
 - Coordinator of the Scholarship Awards (**Stu McLean**)
 - Discover Aviation Vernon Coordinator (**Rob McDicken**)
 - Facebook (**Marion Ross**)
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 - Social Convenor (**Alison Crerar**)
- Janitorial Services provided by **Linda Decker** of GEM Cleaning Services @ \$85.00 per 1xmonth.

September Pancake Breakfast

Photos by Bill More

The work crew served up 43 breakfasts to some happy diners



(l to r)

Keith Readner – eggs

Franz Fux – pancakes

Steve Foord – sausages

Del Desrosiers – set up and serving.

Pauline Readner – serving.

Derek Riphagen – beverages

John Eaton – clean-up



Our indomitable **Del Desrosiers**, who always comes early and gets everything set-up, waits for the rush of hungry guests.



Breakfast, the most important meal of the day!

Photos by Bill More

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VFC Members Support Community Fundraising Efforts



Dave Crerar and Stu McLean

By Alison Crerar: A very good time was recently enjoyed by some of our flying club members when they attended “**From Hospice with Love**”, a “black tie” James Bond-themed gala to support **Vernon Hospice House**.

Our very capable **Carolyn Hoffman** was an organizer for the event, which was a huge success and a very good time! A gourmet dinner was followed by both a Live Auction and Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, raffle, casino games and dancing to a full orchestra, the Legendary Lake Monsters. Photo Booths added to the fun and games. Everyone had a wonderful evening and was happy to be able to contribute to this very worthwhile institution, so recently praised by our dear late club member, **John Swallow**, who said with a smile, “This is the place to go.”



Alison Crerar and Melissa Brown



Melissa Brown, Dave Crerar, Alison Crerar, Mike Hewson

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Thanks to all the volunteers who organize the delicious meals for us. Special mention to Tom Glover for barbecuing the well-cooked burgers and Dave Crerar for the perfectly fried onions!

Photos by Alison Crerar



Thanks, once again, to **Jonathan and Wyatt McMurray** of the A&W Group for their very generous donation of burger patties and buns!



We were very pleased to have **Mike and Beth Reed** from **Finnair Helicopters** join us to talk about their work in New Zealand, Canada., and the western USA. Mike is a third generation pilot in an aviation family and his dad is still very active flying in Northern BC. After coming to Canada in the 1990's, Mike started working in the Yukon and now flies a Eurocopter based in Vernon. He works side by side with his wife Beth, who's been a helicopter engineer since 2006. They met while working a fire in Australia and have gone on to do a lot of interesting work together. Their talk included a slideshow of their many adventures including a three-month contract on Haida Gwaii and other wildlife capture for relocating or research. Much of their work is for BCHydro and involves getting maintenance crews out to downed power lines, often in the kind of weather that caused the outage in the first place! We'd love to have them back to hear more of their stories!



Blind Tiger Pizza Party

By Alison Crerar

The Pizza Party at the Blind Tiger Winery on Wednesday, September 27, was a resounding success! It was attended and enjoyed by 24 members, most from Vernon but a few from the Kelowna Flying Club (KFC).

Our hosts were **Charlene and Jerry Wowchuk**, owners of the winery and KFC members with Charlene being the pilot in the family. They welcomed us warmly and promptly served each a glass of wine, allowing us to taste the different varieties before choosing.....and it was generously-sized Riedel stemware! Others enjoyed a cocktail or craft beer.



Our group gathered under a bright, well-lit tent with large windows and well-spaced tables and chairs. We were assured the pizza would continue to arrive as long as we were still enjoying it, and enjoy it we did! There were four kinds presented, all of which were tasty and delicious.

The winery is a beautiful property complete with gardens to grow the fresh produce used on their pizzas. The name comes from the prohibition era when a 'blind tiger' was a place where liquor was sold illegally. Some

sort of animal display would be exhibited to disguise these establishments and, in this case, the tiger at the gate is blindfolded. The winery and restaurant are family friendly and pet friendly with non-alcoholic beverages available and a special menu just for furry friends! The tasting room is seasonal and hours change mid-October but through the summer there are "Live in the Vineyard" performances.

It was a very pleasant evening with great food and wine, and I'm sure we'll be returning another day!

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife, Grace, listened to the instructor. "It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the men, "Can you name your wife's favourite flower?"

Tom leaned over to his wife and touched her arm gently and whispered, "It's Robin Hood, isn't it?"

Pauline Readner, President



I grew up on a farm in Alberta, where my passion for animals and all things powered by an engine took root. I was the adventurous one, always seeking new experiences. I even started driving the farm truck when I could barely reach the foot pedals. My dad took flying lessons, and I treasured our visits to the airport to watch airplanes in action.

Over the years, I've been fortunate to travel to many countries, living in the U.S. for 12 years and Kuwait for 4 years. The incredible people I met and the valuable life lessons I learned along the way have enriched my perspective.

Upon returning to Canada in 2001, I contemplated taking flying lessons, but the allure of a Harley Davidson seemed like a better option. So, I enjoyed riding the Harley and shared that experience with my Dad until he turned 81 and could no longer ride.

My career in the auto industry was truly remarkable. I worked for Jim Pattison and later transitioned into the corporate world with Nissan Canada. In my quest for continuous learning, I returned to school and earned a degree as a Counsellor in 2019. Today, I run a Coaching business that I'm passionate about, where I have the privilege of transforming people's lives in various aspects, particularly in business. Serving clients all over the globe!

In 2018, Keith and I made the move to Vernon and we love the Okanagan. We share our acreage with 2 dogs, 2 miniature horses, 2 cats, and a 30-year-old parrot. We're fortunate to have the perfect shop, where we're currently building our RV-10, and we're eagerly anticipating the day when the project is completed so we can take to the skies and indulge in our love of flying. Additionally, I am looking forward to learning to fly, furthering my passion for aviation.

I am thrilled to serve as the President and work with the amazing team and wonderful members!

Derek Riphagen, Vice-President, COPA Co-Captain



My first pilot license was earned in 1976 in South Africa where I was able to rent and fly club planes (C150, C152 and C172) to travel around a rather mountainous area of the country with variable and challenging weather conditions.

Immigrating to Canada forty years ago, flying was interrupted for decades raising a family, getting my career back on track and visiting many parts of the the world to climb mountains, backpack, scuba dive or simply to visit historical places that interest me.

In 2010 I was invited by a pilot (C210) that I worked with to attend an annual potluck dinner at EAA Chapter 1410 (CEN4). Within a week I signed up for flying lessons and ordered an RV7A kit. A few months later I was elected President of the Chapter. Potluck dinner attendance can be an expensive habit! I have since flown to Oshkosh multiple times and many other points in the US and Canada. In 2018 I completed my IFR rating.

I enjoy flying my RV7A around the “neighbourhood”. I am now in the midst of building an RV10 having retired from a very busy career on two continents that has spanned being a consulting civil/structural engineer, information technology, CAD and finite element sales and support across north America, owning and operating a consulting business providing project management services for all manner of projects and business improvement/automation initiatives across many economic sectors and with many major Canadian companies, cattle ranching and as an executive with a large gas pipeline company.

The Okanagan is truly a magnificent scenic area with a vibrant aviation community in Vernon to be involved in aviation.

Alison Crerar Director, Social Convenor, Media Liaison



Alison joined the Vernon Flying Club in 1994 when the club had dwindled to a handful of members. She and Dave had recently moved from Golden where she was General Manager for their company, Amiskwi Air Ltd. (air charter, sightseeing, medevac, fire patrol, wildlife tracking), the fuel service both on airport and tankered to heli-logging, heli-skiing and firefighting sites, and Fortress Lake Lodge, a fly-in fishing camp they established in Hamber Provincial Park. It was a very busy time because Dave was still flying for Pacific Western Airlines, but she succeeded in getting her pilots license the year they operated a flying school. After selling the business in Golden, they went on to operate a fuel and flying service from both Vernon and Bamfield on the west coast and renamed the company Sterling Pacific Air Ltd. Now that Sterling is operating as a worldwide aircraft ferrying service, Alison still keeps the books but now has time for kids, grandkids and great-grandkids as well as Therapeutic Clowning, the charitable organization Grannies-a-Gogo, and of course the Flying Club. Having held the positions of Secretary, Newsletter Editor and President in the past, she enjoys the camaraderie of the Flying Club and is very happy the membership has grown to over 100!

Betty Lee Longstaff, Treasurer

As you know, Betty Lee was President of the Vernon Flying Club for the last three years. We are very glad that she allowed herself to be persuaded to stay on the board in the role of Treasurer, replacing Bill More.

Betty Lee and her spouse, Tom Glover, moved to Vernon from the Lower Mainland in 1999 and now live at Stepping Stones Estates overlooking Swan Lake with their black lab, Jack. They keep her C-172 C-GWTF "Juliet" in Tom's hangar at the Vernon Airport.

(There is a more complete bio of Betty Lee and Tom in the March / April 2021 issue of Hangar News.)

Marion Ross, Secretary

Marion joined the Flying Club in 1989 with her husband, Chuck who is the pilot in the family. They had recently moved from Yellowknife, NT where she worked with the Government of the NWT for fifteen years in clerical/administrative positions. She retired from Interior Health in 2011.

Chuck and Marion's first date was a flight in his Fleet Canuck out to a frozen lake near Yellowknife. She's since flown a lot with Chuck in the Fleet, then the Grumman Tiger and finally helping to build the Van's RV4. Although growing up next to the Edmonton International Airport and having a Dad who worked there for 28 years, she'd never been in a small plane before she met bush pilot Chuck.

Marion has been Secretary since 2018. She's been Editor of Hangar News a few times. She is looking forward to another year of fellowship and comraderie with the Vernon Flying Club



Vernon Flying Club stickers are available at the clubhouse for \$4.00 each. Please use the honour bowl for payment!

Good quality, vinyl stickers

Great way to promote our club!

Art Ratte, COPA Captain



Art graduated from UBC in Minerals engineering in 1973 and worked in various places around the world including Timmins Ontario, Port Hardy BC, Tabubil Papua New Ginea, Antofagasta Chile, and San Francisco, primarily in the production of copper. While working in San Francisco, he completed an MBA from golden Gate University. He finished off his career mining oil in Fort McMurray, retiring to Coldstream in 2003.

He became hooked on flying after being flown from Ft. St. John to Zama Lake while employed as a university summer student and earned his PPL in Northern Ontario in 1976. After a prolonged period of not flying, he purchased a Cessna 172 in

San Francisco, imported it into Chile and completed his PPL for a second time in Antofagasta in 1993. Upon returning to Canada in 2000, he purchased a Grumman AA1 which he flew until he completed his Lancair Legacy FG in 2009. Now, he keeps busy playing tennis, pickleball, golfing, skiing, and a bit of flying.

Keith Readner, COPA Navigator

I was raised on a farm near Edmonton, Alberta, where I developed a deep fascination with all things mechanical. Growing up in proximity to the Namao Air Base, I enjoyed watching various aircraft, from the old C-119 "Boxcars" to "HerCs," soaring over the farm. This experience ignited my passion for flying. When I was 19 years old, I visited the Edmonton Flying Club at YXD and embarked on a journey with a \$20.00 discovery flight. That initial flight set me on a course that led to acquiring my Private Pilot License (PPL), Commercial License, Multi-Instrument Rating, and Float Ratings, all by the time I turned 25.

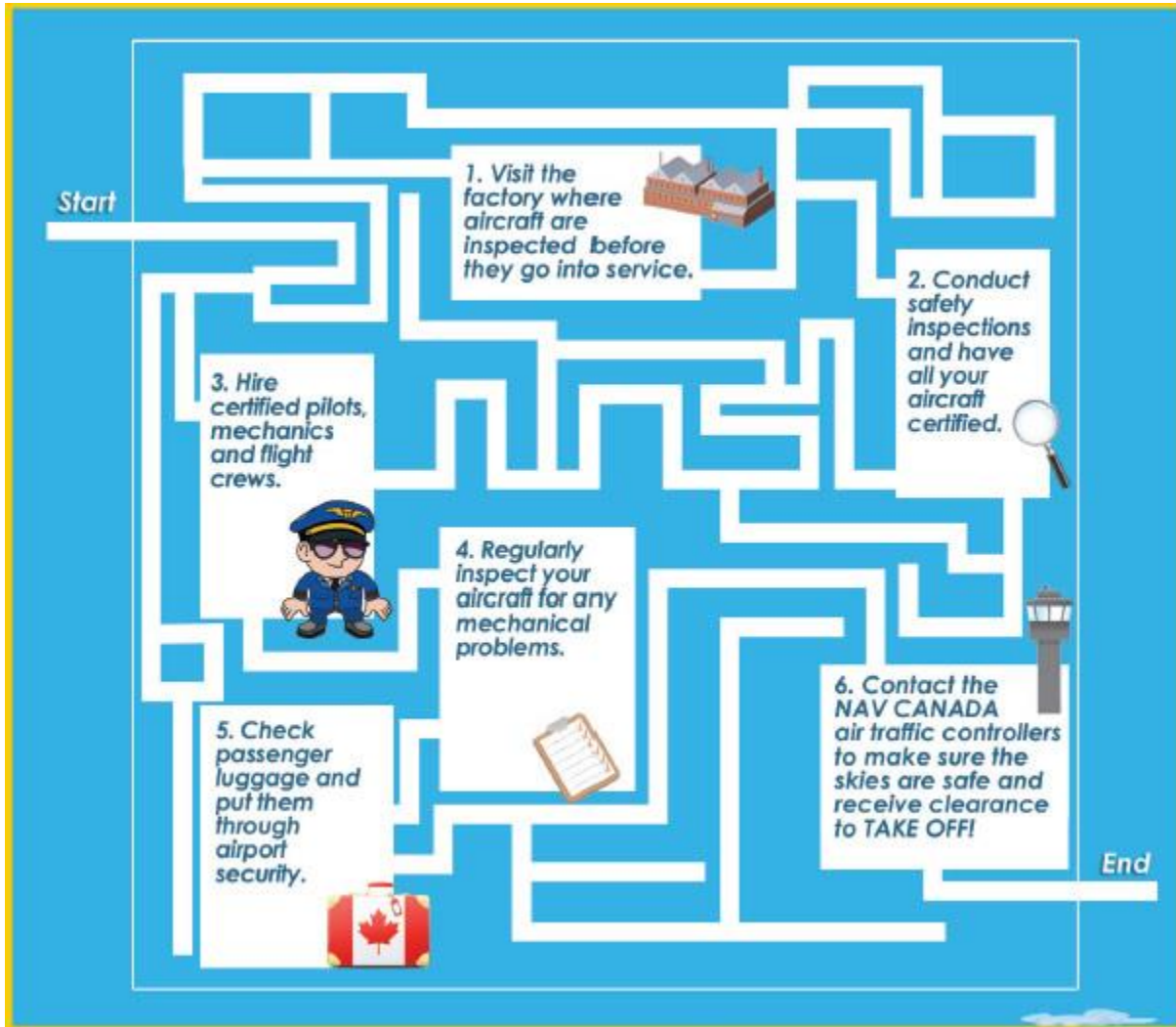
However, back in the late eighties, flying jobs were hard to come by, so I pursued a career in the electrical trade and worked in the pipeline industry for many years. In 2003, I ventured into the consulting business, serving Oil and Gas companies, which took me to various corners of the world, including South America, Africa, and the Middle East. This phase led to a 20-year hiatus from flying.

In 2018, Pauline and I relocated from the Kootenays to Vernon, we began searching for an airplane to purchase. We eventually settled on a Cherokee 180, which we flew for a few years before selling it. We've now embarked on the exciting journey of building an RV-10. Pauline and I are eagerly anticipating the maiden flight in the summer of 2024. Building an airplane has proved to be one of the most challenging projects I've ever undertaken, but with the invaluable help and support of fellow builders, it has been a rewarding and enriching experience.

I take great pleasure in being a part of the Vernon Flying Club and cherishing the camaraderie of like-minded aviation enthusiasts.

Think you know a lot about aviation in Canada? Take our trivia challenge to find out!

1. What was the name of the first aircraft to make a powered, controlled flight in Canada?
 - a) Red Wing
 - b) Silver Dart
 - c) June Bug
 - d) White Wing
 2. On what date did it make its first flight?
 - a) June 10, 1907
 - b) December 17, 1903
 - c) February 23, 1909
 - d) November 3, 1915
 3. Which of the following are Canadian bush planes?
 - a) Fairchild 82-A
 - b) Noorduyn Norseman VI
 - c) de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver
 - d) All of the above
 - e) None of the above
 4. Which government department is responsible for aviation safety in Canada?
 - a) Department of National Defence
 - b) Transport Canada
 - c) Canada Border Services Agency
 - d) Industry Canada
 5. Where is the Canada Aviation Museum located?
 - a) Baddeck, Nova Scotia
 - b) Cold Lake, Alberta
 - c) Montréal, Quebec
 - d) Ottawa, Ontario
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Canadians can be proud to know that Canada has one of the best aviation safety records AND is the third largest aviation manufacturer in the world! That’s right—not only do Canadians travel in and fly airplanes but they have also become well known for making them. Now that is something to celebrate!

Answers:



16 Movies Pilots and Aviation Enthusiasts Love – How many have you seen?

2016 - *Flying magazine's list of the top aviation-themed films.* The dawn of cinema occurred just about the same time man first took flight, so it's no wonder airplanes and aviators have been a common theme throughout film history. Some of the best aviation films recount important historical events; some celebrate the achievements of innovators in aviation. Others we can always count on to give us a good laugh.

Here are our picks for the best films ever made about aviation.

The Right Stuff (1983)

The film, based on Tom Wolfe's bestselling book of the same name, tells the story of the United States' first venture into manned space flight, beginning with Chuck Yeager (Sam Shepard) breaking the sound barrier in the rocket-powered X-1 Air Force test plane, and following the Mercury Project and the men selected to be the first astronauts. It's become a classic thanks in no small part to its historical accuracy and quality filmmaking. It won four Oscars and was nominated for Best Picture in 1984.

Wings (1927)

A silent film set during World War I, *Wings* became the standard to which future aviation movies would be held for its innovative aerial shooting and realistic depiction of flight and dogfights. Around 300 pilots were involved in shooting the film, including some from the United States Army Air Corps, and director William A. Wellman was an experienced flyer himself.

The film, which is also a tale of romance during wartime, won two Oscars for Best Picture and Best Effects.

Top Gun (1986)

"I feel the need ... the need for speed."

Love it or hate it, *Top Gun* has embedded itself in American pop culture like arguably no other aviation-themed movie in cinema history. Featuring an A-list cast, loads of jet-fueled action and plenty of '80s cheese, the film follows students at the U.S. Navy's elite fighter pilot school as two cocky pilots, Maverick (Tom Cruise) and Iceman (Val Kilmer), vie for the top spot in class.

The Navy actually reported its highest application rates after *Top Gun* was released, which must have something to do with how fun it looks to fly the F-14s featured in the film.

The High and the Mighty (1954)

Disaster strikes in a DC-4 airliner making a routine trans-Pacific flight, and a washed-up copilot, played by John Wayne, is forced to take command and save the lives of the crew and passengers in this drama-filled thriller.

The Dam Busters (1955)

Based on true accounts, *The Dam Busters* is the story of how a British scientist came up with an ingenious technique to bomb German dams during World War II, and the bomber crews assigned to carry out the risky attack.

One Six Right (2005)

If ever a film could fully distill the sense of community and passion surrounding general aviation, it would have to be One Six Right, a documentary about local airports told through the history of Southern California's Van Nuys Airport.

Featuring aerial sequences, a captivating original score and stories told by pilots, air traffic controllers, historians and flight enthusiasts, the independent film makes a strong case for the importance of the "unsung hero of aviation," the local airport.

Memphis Belle (1990)

Casualties are high at the height of bombing missions in World War II, and the American crew of the B-17 bomber Memphis Belle has one mission left in its tour of duty. The plot of the film follows the U.S. Army Air Corps bombing crew during its harrowing and historic final bombing raid over the heavily fortified city of Bremen, Germany.

Airplane! (1980)

Spoofing airplane disaster films like The High and the Mighty, Airplane! is perhaps best known for giving dads the world over an arsenal of one-liners guaranteed to make you laugh whether you're a pilot or not.

Ted Striker (Robert Hays) is an ex-fighter pilot who's now afraid to fly. But when food poisoning puts an airliner's crew out of commission, he's the only one on board who can safely land the plane. Absurdity and hilarity, of course, ensue.

Flying the Feathered Edge: The Bob Hoover Project (2014)

A World War II veteran and renowned test pilot, Bob Hoover is considered among most to have revolutionized modern aerobatic flying. Flying the Feathered Edge: The Bob Hoover Project is a documentary that tells the story of the gregarious aviation legend from his first flying lessons before the war to combat to his careers as a test pilot and airshow performer.

The film features interviews with a who's who of famous fliers paying tribute to the man who seemed to be able to do the impossible in an airplane.

Air Force One (1997)

In this action-packed thriller, Air Force one is hijacked by a group of terrorists, leaving it up to the president of the United States alone to save his family and culminating with an iconic midair plane-to-plane rescue scene.

It might not center directly on aviation, but it does take place in one of the most well-known airplanes in the world and stars Harrison Ford, a real-life pilot and aviation enthusiast, as commander in chief.

Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970)

Recounting the events of December 7, 1941, and the days leading up to the aerial attack on Pearl Harbor, Tora! Tora! Tora! tells the story from both the Japanese and American sides in historical detail.

The film won an Oscar for Best Effects.

Apollo 13 (1995)

A lunar landing mission turns into a desperate attempt to safely return three astronauts to Earth in this harrowing film based on the true story of NASA's 13th Apollo mission.

When their spacecraft is damaged, the lives of astronauts Jim Lovell (Tom Hanks), Fred Haise (Bill Paxton) and Jack Swigert (Kevin Bacon) depend on the engineers working out a solution at Mission Control back on Earth.

Apollo 13 was nominated for nine Oscars, winning two for Best Sound and Best Film Editing.

The Spirit of St. Louis (1957)

This film, named after the plane used in the first successful trans-Atlantic flight, is a biography of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, culminating in his legendary flight from New York to Paris.

Lindbergh is played by Jimmy Stewart, himself an experienced pilot.

Twelve O'Clock High (1949)

Morale is at an all-time low for an American bomber group struck with heavy losses over the skies of Nazi Germany when a tough-as-nails general takes over the unit. Gen. Frank Savage (Gregory Peck) whips the crew into shape.

Twelve O'Clock High, based on a true story and real people, is a WWII classic, known for its use of actual combat footage and realistic depiction of the psychological effects of the dangerous missions pilots and crew performed during bombing raids.

The film won two Oscars, for Best Supporting Actor and Best Sound, and was nominated for Best Picture. Peck was nominated for Best Actor.

The Aviator (2004)

In the 1930s and '40s, eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes helped to push the boundaries of aviation, forming the Hughes Aircraft Company, chasing speed records, buying and expanding Trans World Airlines, and building the notorious Spruce Goose. The Aviator centers on Hughes' obsession to innovate first as a movie producer and director, and later in the aviation industry.

Martin Scorsese's biopic is a tale both of Hughes' amazing achievements and the personal demons he struggled with throughout his fascinating life.

Hell's Angels (1930)

Speaking of Howard Hughes and his filmmaking career, this list wouldn't be complete without his own classic aviation film, Hell's Angels, the production of which plays a role in the plot of The Aviator.

In Hell's Angels, two brothers join the British Royal Flying Corps at the start of World War I and end up volunteering for the same risky bombing mission. The drama-filled film was lauded for its complex aerial battle cinematography, which was shot in painstaking detail with oversight from director Hughes.

Due to the meticulous nature of Hughes' directing, the film cost \$4 million (roughly \$57 million in today's dollars) and took two and a half years to shoot.

Congratulations **Kensington Hewson** for winning yet another scholarship! Your proud mama has let us know that you are the winner of the 2023 BCAC \$1000 *Al Michaud Memorial Scholarship* awarded by BCAC (British Columbia Aviation Council).

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Annual Christmas Potluck Supper and Party Tuesday, December 12th

- We'll be starting with drinks and appetizers at 5:00 - dinner served at 6:00 – potluck everyone.
- Please bring your own dishes and utensils so no one has to stay behind to clean-up!
- **Gift Exchange** - bring one wrapped gift to exchange; if you and your guest both want to play, bring two wrapped gifts; new or nearly new (~\$20.00 value).
- **Charity of Choice** will once again be the Salvation Army. If you want to donate, a bucket will be available at the clubhouse to collect the cheques (use the envelope provided). No one at VFC will know who or what amount you choose to donate. Cheques will be dropped off at the House of Hope on December 13th.
- We will also have a donation box for those who would prefer to bring a non-perishable food item for the **Food Bank**.
- A box will be set up to collect any toy donations (unwrapped) for **Santa's Anonymous**.

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