



The 2025 Rust Remover



Saturday, May 3, 2025
Registration 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

6225 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon, BC
Okanagan College Aerospace Campus
Vernon Regional Airport

\$40.00

Includes coffee during registration, four speakers, lunch



Members and Rust Remover Attendees
are invited to attend the
Friday Evening Social and Supper
May 2nd
VFC Clubhouse Doors open at 5:00
Chili & Bun plus salad & dessert
\$10.00 per person



On The Ramp



C-FBCP Twin Diamond DA 62
Registered to IFLY Charter Inc.
Charles Guimont flew 13 hours from Quebec to
Vernon with a few days spent in Calgary waiting
for a weather window. It was a gorgeous day but
the ramp was a skating rink!

C-FZLG Alon A2-A (Aircoupe)
Royal Flying Corps School of Aerial Fighting
Ltd. (plus 4 other owners)
Oliver, B.C.



C-GGUG Diamond DA 40F
2007
Wu Hao
Coquitlam, BC

C-FMWP 1969 Cessna 182M
Barry Bergeron
Surrey/Pitt Meadows, BC



Terrific Guest Speakers



accepting a token of our appreciation from Pauline Readner, VFC President.

January

“Relationships, Attitudes, and Action” was the topic, and **Norbert Pfefferkorn** masterfully shared his life story and philosophy while regaling us with stories of his travels through many different countries such as El Salvador, Nicaragua, Israel, Haiti just to name a few.

Norbert was born in Stuttgart, Germany and moved with his parents to Canada while in his teens. He went on to study electronics but was turned on to aviation after reading a book about flying.

He was a Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) pilot who served in Angola, Zambia, Namibia and Haiti. Then came a lengthy “midlife discovery stage”. He became a flight instructor seven years ago. He was the CFI of Aurora Aviation last year.

Norbert is a wonderful asset to our club and a terrific resource! Photo is of Norbert



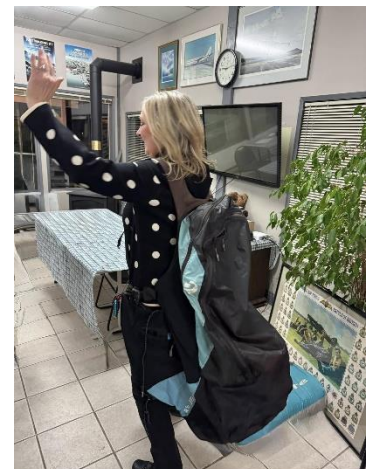
February

Terry Butcher from the Freedom Flight School in Lumby made paragliding sound fabulous and exciting but at the same time, safe.

He brought his rig (aircraft in a bag) about \$7,000.00.

Several of our members expressed a desire to give it a go so we’re going to arrange for “an outing” in the Spring. Would that be something some of your local folks might be interested in?

Tandem flights are a great way to experience paragliding and introduce you to the freedom of free flight.



<https://www.freedomflightschool.com>



Norm Livingstone, Lec, Pauline Readner, and son, Isaiah

March

Norm Livingstone shared stories and photos from his Round-the-World Flight in a Mooney.

He is a Canadian who worked and lived in Thailand for 21 years. He was a passionate recreation pilot married to Radha Bovornterabhas (Led) who also loves flying. Armed with a PPL, instrument rating and lots of cross-country experience, they spent 5 years planning this epic flight.

The round-the-world flight started from Boundary Bay Airport in Vancouver in April 2007 and headed East. They flew their new single engine 2007 model Mooney Ovation 3 on the trip for 8 months. Total distance was 32,000 nautical miles consuming 214 flight hours.

They flew across Canada, over the Atlantic Ocean, around Scandinavia, down through Europe, Africa, across the Middle East, down through Asia, over to Australia, many island stops across the Pacific Ocean to reach Hawaii, a long flight to California and finally back to Boundary Bay.

Memorial Wall



Thanks to the efforts of **Kelly Sheret**, our memorial wall has been updated so that from now and into the future we will have a system in place to honour our members who have "Gone West".

The Vernon Flying Club has seen a lot of members come and go since 1946 so these few plaques are by no means all of the ones we have lost.

The obituaries are in a binder

The space was enhanced by taking out the window and making a special place in the corner of the clubhouse just for our late members.



Pi Day (3.14)

\$100.00 was raised at our annual Pi Day Celebration.

Thanks to everyone who brought delicious homemade pies on March 14th. There was a great turnout for the coffee-time gathering and the money raised will go to the Vernon Flying Club Scholarship Fund.



There was a beautiful selection! It was hard to just choose one so some of us took a little bit of two or three! Lemon meringue, cherry, strawberry rhubarb, pumpkin, chocolate cashew, apple, peanut butter chiffon



Flying Club Members Enjoy Fly-Outs



Keith and Pauline Readner (RV10), Darcy and Sherrie MacPhee (RV9) and Chuck and Marion Ross (RV4) enjoyed a beautiful flight from Vernon to Castlegar on February 28th. Lunch as a 2-minute walk to the Casino.

Readners's and MacPhee's continued on to Revelstoke before returning to Vernon.

We'd love to hear about your fly-out experiences! Was there a particular place you enjoyed and recommend? Was there any place you had a scary or "I learned about flying from..." experience? Have you encountered interesting characters in your travels? Please feel free to send your stories to the flying club email address!



Monthly Pancake Breakfasts

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who get up early on Sunday morning to prepare and serve delicious breakfasts to our guests.

Having two teams of volunteers has certainly lessened the workload and allows the "not-working team" to enjoy their breakfast and fellowship with the other members on alternate months.



Airport Tours

The Flying Club is often asked to host tours of the airport by school groups, church youth groups, day cares, etc. On January 8, 2025 we welcomed the grade 6/7's from Ellison Elementary School for an airport tour led by Stu McLean.

One of the highlights of the morning was seeing Steve Foord's hangar and his RV10 project. (We call Steve's hangar "The Surgical Suite" because it is so clean, neat and tidy!

Photos used with permission.



Flying Club Members Support Our Community

Cadets Honour Band Performance

By Alison Crerar

Several club members enjoyed a fantastic concert at the Performing Arts Centre on Thursday, March 20th.

Fifty Cadets from Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force Cadet Squadrons across BC come together yearly to perform in selected locations across the province, and Vernon was fortunate to be included on their 2025 tour.

These young people ranging from 12 to 18 years old have amazing talent and they regaled the audience with popular tunes, rousing marches, old favourites and several selections with pipes and drums. They displayed confidence as they in turn announced the pieces they played, and maturity beyond their years performing with the talents of a professional orchestra.

Our own club members were suitably impressed and I'm sure will be looking forward to the Honour Band's return!



Ted Malewski makes a friend at the Performing Arts Centre

Chris Castles Bequest to the Vernon Flying Club

Chris passed away March 12, 2023. The flying club was very surprised to discover that he had made a bequest in his will that C-GCBV, a Van's RV4, go to the Vernon Flying Club.

A long and interesting process which involved the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT), lawyers, and other beneficiaries has resulted in the Court directing that the club can sell the RV4 with 2/3 of the proceeds coming to the club and 1/3 going to the other beneficiaries.

A committee has been formed to get this done.

Basically, the aircraft has sat, untouched, since March 2023 and will be sold "As Is, Where Is". Price is still to be determined but expressions of interest can be sent to the club email.

The aircraft was built in 2010 and is parked at the Vernon Airport across from Taxiway Charlie.

Club Merch

Just a reminder that we have a stock of hats, T-shirts, hoodies, and decals for sale at the club.

Please use the envelopes provided or e-Transfer the funds to the club email.



{Your story could have been here!}

Schedule of Activities

April	15	Tuesday	BBQ, Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker: Mike Reed , FinnAir Helicopters – Hydro Line Patrol
	27	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast (Team B)
May	2	Friday	Friday Night Social – Chili Supper \$10.00
	3	Saturday	Rust Remover at Okanagan College Aerospace Campus
	20	Tuesday	BBQ + Regular Meeting – Guest Speaker: David Helm , Wills, Estates and Probate
	20		We acknowledge and appreciate all our great volunteers! <i>National Volunteer Week 2025 – April 27 to May 4 By coming together, committing support, and increasing our collective efforts and impact, volunteers contribute exponentially to the quality of life we all strive for.</i>
	25	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast (Team A)
June	17	Tuesday	BBQ + Regular Meeting – Guest Speaker: Brian Mellis , Spreading Ashes from Aircraft
	20	Friday	COPA National Board Meeting at noon (Clubhouse will be closed)
	21	Saturday	COPA National Annual General Meeting at the Kal Tire Hangar with barbeque lunch to follow at the clubhouse
	22	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast (Team A & B)
	27	Friday	Set-Up and All-Volunteer Briefing for Discover Aviation
	28	Saturday	Discover Aviation
July	16	Tuesday	Barbeque / Picnic (no meeting)
	28	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast (Team B)
August	20	Tuesday	Barbeque / Picnic (no meeting)
	24	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast (Team A)
	30	Saturday	3rd Annual Experimental Aircraft Fly-In
September	16	Tuesday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

Please note that the schedule of activities is subject to change based on weather and availability of volunteers!

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