



Winnipeg Area Chapter of RAA Canada

September 2012

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sept. 15, 2012 | General Meeting – Airship tour – see details inside |
| October 18, 2012 | AGM, Elections – tour planned |
| Nov. 15, 2012 | General Meeting – Tour planned to the US |
| Dec 1, 2012 | Christmas potluck |
| January 2013 | Rust Remover – date and location to be finalized |

Gilbert Bourrier, 1948 – 2012



Gilbert with his work of art Acco Sport II



*Building the Flight Centre
Everyone's pointing to Gilbert*



*Work party building the Flight Centre. Gilbert
oversaw all the construction of the building*



Gilbert with a Young Eagle



*Gilbert receiving last years Arro Award
from Jim Oke*

Many RAA and SFC members worked with Gil on the many projects in which he was involved at Lyncrest Airport. Gil volunteered as Foreman when the club built the RAA Workshop and Final Assembly Building, shared advice, tools, materials and skills with aircraft builders, poured the concrete pad for the apron and sidewalk, kept the lock functioning, replaced light bulbs, levelled gravel, led workshops like the Tiger Moth rib building and fabric covering workshops, instigated and led the successful aircraft model building workshop for youth...the list goes on and on, and that is just for the RAA. Gil also played a lead role in building and maintaining the Lyncrest Flight Centre, the SFC Maintenance Building, taxiways, runways, drainage...to name just a few more. Gil pitched in to help in so many ways at the Springfield Flying Club social and flying events, from BBQing to cleaning up to making sure everything was working. Gil has influenced not just pilots and youth, he also completed many kitchen, bathroom, hangars, hangar doors and other renovations for club members and neighbours, which will be treasured for years to come. Gil will be sadly missed by the Lyncrest 'family' and the RAA and SFC send our deepest sympathy to Gil's family, whom he loved first and foremost.

A long-time friend of Gil's, Mike Loewen shares the following:

I first met Gil about 30 years ago out at St. Andrews airport when he was working across the way from Brian Magill. We reacquainted again at Lyncrest when Gil joined the Springfield Flying Club in 1995. I remember Gil's immediate impact on the club, as within the first week of joining he procured and installed a new ceiling in the old clubhouse, vastly improving it. That was just a start for Gil at Lyncrest. I'll let others tell of his countless contributions during his association with SFC.

I'd like to give you all a brief glimpse of some of the outstanding accomplishments Gil performed during the summers from 2000 to 2009 while he was employed at Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club, just outside of Kenora. I was the volunteer 'House and Harbour Master' for the Club in 2005 and tried in vain to recruit Gil into coming on board to head up our maintenance team. He was interested, but far too busy that year—probably helping several of you here, with your projects. After lobbying and generally pestering him all that fall and winter, I finally managed to persuade him to at least come out and have a look at the operation on Yacht Club Island. Well, as the saying goes, that was the start of a beautiful relationship. Gil took the position in May of '00 and never looked back.

Our commodore at the time, Don Konantz, couldn't believe his (our) good fortune to have such a multi-talented, enthusiastic, and hard-working craftsman leading this critical operational function. Gil was a natural leader and immediately had the staff whipped into shape and performing near miracles for the eight intense weeks that sees most of the Club's activities. Much more went on behind the scenes that most of the members never saw, including ploughing through the comprehensive list of pre-opening duties in May and June, and again during the chilly September and October shutdown. Gil usually worked weekdays at the Club and then drove home for weekends to see his family—but it didn't always work out that way, as Gisele will attest to. Often just before Gil was to leave for Winnipeg, another crisis would arise, usually hours or even minutes before a big wedding of a member's son or daughter, and Gil would sacrifice his family time again to stay and solve the problem.

In one particular instance, the Club lost the Hydro connection to the island the day before one of those special weddings. Gil and his team—some of whom are here today—sprung into action to save the day, installing a new 400-amp cable and cementing it in place in time for inspection and re-connection, all within a 24-hour period. This is something that usually takes weeks or even months to get through the process.

And that was just one example of dozens of special projects that Gil wrestled to successful completion with his customary excellent craftsmanship. Typical Gil initiated several volunteer activities, usually involving the younger members of the Club. He was great mentor to the juniors, guiding them to take pride in their club and to "give back" in the true spirit that any club needs to function effectively.

During the three and a half years that Gil worked at RLWYC, the members' feedback on the maintenance and general appearance of the Club was outstanding. It had never been higher.

Last summer, when Gil came out to Lake of the Woods to visit at my cottage and to help me with a project, we went to the Yacht Club for the annual fish fry. Everyone was thrilled to see Gil again, and there was a constant circle of members and staff around him that evening, wanting to catch up on news and activities with him.

There is one other recent interest of Gil's that many of you might not have been aware of, and that is of his enthusiastic interest in electric vehicles. A year and a half ago Gil joined the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association, and quickly became hooked on EV conversions. Again, typical Gil, he volunteered for every activity this fledgling new club participated in and quickly became one of the key go-to guys in the membership. He was planning to start his own conversion later this fall, right after a planned trip of ours to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to participate in an international EV convention focusing on how to start up an EV conversion business. Who knows where that might have led? (I think I do.)

No matter what the occasion, or project or activity, Gil was always fun to be with. His booming deep voice and hearty laugh was infectious and immediately set the mood for even the worst of tasks. Just hanging around Gil was an adventure.

In closing, I have to think—in fact I can picture it vividly in my mind—that as Gil made his way up to Heaven (gaining obvious and instant admittance), he stopped to share a couple of laughs with St. Peter, and actually had St. Pete hand him the tools needed to repair a worn hinge on one of the Gates before he passed through.

We'll miss you, Gil. Fly High and Handsome, my friend!

- Mike Loewen
August 28, 2012

Thursday RAA Meeting September 20, 7:30 pm – tour



Barry Prentice and Dale George will answer your questions about "What is a Dirigible? An Air Ship? The Nature and Construction of an Air Ship!...This tour includes a tour of MB's Air Ship with opportunities to get a close look at how it is made, how it works, and why it might be useful in the Canadian North! Tour begins at 7:30

The company is called Aeros 40B and the MB-80 UAV airship tour will take place in the Air Ship warehouse located at 630 Kernighan, just off Plessis Rd. across from New Flyer Bus Company. Come to door no. 79 near the "factory" outlet for Palliser Furniture.

November ☐RAA☐SFC Moccasin Making Workshop. Learn First Nations, Métis and Inuit traditional methods used to make moccasins and slippers. Either bring your own material or let us know and a trapper we'll bring material for you. Cost for materials will vary depending on what you use. Register by emailing jill_oakes@umanitoba.ca.

Election of Officers and Directors

We're always looking for Officers and Directors to bring energy and new ideas to the Executive. If you are interested in serving on the Executive or have someone you'd like to nominate, please contact Jim Oke at 344-5396. Elections will be held at our regular meeting on October 18th.

Workshops and Courses

The RAA is interested in planning courses and workshops over the winter. Some of the suggestions are fiberglassing, fabric covering, bending/riveting, and internet resources for pilots. If you are interested in any of these courses or have suggestions for other courses, please let a member of the executive know and if there is enough interest, we'll try and organize the course or workshop.

Hangar Safety

The RAA Workshop-Final Assembly Building is a **Non Smoking** facility for safety and insurance purposes. Collectively less than 5 gallons of flammable substances is allowed in the building. Smoking and/or holding more than a total of 5 gallons of flammable substances (e.g. fuel, dope, paint etc)

invalidates the RAA insurance and is therefore prohibited. Thank you to everyone who uses or visits this workspace for adhering these restrictions.

Renters are required to obtain approval from Ben Toenders prior to spraying or doping aircraft.

Tiger Moth Update

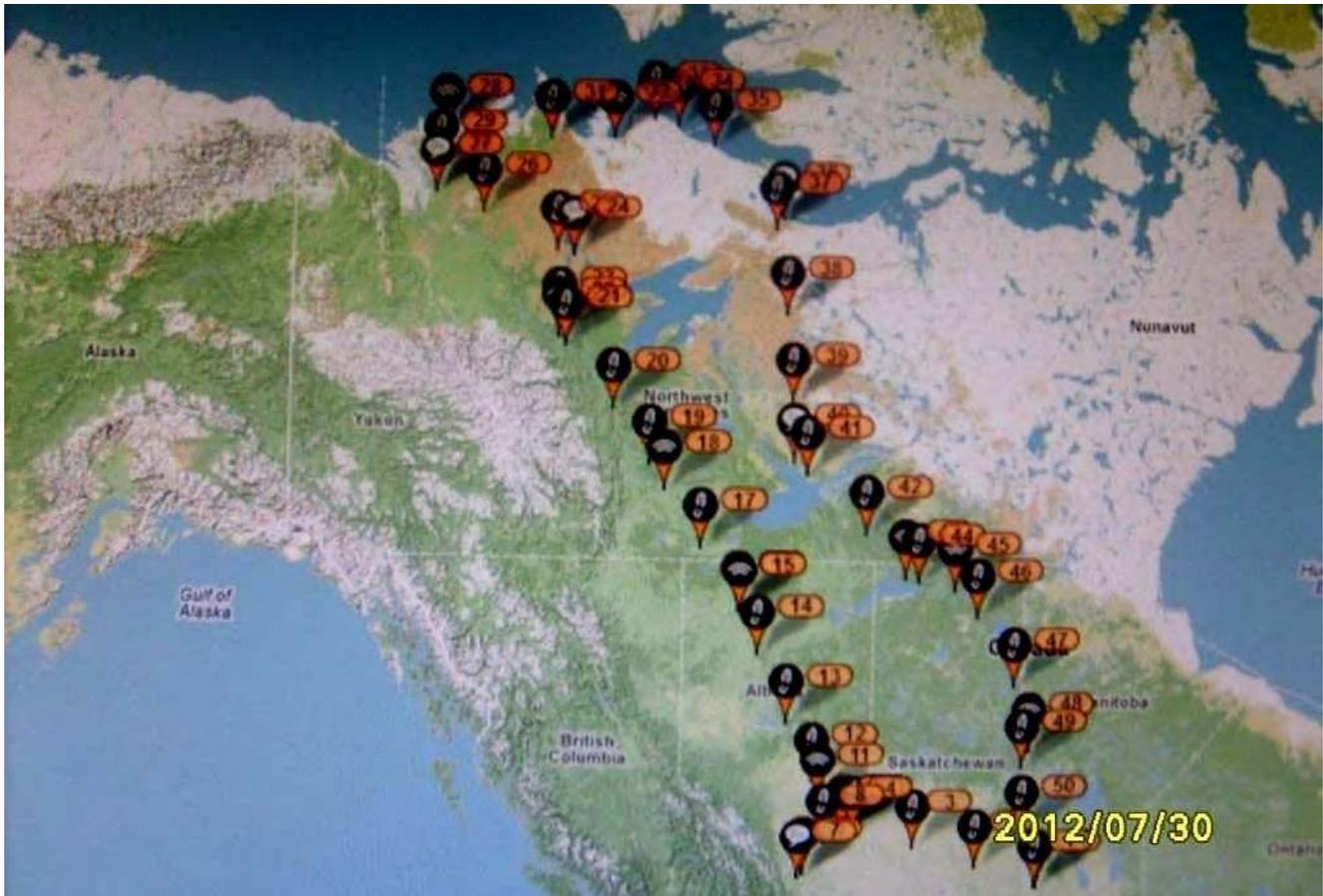
The Brandon CATP Museum's Tiger Moth has now been restored by the Brandon and Winnipeg Area RAA members and friends. Over 100 people donated their time, energy, advice and money to this project. The cylinder heads have been removed from a Chipmunk Gypsy Major engine are at Aero Recip being restored. Once they are ready, they will be installed on the Tiger Moth taxi tests, flight tests and flying will begin! Funds are needed to pay for the cylinder head servicing, cheques made out to the Commonwealth Air Training Program Museum and marked for the Tiger Moth will receive tax deductible receipts. Leave your cheques in Jill Oakes' mail box at the Lyncrest Flight Centre or mail them directly to the Brandon Museum.

Flying to the Northwest Territories for Fun – Ken and Colette Pierce

On July 17th Ken and Colette Pierce (Shoal Lake Flying Club Members) took off in their C182 from their farm strip a couple of miles south of Beulah, Manitoba near the Saskatchewan border. They were on their way to the Northwest Territories by air! Bruce and Noreen McEwing (Springfield Flying Club and Brandon Flying Club Members) joined them in their C182 at Inuvik. Both planes then continued to Tuktoyuktuk, Kugluktuk and Yellowknife together. Another couple had planned to join the trip and were really disappointed when combining responsibilities got in the way. Before leaving, Colette took a "Learn to Land" course so she was familiar with the workings of their C182 and helped with the flying and navigating. For two glorious weeks the Pierces and McEwings winged their way northward. The GPS 510 has a terrific weather feature; however, north of Edmonton this feature became a solid black screen! Only METARS and TAFs were of use, and with very few weather stations this information was sketchy at times.

Ken and Colette have no sooner returned home and they are planning a trip leaving in January for California and then flying up the West Coast to British Columbia. "As for our trip south, we are just 'winging it' as we have no concrete plans except for when we have to be in Osoyoos, BC. They have rented a condo at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos for the month of February. Pilot friends are joining them there for a winter retreat. You are invited to join them, for the whole flight, your favourite leg of the flight, or fly commercially to the Interior of BC and make your way to the resort. There are still condos available if you would like to book one.

The following photos are a brief glimpse of their trip:



Ken and Colette's Northwest passage Spot track

"We logged 31 hours of flight time, with 22 landings and flew 4200 nm! We saw the Beaufort Sea, landed on an abandoned DEW Line site runway and saw the Northwest Passage! We waded in the Arctic Ocean, stayed in wilderness cabins, heard the wolves howling at night, met amazing Inuit people, stayed with Bernard Brown a well-known artist-missionary now over 92 years old, and talked to bush pilot legends."



Ken and Colette Pierce in the Arctic with their C182



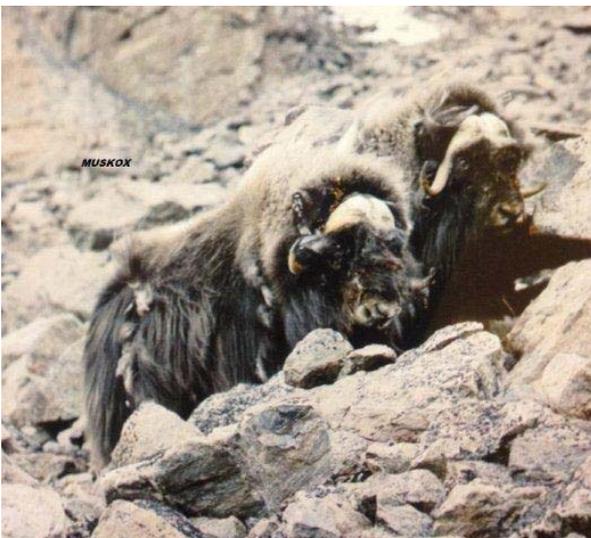
I'm flying the Mackenzie Valley...something I've always wanted to do!



Bruce and Noreen McEwing flying their C182 over Eskimo Lake in the Northwest Territories.



Ken and Colette flying their C182 over Eskimo Lake.



The Tundra was like visiting another world, including seeing these Musk ox up close...they looked like prehistoric animals!



Flying down the Horton



We landed at Dew Line 1 and took this panorama shot. It sure must have been a challenge for the people that worked at these sites throughout the long winters

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Repaired – Total time since repair – 0

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2012 Membership Form

Winnipeg Area Chapter RAA

Full (\$25.00)

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Mailing Address		Renewal Date	
Phone(s)		Chq. Other	Cash
E-mail		Initials	
Are you an RAA national member? ⁽¹⁾		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you give permission for your information to be made available to other Winnipeg RAA members?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Optional Information

Do you own an aircraft?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Make/model: Registration:	Are you a member of other aviation groups?	EAA: <input type="checkbox"/> COPA: <input type="checkbox"/> Others:
Are you building or restoring an aircraft?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Make and model of project(s):	What Pilots licences and ratings do you hold?	

Please make cheque payable to: RAA - Winnipeg Chapter
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Notes:

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