

RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Chapter 85 General Meeting Tuesday 6 January 2009

Exec Attending: Tim Nicholas, Bruce Prior, Terry Wilshire, Rob Prior, Tedd McHenry, Joan Cox, Eric Munzer, Don Souter. Total attendance 28.

Call to Order: At 1940 by President Tim. There were no visitors. The attendees had to locate themselves around the Chapter's library holdings that were piled high in the middle of the floor for sorting and storage.

Correspondence: Bruce reported that BCIT had called to see if Chapter 85 was interested in once again providing a \$500 bursary to a worthy student at BCIT's Aviation Trades School. Chapter 85 has been providing a \$500 bursary since 2000.
Motion (Van Dijk/Hindle): That Chapter 85 fund a \$500 bursary to BCIT Aviation Trades School. Carried.

Treasury: Carol phoned in a report to Tim. He presented a summary of our financial status. The clubhouse interior renovations and appliances cost about \$4,000.

Membership: The Chapter membership count is the same as in December. Chapter membership dues for 2009 are \$65 per person or \$120 per family. RAAC dues are \$53.50. Members are requested to pay their own national dues rather than leaving a cheque with Rob.

Buildings: Water is leaking into the Clubhouse at the broken window.

Vice-President: Terry had nothing to report.

Aircraft: The Turbi flew 121.9 hours in 2008 and has already logged some time in 2009. We still need to purchase and install a new radio. Terry will have a complete report on 2008 Turbi operations for the January Executive Meeting.

DapCom: The next Air Park Breakfast is this coming Sunday, 11 January. The RAA "B team" will host (confirmed by phone call to "A Team").

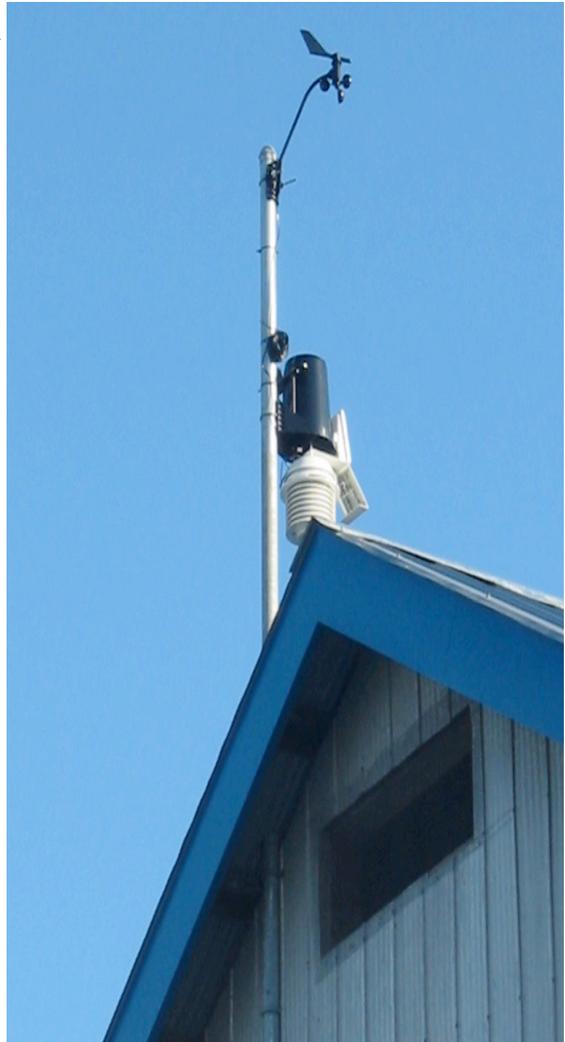
Newsletter: Editor Joan says an edition of Tuirn & Bank is coming soon.

Programs: No official program was scheduled. However, the open display of all the Library holdings was a big attraction and a catalyst for discussion. Everyone had a great time perusing the collection. John is looking for ideas for upcoming meetings.

Old Business: Robin asked if we should discuss options for the Boundary Bay Flying Club like, for example, inviting them to share our clubhouse facilities. Bruce explained that the executives of both RAA and BBFC have this matter on their agendas and that it's probably best that options be better defined by the respective chapter and club executives before presenting them to their respective memberships. Also the Embree Heritage House restoration still has 4 years to go and the BBFC won't have to move out for quite some time so there's no urgency now.

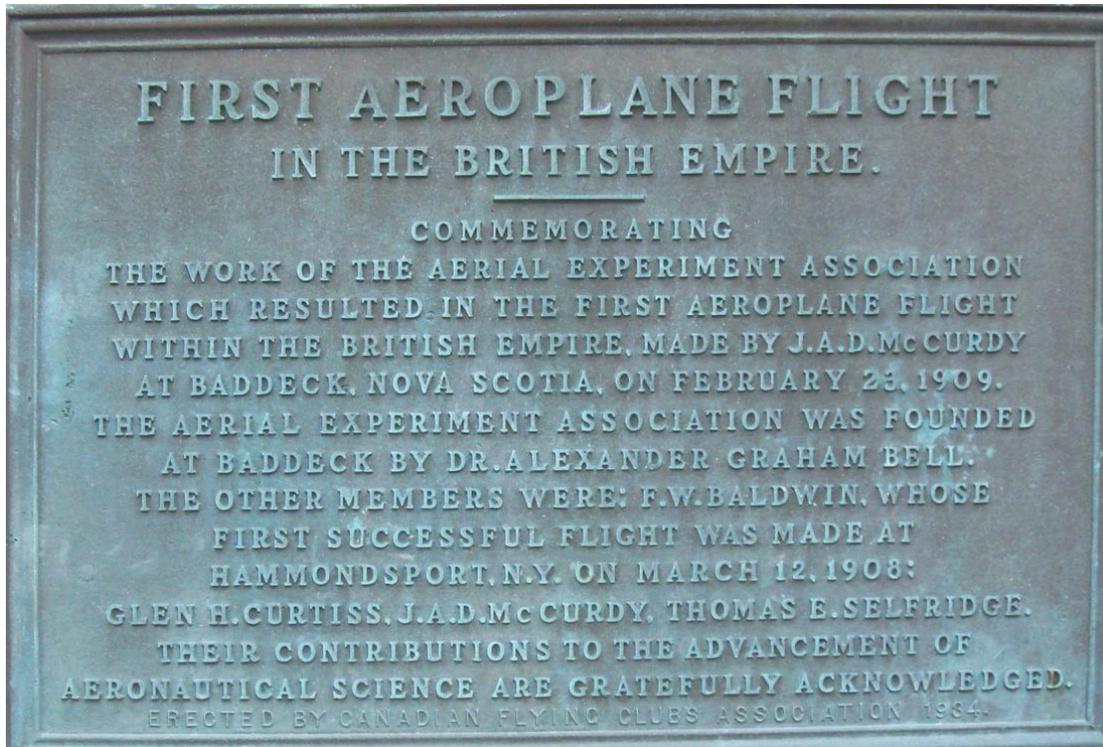
New Business:

Bob Cutting successfully flew his new RV9! (Big applause) Congratulations, Bob.



Vern Little has a Harmon Rocket underway. He had been searching the globe for one and located this one within walking distance of his home in Surrey.

Bruce reminded the meeting that the 100th anniversary of the first airplane flight in the British Empire (Alexander Graham Bell's "Silver Dart," at Baddeck, NS) is on Monday 23 February 2009. Many flying clubs will be encouraging their



members to fly that day, or if they have to work, to fly on Sunday 22nd. Pilots can log these flights as "100th Anniversary Flights." Bruce proposed that as many Chapter 85 members as possible should fly on Sunday 22 February. Go here for details of the 1909 flight: <http://ns1763.ca/victco/baddckcrth.html>. Also check out <http://www.flightofthesilverdart.ca/> to see related events planned for 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 2000 but informal discussions continued for another hour or so.

Web and eMail Sites to Remember

RAAC: <http://www.raa.ca>

Chapter 85: <http://raa85.b4.ca>

Posts to Chapter Mailing List: raa85@flying.b4.ca

Flying in BC: <http://flying.b4.ca>

Delta Heritage Air Park: <http://www3.telus.net/airpark>

New "Passport" Pilots Licence info: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/general/personnel/changes.htm>