

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 6, 2008:

SATURDAY A.M. CALVIN UNITED BREAKFAST

Bob Graham and I took 2 planes and 2 helicopters to a breakfast meeting with the Elders of Calvin United church.

We informed them about our club and activities. Since it was Ken Brown who asked us to attend, and he is the man who arranged for us to have the funding for our trainer plane, I mentioned to the group that he had helped to arrange the funding for our club trainer plane, and that it has turned out to be very successful.

Who knows, maybe we will see some of these gentlemen as visitors at the field.

This kind of club participation can never hurt us anyway and you just never know when it may lead to a new member directly or through word of mouth.

SATURDAY P.M. AIR MUSEUM TOUR

We met Gerry Nadon at 1 p.m. at the museum and made introductions.

First we headed to the new (3 yrs old) hangar where excess planes are stored. There were a large number of planes right from a Volksplane to an Argus, plus there were a great number of spare engines and parts. Gerry gave us a brief history of everything he could think of. This was absolutely great, considering the fact that not many people even get to go through this hangar.

From here, we went to the restoration shops where we saw a Rolls Royce Merlin just finished, and a Grumman Wagon (from the Warplane Heritage Museum) which was in for some winter work. We also saw the start of some restoration on a German ME 109 that actually had some bullet holes in it, which it got while sitting in a hangar. The wood working and metal shops were just amazing.

Next we got to the museum itself. The revitalization is almost complete. The emphasis now is Canadian Aviation, from 1909 – 2009 (except for the Harrier). There are bush, northern, civil, and military planes, all with good descriptions.

This is a must see for anyone interested in aviation. There is talk underway about adding an auditorium and a larger parking lot soon.

We all had a great time...it was a very nice club outing and was interesting and informative at the same time.

Thanks to everyone who was able to participate!