

This meeting in the United Church sanctuary began at 9:57 am with President Bob Berry welcoming 32 members in attendance along with two guest members, Ray Brennan and ? President Bob provided an update on the health and welfare of several members; Len Bickerton, Bill Rowley and Ken Alsop.

Announcements

Activities – Ken Marchant

- Next week there will be a walk taking place along Riverside Trail starting at the Bandshell opposite Riverside Glen. This is a 40-minute walk, one way, starting at 9:30 am August 23rd.
- Night at the Races on September 22nd; sign-up required at \$30 per person in advance for the meal;
- Further activities in the planning stages are: Tour of the War Planes Museum, tour of the Volt Battery plant, tour of the Donkey Sanctuary.

Bob Berry introduced Chuck McKinnon, guest speaker.

Bio

Born January 23rd, 1954 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Learned to fly at Mitchinson's Flying Service in Saskatoon, starting in October, 1972. Obtained my Private, Commercial and Multi-Instrument rating as well as an Instructor's Rating, all at Mitchinson's Flying Service.

Worked for Norcanair out of Saskatoon on the ramp and did the odd flight to northern Saskatchewan. I became a flight instructor for Mitchinson's Flying Service and did some charter flying for them.

I was hired by Air Canada and started training on January 6th, 1975 as a Second Officer on the Boeing 727. During my career at Air Canada I was based out of Montreal, Winnipeg and Toronto flying various aircraft. Flew as a Second and First Officer on the Boeing 727, a First Officer and Captain on the DC-9, a First Officer on the DC-8, a First Officer on the Boeing 747, a First Officer on the Lockheed L-1011, a First Officer and Captain on the Boeing 767, a Captain on the Boeing 777 and a Captain on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Was involved in the training department instructing pilots on the DC-9 both in the simulator and airborne touch and go training. Was an instructor on the Boeing 767 and Boeing 777. Did simulator instruction and airborne touch and go's on the Boeing 787 as part of the introductory team that brought the aircraft to Air Canada.

Worked in various management positions at Air Canada as a Senior Check Pilot on the DC-9, Boeing 767 and Boeing 777. I was the Flight Manager on the DC-9 and Boeing 767 and was the Manager of Line Operations in Toronto.

Was a Check-pilot which is otherwise known as a Check Airman on the DC-9, Boeing 767, 777 and 787 whose duties included giving check rides in the simulator as well as the actual aircraft.

Was involved with the acceptance flights of the Boeing 787 at Boeing Seattle and Boeing Charleston. This mission involved working with Boeing test flight pilots performing ground test acceptance and flight acceptance test flights ensuring aircraft performed to specs as advertised. Part of the acceptance flights both ground and airborne involved many other

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departments experts coordinated by our Air Canada Team Leader such as paint, interior, engine, engineering, Transport Canada reps and different levels of aircraft maintenance departments.

Flew last flight on July 14th, 2016 from Zurich to Toronto on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner with my wife, Dori, son, Dan and daughter-in-law, Pelin on board ending a 41 1/2 year career having flown just over 20,000 flight hours.

Bob Berry thanked Chuck McKinnon for his presentation and provided him with a token of appreciation from the Club.

Next Meeting: August 31 2023 with Kevin Jones: *Health and Safety Issues*

Adjournment @11:04 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings