

The meeting was opened by President Warren Gregg at 9:55 am with 54 members in attendance. President Gregg announced that starting at the next meeting we will begin the meetings at 9:50 am in order to leave sufficient time for both membership business and not to take away time from the presenter. He next ask the membership for a moment of silence to remember those people we have lost in from our lives and our membership.

### **Announcements**

Ken Marchant announced that on Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an event at the Village-by-the-Arboretum to recognize the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VBA. There will be music provide by three bands as well as some fun activities and some food-trucks. There is no admission fee and free parking.

Tony Wagner announced that Trinity United Church will be holding a musical concert called the British Invasion since it is 50 years since the Beatles came on the scene. This will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00 pm. Tickets are about \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Church office.

Martin Alderwick reported on behalf of the Membership Committee.

- We have a new member: Charlie Barnes: Welcome to Charlie
- We have two guests today: Ralph Southward and Alan Grant: Welcome to both.

Martin also reported for the Activities Committee in Frank Webster's absence:

- Tomorrow night is the Night at the Races at Elora Raceway. Pay for your tickets by paying Warren Gregg, Event starts 6:30 pm;
- Martin toke a straw vote to determine the amount of interest in a tour of the Guelph Humane Society. (Several members were interested.);
- He reminded the members of the usual club events such as the November Cabaret at the VBA and our annual Christmas Dinner in December.

Warren Gregg took the opportunity to ask members, particularly new members, to consider lending their service by joining one or more of the Club committees which need some "new" members to help keep the Club running and to allow some of the current members a chance to step down. They should seek out some of the Board members to determine which committee they might be most needed.

John Sneyd introduced today's guest speaker, Chris Clackett

### **Bio:**

Chris comes from an aviation family, where both his father and brother were airline pilots. He completed a training program with BOAC where he stayed for a number of years practising in business systems analysis. On leaving the airline industry he subsequently worked in IT and Management Consulting.

Following his retirement, he volunteers as a Tour Guide at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

### **Presentation**

Canada trained over 100,000 air crew during WW2 at over a 100 airports scattered across the Country under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. How did this Plan work? We will also examine in detail the training required to become a heavy Bomber Pilot from zero flying hours to the transition to operational flying.

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With Chris Clackett – World War II Aircrew Training

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Chris Clackett's presentation can be found on the Club website under **speaker's notes** for September 12, 2024

Following Chris's presentation Warren Gregg thanked him and gave him a token of our appreciation with a cheque to the Heritage Warplane Museum.

**Next Meeting:** September 26th. 2024 with John Ilika: *Guns and Gangs*

Adjournment @ 10:55 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings