



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

July/August 2020

July - August: Virtual Meetings

July 9th. - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING - Rene Van Acker: The Future of Agriculture in Canada

Presentation:

Agriculture in Canada has evolved tremendously over the past century and it has met many of the expectations of society, but going forward, agriculture in Canada faces key challenges including an ongoing decline in the numbers of farmers, a changing climate and an accumulation of expectations from society. To meet these challenges, agriculture in Canada must continue to evolve, but perhaps in new ways. In this talk I will provide a background on Agriculture past, and show examples of Agriculture's future.

Bio:

Dr. Rene Van Acker is Professor and Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) at the University of Guelph. Prior to his appointment as Dean, Rene was Associate Dean External of OAC (2009-16) and previously chair of the department of Plant Agriculture (2006-09). Prior to his appointments at Guelph, Rene was a professor at the University of Manitoba (1996-2006). Rene is a co-founder of the Food Institute at the University of Guelph (now the Arrell Food Institute) and has played a key role in fundraising for OAC since 2009. Rene's research interests include weed management and agronomy. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed works to-date and over 300 other non-peer reviewed contributions. His research on coexistence and genetically modified crops has led to work in Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany, Australia, and the US. Rene grew up on a farm in southern Ontario. He holds BSc and MSc degrees from the University of Guelph and a PhD from the University of Reading (UK).

10am. To be followed by Live Questions.



July 23rd. - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING - Mike Payne: Experiences as a Small Plane Salesman

Presentation:

I plan to limit my talk to the sales and demonstration (flying) of the various aircraft that I have sold, with some stories of the flights with those aircraft. I will start with the Cessna piston aircraft (152, Skyhawk...) progress to the floatplanes. I will change to Zlin Aerospace and the sale of aerobatic aircraft. Then to Diamond Katana and the SuperKatana motor glider. Here I plan to talk a little about repo of delinquent aircraft, soaring and glider towing (I have a glider tow rating). I'll throw in a little about mountain flying, aerobatics and the skill of flying low. Then I can talk about the sale of corporate jets.

Bio:

Mike Payne is an aircraft salesman.

Mike has 40 years of dedicated operations and marketing work in the aviation industry. Mike is no stranger to the specialized support the industry requires. Mike has been the driving force with several noted firms including Cessna (Piston and Caravan), Diamond Aircraft, Exeaire (Cessna Citation) and as the Canadian Sales Manager for Embraer Executive Aircraft.

Mike Payne is the retired President of AvMine Technical - the exclusive representative of Air Maestro Software Application for North America. We provided safety auditing, management of risk factors in aircraft operations and safety with Air Maestro safety management software. The firm also provided aircraft appraisals, flight ops consultation services and aircraft acquisition and sale.

Believing in giving back to the aviation community, Mike was the regional Chair of the Canadian Business Aviation Association's (CBAA) Ontario Chapter (2002-2012). He also helped lead the volunteer organization of three of the association's annual Trade Show and Conference when held in the Toronto region.

In addition to his qualifications as a pilot (seaplane and glider) Mike is a post secondary graduate from York University and Ryerson University. He is past faculty member of Toronto based Humber College where he instructed marketing in aviation.

10am. To be followed by Live Questions.



August 6th. - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING: Bill Rawley: Should we be buying electric powered vehicles? Part Two

Presentation:

Rechargeable battery powered vehicles were first developed in the 1890's. Should we be purchasing an EV vehicle in the 2020's ? After 130 years of technological advances with batteries, should the disadvantages of battery power outweigh the benefits for purchase at this time ?

Bio:

Bill joined Ford of Canada in 1965 after working for 4 years as a Ford Dealer Mechanic.. He spent all 35 years with Ford in the Technical Training Department.

And spent 30 of those years as Ford of Canada's National Training Manager. His position involved continuous updating of some 3000 Ford of Canada Dealer Mechanics. Bill had a staff of 15 full time Instructors who worked out of 11 Ford Technical Training schools across Canada.

As National Training Manager Bill also assisted the Canadian Government with The Red Seal Program. When a Mechanic writes his /hers Provincial Mechanics Certificate Exam and achieves better than 80% on the exam they are awarded the Red Seal. The Red Seal allows that person to work as a mechanic in all 10 provinces.

Less than 80% they are only eligible to work in the certified province.

10am. To be followed by Live Questions



August 20th. - Zoom Virtual Meeting - Ross Mckitrick: Climate Change: The Case Against Panic

Presentation:

Climate Change: The Case Against Panic

Cities and governments around the world have declared a "climate emergency" and are warning of dire consequences if we don't act quickly to slash greenhouse gas emissions, regardless of the cost. In this talk I will show that this kind of thinking is not in line with mainstream science or economics. I will discuss ways in which I disagree with some of the mainstream views on climate, and why, but I will mainly show that the description of climate change as a crisis or emergency is not consistent with the evidence. I will also argue that the policy agenda being pushed by the climate emergency movement would impose severe costs while yielding little environmental benefit.

Bio:

Ross McKitrick is a Professor of Economics at the University of Guelph where he specializes in environment, energy and climate policy. He has published widely on the economics of pollution, climate change and public policy. His book ***Economic Analysis of Environmental Policy*** was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2010. His background in applied statistics has also led him to collaborative work across a wide range of topics in the physical sciences including paleoclimate reconstruction, malaria transmission, surface temperature measurement and climate model evaluation. Professor McKitrick has made many invited academic presentations around the world, and has testified before the US Congress and committees of the Canadian House of Commons and Senate.

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To Our Members,

Royal City Men's Club Cancellations Related to COVID-19 - Updated 29 April 2020

In line with guidelines from the government and public health professionals, Royal City Men's Club is regrettably cancelling all "live" lectures, activities and coffee club get-togethers until further notice. We anticipate this could be from a several weeks to a few months.

However, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering a limited number of "virtual" meetings where speakers will present a virtual presentation using Zoom. Also, on every Thursday on which we do not have a presenter, we will have a "virtual coffee morning", again using Zoom. Thus there will be either a lecture or a coffee morning very Thurs at 10 am. In order to simplify Zoom logins, everyone will be sent a single link which will apply to all these meetings.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during these uncertain and stressful times. We will continue to communicate via our mailing list and on our website to keep you well informed. There is additional information on the website.

In the meantime, your health is of primary importance and we encourage everyone to follow the advice of the government and health professionals.

On behalf of your Board
Julian Sale
President

Future Meetings

Meetings for August - September 2020:

[Check Schedule on Website](#)

Activities & Events

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

Cancelled Until Further Notice

[Events:](#)

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED

Contact for Events & Activities -Ken Marchant:marchjack@rogers.com

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca

Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.