



Reporter,
Ralph Lundberg...

Prologue

A sunny day in July has a huge crowd watching a CF 18 practice run at the Lethbridge Air Show.

Suddenly, on a low pass, the

jet points skyward before plunging to the ground. A small speck is visible trailing the CF 18 as it explodes in a ball of fire. That speck is the pilot in his ejection seat with a chute opening just 150 feet above the ground.

Our Rotary meeting

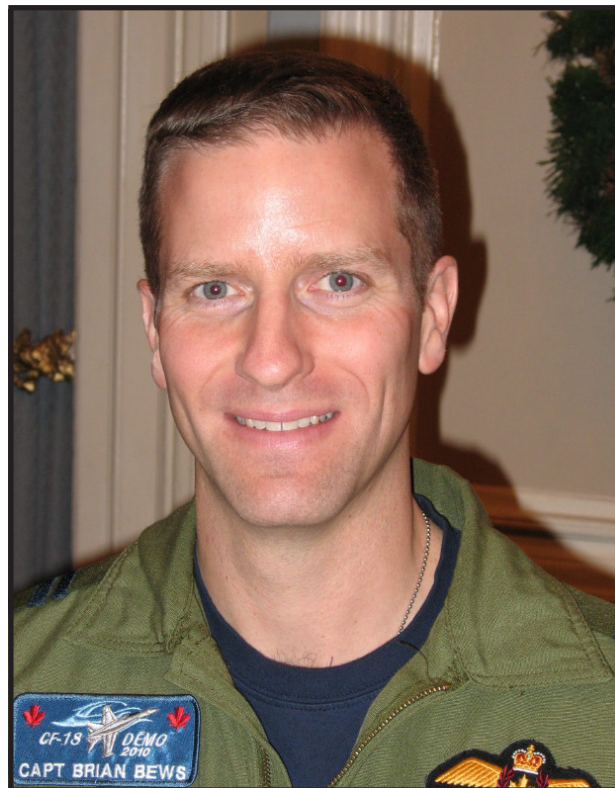
David Richardson introduced our speaker, Captain Brian Bews, pilot of the doomed jet. Brian grew up on a farm near Etonia, Saskatchewan, where he developed his ethic for hard work. He also developed a love for speed, motorcycles and rare cars. With an uncle who served as a WW2 pilot, it is no wonder Brian's interest led him to flying. Capt. Bews took up flying in Okotoks, receiving his private pilot's license. A Diploma in aviation from Mount Royal College was followed in quick succession with his commercial pilot's license and enrollment in the Canadian Air Force in 1999.

We were treated to spectacular views of our country from the viewpoint of a CF18. Ice, tundra and grand mountain valleys filled the screen, unblurred despite the air speed of the CF 18, which can take one from Calgary to Vancouver in just seventeen minutes! Video clips showed the release of a wing mounted

missile and the tricky mid air refueling procedure. With 1200 hours under his belt in the CF 18, it is no wonder he has seen a lot of country! Capt. Bews had

were repainted to honour the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Not a Second to Spare



Our Speaker, Captain Brian Bews...

the distinction of serving as our Air Force's demonstration pilot for the CF 18: there is only one such position. In this role he flies at air shows across the country and is well acquainted with the Snow Birds, for whom he has the greatest respect. In preparation for the Lethbridge Air Show his jet tail colours

On the fateful day Capt. Bews realized that something was going very wrong during his low level pass and had just seconds to react. On activating his ejection seat he was subjected to 5400 pounds of thrust and blasted clear of the craft. Fortunately a strong wind helped drift his chute away from the fireball. The investigation into the crash is ongoing but is being assisted by the many photographs and videos taken onsite. In many cases, a crash site is in a remote area with no witnesses or visual documentation, making the investigation more difficult.

Given the speed and altitude at which Capt. Bews was operating, his very survival is a testament to his instincts and skill. Fellow pilot, Kimberley Van Vliet thanked our speaker and presented a certificate from CAWST in recognition of his presentation.

Epilogue

Thirty five hours after Capt. Bews spoke to our Club, a CF 18 plunged to the earth north of Cold Lake. It was returning at midnight from a night training run. There were no witnesses, but the pilot was able to eject safely and was picked up just two hours later by search and rescue.



Pres. Bill and Madeleine King display plaque presented to our club by the Rotary Club of Kalisizo Uganda...

The meeting:

The head table trooped in to music with Russian folk overtones by Jim Denis . Colleayn Mastin's invocation was preceded by O Canada, delivered in our usual rousing fashion. A near full house enjoyed twenty minutes of rowdy fellowship before President Bill recaptured the podium and began the day's proceedings.

As a tribute, or an admonition to our speaker, Tim Heaton, with a brief solo by Jim Denis, led us in Nat King Cole's famous, "Straighten Up And Fly Right" ! Colleayn Mastin introduced our many visitors and guests with flawless diction.

In response to our president's plea to be "brief and flexible", our secretary Carol (how do you pronounce that?) restricted her renowned Rosdobutko Report to celebrating Kimberley Van Vliet's wedding and to lauding the four birthday boys for the week, Jim Kirker, Keith Visser, Tom Keenan and David Leslie. Carol also had the opportunity to tell us about the options for participating in our Christmas Hamper program. You can adopt a family , shop for a family, make a donation or help with deliveries. Let Carol know which way you want to help.

Somewhere during the meeting, Bill Keech and Bruce Fenwick let it slip that our next President elect will be Doug MacDonald and our next Club Secretary will be Eva Friesen. The remainder of club Directors will be announced within a week.

Kathleen Cook issued the first call for volunteers for the Seniors Christmas party December 12th. Just as with the barbeques, there is the opportunity to sign up for one of many roles on the Club website. In the Christmas spirit, Frank Hall auctioned off two tickets (graciously supplied by Bill

Kaufmann) to the CFL Western final. The \$250 successful bid was donated to our Hamper program. Continuing the football theme, Amy Goldberg of the Crowchild Rotary Club announced that she had Grey Cup pool tickets for sale after the meeting. With my luck I'll draw East 49, West 2.

Western Canada High School students, under the mentorship of Barb Young, are collecting clothing for the homeless. A good time to check out your closets... how many winter jackets do you **really** need ?

Madeleine King, freshly back from a visit to Uganda with Garth and Ann Toombs and John Ridge, reported on the success of our hospital supply venture, which saw three container loads of supplies delivered. Madeleine presented president Bill with a striking framed print from the Kalisizo Rotary Club, District 4200. Closer to home, Madeleine informed us that the U of C Rotaract Club is seeking



An update from Bjorn...



Kimberley Van Vliet thanks our speaker...

member guest speakers. Anyone in our club have anything to share with this energetic and successful Rotaract club ?

Speaking of youth, Bjorn gave us another lively update on his activities. Don't forget to include him in some of your own adventures.



Amy Goldberg from Crowchild Rotary Club was selling Grey Cup Pool Tickets...



Tim Heaton, "Straighten Up and Fly Right"...

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November 23

Richard Trustcott

Director Provincial Affairs -CFIB

“Creating a better environment for small business and entrepreneurs”

November 30

Dr. Reed Ferber Asst. Prof.

Faculty of Kinesiology, U of C

“Healthy aging and pain free walking -what research has done for us”

December 7

Mark Tremblay

December 14

**World Community Service
Uganda Project Update**

December 21

Partners Christmas Luncheon

December 28

Informal Fellowship Meeting

January 4

Robert Miller, Pres. CDFAI

“Why Canada needs a Private Western Canadian Foreign Affairs Research Institute”

January 18

Dr. Elizabeth Cannon

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS WHITE SLIP REQUEST

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

COMPANY NAME: Calgary Economic Development
BUSINESS TYPE: Economic Development
CLASSIFICATION: Hospitality & Tourism
PRIMARY MEMBER: Bruce Graham (existing member)

FIRST ASSOCIATE: CLASSIFICATION:
Luke Azevedo- Advertising & Publicity

SECOND ASSOCIATE: CLASSIFICATION:
Gary Slipp- Business Management
PROPOSED BY: Brent Shervey and Frank Sparks

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS

NAME: Kristin Fedorak
PROFESSION: Director of Non-Profit Association
CLASSIFICATION: Associations – Non-Profit
COMPANY: The Nicaragua International
Development Project
PROPOSED BY: David Mears & Walter Haessel

NAME: Garry Kelman
PROFESSION: Oil & Gas
CLASSIFICATION: Seismic
COMPANY: Edge Technologies Inc.
PROPOSED BY: Bill Redmond & Bruce Fenwick

NAME: Varinder (Vlad) Dhillon
PROFESSION: Government
CLASSIFICATION: Community Relations
COMPANY: Department of National Defence
PROPOSED BY: Thalia Kingsford & John Ink

NAME: Oliver Kuhn
PROFESSION: Oil & Gas
CLASSIFICATION: Geophysics
COMPANY: Apoterra
PROPOSED BY: Ralph Lundberg & John Boyd

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Hamper Program is about to get underway. It provides a wonderful opportunity to all of us to help less fortunate families at this special time of year. There are four ways you can help:

- ◆ Make a donation
- ◆ Sponsor a family
- ◆ Shop to fill hampers
- ◆ Deliver hampers

For more information contact Mark Stiles or the Rotary office

ROTARY SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 12
at the BMO Centre
(formerly The Round-up Centre)

Online registration available through the Rotary Website under the News section

You can also register with Karen or Tina at meetings

Many thanks to everyone for making this such a success each year

Nominations for Directors 2011-2013

President Elect, Bruce Fenwick, Chair of the Nominations Committee to propose nominees to serve the Club as Director on the Board commencing July 1, 2011, is pleased to announce the following four nominees:

- Sheila Acharya van Horne
- David Bromwich
- Catherine Brownlee
- Brian Larson

Nominations will close at noon on Tuesday November 30th. In addition to the four candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee, other nominations may be made through a letter signed by the nominee and at least four members in good standing. Those eligible for election or appointment to the Board shall be those members in good standing who, prior to the first meeting in January of the election year, have not served as elected Directors for a total period of one (1) year and who have been members of the Club for not less than twelve (12) months on nomination day.

Following the close of nominations November 30th at noon, an election by ballot will be arranged for the first two weeks of December. Should no further nominations be received, the four nominees will be acclaimed for the four positions available.

Any questions should be directed to Bruce Fenwick.

Rotary Membership Lists to be used for Rotary Activities Only

When President Bill was at the podium on Tuesday he asked that Club members refrain from using the Rotary database for anything other than Rotary business. If members find themselves on a mailing list and prefer not to be, please ask the sender to remove you directly.



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