



Gyrodeo



November 2009 Bulletin



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2009	
Wednesday, Nov 4, 2009	Remembrance Day Luncheon - Carriage House Inn. The guest speaker is Cliff Black, DFC. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Your host is Steve Denny. This is a MIXED event. VETS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEDALS.
November 6 - 8, 2009	Curlarama at Banff, AB. Our club is the host this year. Our club contact is John Hodgson at 253-3150 or by e-mail to jehodgson@shaw.ca .
Wednesday, Nov 25, 2009	Annual Charity Bingo. Royal Cdn Legion, Branch 285, 9202 Horton Road SW. Doors open at 6:00PM . See page 2. Your host is Ken Baker. This is a MIXED event and guests are always welcome.

Annual Charity Bingo

When: November 25, 2009

Time: Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm

Cost: \$15 per person, extra cards \$2 each

*Where: Royal Canadian Legion
9202 Horton Road SW*

Expect to have fun with your friends. Following the final bingo game sandwiches and coffee will be served.

Please remember to bring a bingo prize (that you would like to win) for each couple attending the event.

As in prior years the net proceeds from the event will be donated to a charity favored by our President.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Doug Church
8th Norman Gossett
20th Gordon Anderson



Have a great day Gentlemen !!!

HEALTH OF THE CLUB

I have nothing new to report regarding our Gyros. I have talked to Ethan Compton and he and Joan are doing quite well. Sylvia and I are planning to visit them next week.

Gord Anderson

CONVENTIONS IN 2010

International Interim
January 17 – 21, 2010
Tuscany Inn & Suites, Las Vegas, Nevada

District VIII Interim Meeting
March 12 – 14, 2010
Fairmont, B.C.

International & District VII Convention
July 11 – 18, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota

District VIII Convention
August 19 – 22, 2010
The Coast Edmonton East Hotel, Sherwood Park, Alberta

GYRO CLUB OF CALGARY ROSTER for 2009 -2010

The new roster booklet will be available at the Remembrance Day luncheon on November 4th.

CLUB NEWS

LUNCHEON – October 7th

There were 40 members attending the luncheon on this date.

Our guest speaker, Paul Gies, is the Vice-President of the A.V. Roe Aviation Museum Association based here in Calgary. The Avro Museum is dedicated to the preservation of the Canadian heritage of Avro Canada, a company best known for the C-105 Avro Arrow interceptor. Paul spoke about the history of the Avro Arrow and the objectives for which it was developed.

In the cold war of the late 1950s, North America had a vulnerability to potential missiles and long range bombers possessed by the USSR. It was truly cutting edge technology in many respects, and due to timing pressures to get such a fighter with these capabilities (supersonic) developed and in production, the more normal "prototype stage" was bypassed and rushed into production. In fact, the first 6 planes off the assembly line used different jet engines as the new more powerful one ("Orenda", I think), was just in the final stages of testing and getting into production. This engine was also constructed at an Avro subsidiary. The weapon systems for the Arrow, managed by the Canadian military, were really Avro Arrow's downfall. There were ongoing design and production issues with runaway costs causing questions about whether the weapon systems could be made to work at all. It was not the lack of need, but rather the escalating costs (and other competing government priorities) that ultimately led to the decision of the Diefenbaker Government to "kill the Avro Arrow". As usual, the political "spin doctors" of the day seemed to use different rationale to justify the demise of the Avro Arrow and helped keep the public in the dark as to the real reasons.

Paul Gies mentioned that he hosts an open house from 9 AM to 12 noon at his hanger (across the road from the Calgary Flying Club) at the Springbank Airport on the **first Saturday of each month**. This allows viewing of the actual progress being made on the 2/3 scale replica of the Avro Arrow. Paul stated that completing the replica and getting it ready to actually fly will take approximately another 3 years. The objective is to fly the replica and have it perform at air shows.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, here is the relevant website:
<http://www.avromuseum.ca/ReplicaArrowProject/tabid/63/Default.aspx>

Don MacMahon was the lucky winner of the luncheon draw, walking away with \$40.00.

Larry Fenton

FOUNDERS NIGHT – October 19th



President Steve Denny paying a tribute to the Founders of the Gyro Club.



Peggy Brookes, Hazel Coates, Gordon Coates, Carol Nixon & Bob Nixon

There was a total of 60 Gyros and Gyrettes, including those from both our club and the Stampede City Club.

The evening started with a social hour giving everyone a chance to visit and have a drink....or two.

Bill McCachen said grace and we were treated to a wonderful buffet dinner.

Steve Denny, our host for the evening, paid tribute to the original founders of the Gyros.

If you were unable to attend, you missed some great entertainment !!! A magician proved that the hand is, indeed, quicker than the eye and he used several members of the audience to prove the fact ! Can you believe that Steve Denny actually trusted a magician with a \$20.00 bill out of his own pocket? And Hazel Coates looked a little worried when her diamond ring seemed to have disappeared !. Ian Greig ended up stealing the show with his dazzling display of magic !!!!

I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time and a big 'thank you' goes out to Steve Denny.



Alan Pentney (Stampede Club) about to feed a snake !!!



Ian Greig (Stampede Club) dazzling the crowd with his magic !!!!

HELP.....

George Palardy, our Telephone Coordinator, needs some help. George needs at least 3 volunteers to fill in for a period of time while some of his volunteers are away on holidays. This is not a time consuming task as you are only asked to call your telephone list for lunches and special events. If you can help George, please give him a call at 403-255-8988, or via e-mail at vivgeopa@shaw.ca.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

Gordon Coates, John Beck and Ron Carter are out walking.
Gordon says, 'Windy, isn't it?'
John says, 'No, it's Thursday!'
Ron says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

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Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"
Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."
The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, You've got a heart murmur; be careful."

Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor



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