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Jack Dueck of Chapter 1410 Receives Presidents Award At Oshkosh

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O *SHKOSH, Wisconsin*
On July 28, 2009, Jack Dueck, Chapter 1410 member and former president was presented with the prestigious EAA President's award during AirVenture.

EAA President Tom Poberezny presented the award. He recounted Jack's contribution to the home-building movement both in Canada and in the USA over the years.

Jack has been involved with

countless activities including sitting on EAA Canadian Homebuilders' Council, organizing and hosting EAA Sportair workshops across Canada, and founding our own modest group of enthusiastic EAA-ers! He is the editor of the EAA Bits and Pieces, an e-newsletter dedicated promoting EAA across Canada.

A strong contingent of High River members and fellow Canadians were there to cheer Jack. The presentation occurred during the Tues-

day evening program at Theater in the Woods. A special team was dispatched to retrieve a large Canadian flag to wave it during the presentation... sadly the team arrived 5 minutes too late!

The Chapter hosted a barbecue in Jack's honour at the Gregory's trailer. Over twenty Canadian EAA-ers were in attendance .

Jack we are proud of you!

MY FIRST TRIP TO OSHKOSH

By Connor Seaborn



Connor (left) and Dad Jeff flying down to Oshkosh in their newly finished RV-7

My first trip to Osh was an amazing adventure. My dad and I set out in his newly built RV7 early Saturday morning. We were on our way to the world's greatest aviation celebration. As we flew across the country watching the scenery go by, I had no idea what to expect at our final destination but boy, was I excited to find out. Here are some of my favorite memories of Oshkosh.

X15 talk: A man that works for NASA used news articles, video clips, and photos to show how the X15 changed the past.

Corsair talk: A veteran talks about his best air combat adventures.

Air racer movie: Video clips, speeches, and pictures tell the story about Jon Sharp's victory at the Reno air races.

Woman's Airshow: The world's top women airshow pilots get an airshow to show of their moves all to

themselves.

Museum: A museum full of famous aircraft like the Wright Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis, and Space Ship One.

U-Control Airplane Models: Fire up the motor and start spinning while these little airplanes draw big circles in the air around you.

Kidventure: This is the part of Oshkosh made for kids. From riveting a nametag, to designing a plane, this place is full of things to do.

Helicopter rides: Who needs to walk through Osh when you can fly over? These rides give you the ultimate tour.

37 RVs: These 37 RV's in formation are celebrating the 37th anniversary of Van's Aircraft.

On Sunday morning, when it was time to return home, I didn't want to leave because I was having so much fun. Some words I would use to describe my experience would be: Incredible, cool, and fantastic.

I can't wait to go back...



CHAPTER 1410 FLY-OUT DISLEY, SASKATCHEWAN

EAA Chapter 1410 was well represented at what we hope is the first annual, EAA Western Chapter Fly-In at Disley, Saskatchewan on August 29-30, 2009. An intrepid group of aviators and aviation enthusiasts led by Jeff Seaborn from High River Chapter 1410, Jack Neima of Winnipeg Chapter 63, and Perry Casson of Regina Chapter 154 departed their home bases Saturday morning enroute to Disley, SK, where they were welcomed by their gracious hosts Vic and Breeze Zubot.

Vic's private 2200 foot turf strip is located one-half mile east of Disley and about 20 miles northwest of Regina, in the heart of the Q'Appelle Valley. Vic was good enough to provide guests with specifics on the strip, good local bets for av gas availability for visitors from the west and east, and a hearty course of Saskatchewan hospitality. Vic warmly welcomed arriving guests, helped them tie down and provided nametags to help with introductions. While some new arrivals went about the business of pitching their tents, all eventually joined the growing crowd in Vic's hangar.

Some of the attendees from Winnipeg Chapter 63 included Dani Pokornik and his son Wilem in their Zenith CH250, Adrian Meilleur and Perry Chromiec each flying their own Landafricas, Mark Odegard and John Blackner in Mark's Cessna 172, Tom & Joyce Stoyka in their Ercoupe 415E, Harry Wiebe and Arie Lazarus in Harry's clean Cessna 150, and Ben & Lynne Hoepfner in their oh-so-comfortable motor home. In similar fashion, Bob Kelly and his stalwart lab companion Cody drove another motor home from Calgary along with other High River Chapter members that included Jim and Valerie Gunnlaugson in their spiffy Sportsman, Jeff and Clark Seaborn in Jeff's freshly-built RV-7, Jean Dueck and Guy Bourgois in Jean's sporty RV-9 and Jack Dueck and Greg MacGillivray in Jack's shiny 1937 Luscombe. Lars Oyno and family coming in a BD-4 from Calgary and Jill Oakes and Rick Riewe coming in from B.C. in their Acro Sport II were late scratches enroute due to a couple of challenges that got in their way on their cross-country trek.



Greg MacGillivray (EAA 863341) is a long-time aviation enthusiast who's just now getting the drive to pursue his passion more seriously. After back-to-back visits to Oshkosh in 2008 and 2009 with his young son Mike, Greg has found new energy for aviation thanks to EAA. He agrees with the observation made by his uncle, former Royal Canadian Air Force Chaplain Father John MacGillivray (EAA 3974) after the 1964 EAA Convention at Rockford, Illinois, where John met "more swell people than I can remember." If you're flying through the Calgary area or if you'd like some advice on how to

With a cool beverage in hand, old friends re-connected and new acquaintances were made, which by the end of the weekend became new friendships for many. As folks were sharing stories and kicking tires, they were interrupted by the treat of a visit by long-time EAAer Rem Walker who dropped in with his and Bob Meyers' 1929 Gypsy Moth - talk about a crowd gathering.

As the afternoon drifted into the evening, guests enjoyed an outstanding prairie evening barbeque dinner courtesy of the shopping and cooking talents of Perry and Yvonne Casson along with a few helpers willing to learn. As dusk fell, a bonfire was sparked and the cool drinks and camaraderie spilled into the evening, slowly ebbing as folks drifted off into tents or to hotels and homes in nearby Regina.

A hearty breakfast Sunday morning, a little more visiting, and folks were off to their points of origin - all the better for the experience. As one person observed, "When we arrived on Saturday, we watched planes land. When we left on Sunday, we watched friends leave." If you'd like to see some photos of the event go to: http://eaa154.dhs.org/photos/index.php?album=3_Chapter_Fly-In_2009



Greg flew in Jack's Luscombe to the Fly-out

THE DIABETIC CIRCUMNAVIGATOR

BY PAUL GREGORY

While visiting with some pilot friends in the U.K. (one of whom has flown herself around the world twice), a Cessna 172 landed at their grass strip behind the house. Two people got out of the plane and I was introduced to Douglas Cairns who, my hosts told me, was a former RAF instructor and had flown around the world. Then I was introduced to his "safety pilot" who Douglas had met that morning.

"Why a safety pilot?" I asked. Douglas was the same age as myself. It was then I found out he was a diabetic and could not fly alone in the U.K.

After a warm hello we all proceeded to walk to a country pub to enjoy a wonderful lunch. During lunch Douglas told me his story.

In 1985, Douglas spent four years in the Royal Air Force where he completed his fast-jet flying training on Hawks and instructor qualification on Jet Provosts. After five months instructing in 1989, he was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and was told he was unable to fly in the RAF anymore.

Douglas subsequently left the RAF and became an investment fund manager. Later, he moved to Thailand in 1996 to continue his career.

But the flying bug never left him. In 1997, Douglas began flying again in Thailand at the Thai Flying Club with a qualified flying instructor on board. In 1999, he discovered that it was possible

to obtain a US Medical license to fly solo privately in the USA by meeting certain medical requirements. He obtained his US Private Pilot License (PPL) in December 2000. He also gained a "Special Pilot License" in Australia in February 2001 and validated his USA license to fly in Thailand.

This wasn't enough and in 2003 he wanted to change the perception of flying with diabetes.

"In 2003, I flew Diabetes World Flight, the first round-the-world flight by a licensed pilot with Type 1 Diabetes," Douglas told me. "The journey started in the U.S. and covered 26,300 nautical miles through 22 countries over five months.

Douglas flew his U.S. registered twin Baron aircraft around the world, raising US\$26,000 for diabetes research. He



proved that a Type 1 Diabetic can safely fly around the world by keeping blood sugar levels within the regulatory limits prescribed by the US FAA.

I commented that Canada has strong restrictions for diabetic pilots. Douglas responded, "In time I hope that other countries will adopt similar systems to allow pilots with diabetes to fly: Diabetes need not limit the scope of people's dreams and ambitions."

Douglas continues to give educational & motivational talks to the diabetes industry in the USA and Europe and has a website www.diabetesworldflight.com. He wrote a book about the experience as well. Naturally I invited him to speak at our Chapter.

As the afternoon wound down, we returned to the Cessna 172 and watched him take off. His safety pilot was noticeably bored.



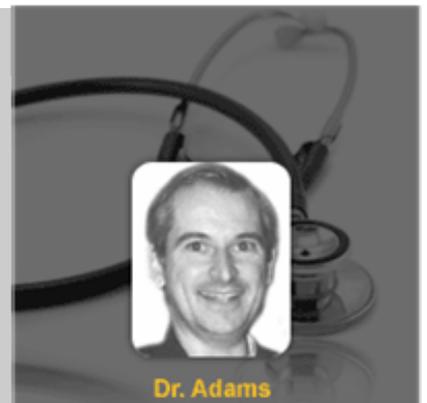
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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

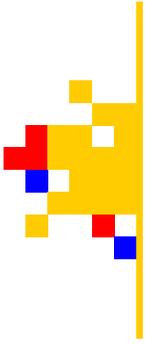
Join us at our next Chapter meeting October 1 at 1830 HRS. Our Guest Speaker is aviation doctor Dr. Adams. Dr. Adams is a Board Certified Aerospace Physiologist who has been practicing Aviation Medicine since 1992 and flying since 1973.

He owns a Mooney 231 and is currently the Medical Director for WestJet and Canadian North Airlines. Tonight's talk will be a consideration of disorientation from an Aeromedical point of view.

This will follow the normal business part of the meeting. Guests welcome! Visit www.eaahighriver.org for the location and a map to the meeting.



Dr. Adams



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We are an enthusiastic group of like-minded individuals from various backgrounds who share a passion for recreational aviation in Southern Alberta. Whether you have a casual interest in aviation, you are an active pilot, or you are an avid homebuilder of aircraft, we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning. We meet to learn from informative speakers, participate in various social activities, and are active in the flying community. Come by and visit!

*Chapter Memberships are \$40 for singles and \$50 for families with a membership in EAA.
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How to join...

- ✓ Attend our next chapter meeting. Ask for anyone and they will be pleased to help. All the required forms and such will be available for you to fill out.
- ✓ You must be a current member of EAA International so please have your EAA membership number - if you aren't a member you can join EAA at the meeting.
- ✓ Contact us by email, or post at EAA Chapter 1410, Box 5280, High River, Alberta, T1V 1M4. We can send you the forms for you to register.
- ✓ Call us. You can call Marv Fenrick (see left).
- ✓ Print, fill-out and mail or fax the form on our website to register. (www.eaahighriver.org)