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15th Annual Fly-in BBQ held at Fort Frances Airport



James Gagne, aged four, gets to sit in the cockpit of a plane owned and built by Leo Arrigo.



Connor, Liam and Mady Dent came out to the BBQ with their grandma and got to sit in the back of Ed Halvorsen's 1930 Model A Roadster.



Nastor Nastiuk and Bob Holmes come out every year. They both spent time in the air force. Holmes also spent 16 years as a mechanic for Air Canada in Winnipeg.



A new hobby. Jim Sheppard is a retired pilot who owned his own airplanes. His new passion is a 1928 Model A Ford. (Note, the licence plate that reads, DUNFLYIN.)



Brian Church shows his Chopper made in China by the son of designer Johnny Pag.



Bruce Caldwell, organizer of the Fly-in BBQ shares his passion for airplanes.



Ken Preston has had this uniquely designed Can Am Spider for a year. The trike features two wheels in the front and one in the back.



Vance Dick shows off his all-wood Taylor Mono plane that he built himself.



Kayden, D.J. and Garrett Ellis check out Doug MacDonald's plane, a Zenith CH-701 that he built himself.



Owen Ward, aged 7 and Benjamin Briere, aged 2 came and enjoyed the sunny afternoon BBQ.



Retired CEO of Riverside Health Care Facilities, Wayne Woods has been busy restoring this 1940 Ford Coupe with its custom white leather seats. He also has a '63 Corvette.



Bruce Caldwell (centre) awarded plaques to Ed Halvorsen and Ken Preston who received the most votes in the car and motorcycle category respectively.



Makenzie Kilgour, aged 8 stands behind the propeller of Doug MacDonald's plane.



Leon Wells joined the Army in 1940 at the tender age of 16. He flew his own plane that he bought in 1960, an Aeronca that he sold in 1998. He had a prospector's license back in the day and tells a story of when claims were being staked for gold. After a night in the Legion where he gave too much info, the next day he went to stake a claim and it was all staked before he got there.

By: Teresa Hazel

Over 200 people came out to support the annual Fly-in BBQ held at the Fort Frances Airport. The event is organized by

local resident, Bruce Caldwell with the assistance of the #908 Rainy Lake Squadron air cadets who help with the BBQ. All proceeds are do-

nated to the local air cadets. In past years, Caldwell has been able to secure fly-ins from the air force and search and rescue aircraft as an attraction to the event. This year, however, the planes weren't available.

Why has Caldwell, who retired from the MNR after 35 years and then worked at the airport as a "Ramp Rat" for ten years doing everything from servicing airplanes to plowing snow, continued to volunteer his time to organize the BBQ at the airport.

"I've always liked airplanes", he explains. "Ever since I was a kid. My dad would get mad at me because every time I heard one flying by I had to stop and watch the damn thing until it was gone".

Over the years, pilots from Kakabeka Falls, Manitoba and Dryden have flown in for the afternoon festivities.

"We had people from the States in the early years", notes Caldwell, adding that was before, "it got so hard to cross the border after 9/11, especially to go back home".

This will be Caldwell's last year organizing the Fly-in BBQ.

"Someone will take over", he says. "Maybe the Airport Manager."

The Fly-in BBQ is an opportunity to promote the importance of the airport and let people know where it is. Interestingly, Caldwell lives next door to the airport. I ask him if it was by design.

"I married the daughter of a man who owned property beside the airport", he laughs. "Eventually, the property became his and he and his wife Lois built their home on Frog

Creek Road and raised two children, Beth and Jay.

It's not only a fly-in BBQ today, it's a drive-in too and over a dozen old cars from the Early Iron Car Club were on hand to showcase their dazzling cars as well as a trio of motorcycles, including a chopper and a Can Am Spider trike that has a unique design of two wheels in the front and one in the back.

Stan Arbuckle came out to enjoy the afternoon. His four children all took part in local sea cadets and air cadets programs. His second oldest son has spent 34 years in the Navy.

"He went right out of high school. He got an education there that I probably couldn't have given him", said Arbuckle.

Kids and their parents were seen checking out the planes on display by local pilots and plane builders, Leo Arrigo and his Zenith CH-750, Doug MacDonald with his Zenith CH-701 and Vance Dick who had is all-wood plane that he built.

"It's a 1959 design", he explains about the plane that was

a closet project for over forty years.

"I started building it in 1962 and it had its first actual flight in 2005". He's still flying the unique mono-seat plane that resembles a mini-fighter plane.

"It's not nearly as fast but it's very responsive", explains Dick as to the ability to turn and manoeuvre the plane in the air.

Dick is an aircraft mechanic and also carried a commercial pilot's license.

"I turned sixty dollars once", he quips about his short-lived career as a commercial pilot. Along with time spent as an aircraft mechanic for local outfitters, the plane builder also worked as a speech and theatre actor in Toronto for about twelve years.

Although he owned other planes throughout the years, his wood plane is the only one he has now.

"This will be the last plane I fly", he notes.

Pilots could be heard radioing in to clear customs. The airport

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For the first time in a couple of years, I'm completely out of photos for Photographers Showcase. I know there are lots of great pictures out there just itching to appear in this spot. Please send them in. Jacquie



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Moos by Kim Jo Bliss

For the first time this year, I finally was able to get some much needed yard work accomplished this weekend. Well, I nearly had to get the tractor to pull my lawn mower out in one spot and had to go around a few puddles after that – but the grass is cut, the weeds are trimmed and I have most of my flowers planted. Crazy – nearly the middle of June and I am just planting flowers! As I spent my time on my lawn mower – I was thinking that even though you should never wish your life away but I look forward to retiring and cutting my grass and keeping up with my yard! I really shouldn't be wishing to retire – with things not so stable at EARS!

I ended up with a quick trip to Winnipeg last week and noticed many unplanted fields. There was also many areas were some had tried to make a few passes only to find it too wet yet. What a frustrating year for many farmers and such a late season. And to think – soon the longest day of the year will be here and gone! I missed the girls visit last

week – (Friday being a P.D. Day) as I was away but they requested some new earrings! Marlee actually requested new earrings and a “stuffy”, but Maddie quickly told her that was too expensive! I arrived back at the Station Friday afternoon in-time to inspect the Canola for Flea Beetles. We found a few and I checked with my contact in Manitoba to see if I should go ahead and spray but at this point it just needs to be monitored closely. Our weather conditions have been perfect for pests – both insects and weeds! I was heading for home and then received the dreaded call – “your cows are out!” My friend was heading home from work only to find my cows heading west! I quickly drove home, changed my clothes and went off to find them. Luckily they knew they needed to get back home so once they seen the 4-Wheeler and heard me they just followed me home! For some reason the electric wire right in the yard at Nanny's was down and it was an easy escape; why they decided to head west – I have no idea but

at least they were back home!

I enjoyed a nice dinner on Sunday night with Cornell Farms and a guest they had in from Guelph. It is always nice to hear from outsiders on what their view is on our district. She challenged us to come up with an “Asset Inventory List” on all that we have here. As she noted we often think that Urban Centres have so much more but if we stop and think about our clean, green environment we have so much to offer people. We have birds, we have cultural and we have some very talented people in many areas! I think we should start to make a list...

Just a reminder to mark on your calendars – the Rainy River Regional Abattoir Meeting is booked for Wednesday June 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Barwick Hall. We are looking to hear from all our members so please take time to attend!

We still have trees --- White Spruce and Red Pine! They are 25 cents per tree and need to get planted soon! Stop in at EARS and we will be happy to send you home with some trees!

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I heard someone say that a nation or region becomes stronger when the small businessman flourishes. Economy is strengthened with entrepreneurs who have a dream of a business and take a leap of faith to start it.

Many regions become dependent on big industry or a single industry and when that collapses, people are left in precarious economic situations. However, within that region is the capability to prosper because God has gifted us to do so. There might be times of failure, but when we still pursue the dream, success will follow. There have been many examples of people that had a dream and pursued it. They had failed attempts but in the end their dreams came into fruition. R.G. Letourneau is one example. Thomas Edison is another.

One night Letourneau had a dream of how to weld under water. It changed the history of shipbuilding. It was an inspiration that started in a dream.

The whole essence of being an entrepreneur is being a builder of dreams. Inspiration can be caused by divine influence in other words, God ideas. Deuteronomy 8:18 “Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful” [NLT] God promised this just before the Israelites were to go in and possess The Promised Land. What God gave them was the ability to go in and conquer a land, to make homes, set up business and set up government in a brand new nation. The Jewish people are among the wealthiest in the world.

He is a God who never changes and I believe He wants to do this in our region. So, my question is: “Where are the dreamers?” They've got to be here! God will bless our region and He is doing so. There are principles in the Bible that help us to succeed. If you look up the word succeed in the Bible it is overwhelming. There are keys that will unlock this success. Success cannot be based on greed

for instance, but it must be based on righteous motives to help our fellow man and prosper our region and obey God in the process.

Perhaps you have had a witty idea and never pursued it. Maybe you had a desire to start something on your own but just never took the time to get it going. Perhaps now is the time.

Zion's Reign Apostolic Centre is offering a course called “Kingdom Business Summit” in Rainy River, July 11-13th at the Rainy River Recreation Centre. Ray Jelinski is the main trainer from Regina Saskatchewan. He is a Certified Instructor of Biblical Entrepreneurship. He will teach us how to operate our businesses on the principles and practices found in the scriptures. For more information and to register call 807 852 1306, or email dmariemoen@gmail.com.

Darlene Smith, ZRAC, Rainy River

Dear editor,

I have a question for Randy Nichols, who is the PC candidate in the upcoming election: How could you pose in front of Resolute who has practically devastated our town's economic future? This adds insult to injury. Your party's platform reminds me of a 50s record “I owe my soul to the company store”.

Concerned citizen, Marlene Deschamps

Crime Stoppers

The Red Lake OPP has received reports of several homes under construction being illegally entered by someone who then sprayed foam and contact cement throughout. Approximately \$30,000.00 of damage was

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Legion Chat

by Walter Wagner, Major Hughes Br. 54 president

I want to pass on a word of praise to our Colour Party for marching at the Relay for Life. Also a reminder that there will be an Executive Meeting on Thursday.

The following was given to me by one of our executives:

Are You Active?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the crowd

Or would you rather stay at home and complain long and loud?

There's quite a program schedule that means success

if done

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So come to all the meetings and help with hand and heart

Don't be just another member but take an active part

Author unknown

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I would like to sincerely thank all those who sent cards, flowers, groceries, meals and more. Thanks to Rev. Francis Flook who did a wonderful service and also Jacquie and Kitty for the music. Thanks to the neighbourhood ladies who provided the supper, to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion Branch 54 who provided the honour guard and most of all my family who stood by me all the while. Special thanks to the choir (Audrey's choir) who sang in her honour. I may have forgotten somebody so please forgive me. May God bless all of you.

Mike Meunier

Congratulations to Daniel Craig Morriseau



Dan graduated Cum Laude with a seat on the Dean's Honour List from the University of Ottawa. Dan received his Bachelor of Social Sciences with Joint Honours in History and Political Science. Congratulations Dan and wishing you the best of luck at the University of Toronto this fall as you work towards your Masters in Political Science. We are proud of what you have accomplished and look forward to your future achievements. Your family and friends.



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