

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

January 2023

Our presenter for the January 19, 2023 meeting will be Tim Speed from the Canadian Warplane Heritage will speak to us in person about the development and demise of Canada's famous Avro Arrow fighter jet.



Tim comes by his interest in aviation honestly as his father was a Navigator in WWII flying Special Operations in a Handley - Page Halifax. Tim first became involved with aviation as an Air Scout while still wearing short pants! After a long career working in air freight and station operations for British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) in the U.K., the Middle East, and Japan, he became General Manager of an All-Cargo Airline based in the U.K. He immigrated to Canada with his family in 1980 and became CEO of a large air freight and logistics company. He has been a volunteer Tour Guide, Speaker and Educator at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum since retiring in late 2010.

In the 1950s Avro Canada developed a Jet Interceptor called the Arrow that was capable of flying higher and faster than any other contemporary aircraft. Five examples were completed and were test flying. On 20th February 1959 (the original Black Friday!), the project was cancelled. Existing examples along with jigs, tooling and blueprints were destroyed on the orders of the Canadian government. Why? Tim has extensively researched this fascinating story of what should have been a major Canadian aviation success story and will share his findings with us.



Upcoming Speakers

In February, long-time member Tom Bochsler has arranged to have a presentation made about his career as an esteemed professional photographer

President's message

It seems that every year at this time, my resolutions (firm decision to do or not to do something) list gets shorter and shorter. There was a time when the list I wanted were fairly insignificant compared to what I need today. Did you see the shift from want to need? That's significant at my age!

In recent years it's good health, a happy family and joy in my life, and you know what I found out? It takes as much time or more to accomplish these, then the list of 25 resolutions I made back in 1985.

I suppose each of us in somewhat the same boat, and I doubt that anyone minds being in that boat. Think about it, we value our health, our family and our own joy. Just to be clear, joy is something you do, not just for yourself, but for others as well.

As we enter another year, I hope that each of you will consider part of your joy to be linked to Probus. Our Club is rebounding after Covid. We have a growing number of members attending in person. Our speakers are over the top, and we have excellent theater and golf arrangements. We are seeing some interest in the activity sign-up sheets. To compliment all of this, we have excellent support in administration.

A few years ago, I was at a Ukrainian Christmas party (usually January 7). I was having a conversation with a younger person who told me (and I quote) -

“My New Year's resolution is to set more realistic expectations for myself. I've already failed”

Have a Happy New Year.

Robert English, President Probus Men's club of Burlington

REMINDER - 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DUES

A reminder that 2023 membership renewals were due on December 1st, thank you to those of you who have already renewed.

The speakers and activities that you enjoy are budgeted on membership numbers, so the sooner we know who is returning, the sooner we can plan.

Please send a \$50 cheque payable to Probus Club of Burlington to:

Probus Club of Burlington
Membership Committee Chair
PO Box 91562 Roseland Plaza
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OR you can pay by eTransfer by sending your renewal fee to:

Email address: mbinder@cogeco.ca

Message: Membership Fee – “Your Name”

If a security question is requested it is “**Membership Fee**”
and the answer is “**Yearly**”

Should you need an application form for friends who would like to join us this year, you can visit our website at <https://www.probusclubofburlington.ca/> or email kdobson1257@gmail.com

“ANNUAL PARKING PASSES – *Are you tired of using the parking meter then consider purchasing an Annual Probus Meeting parking pass. These passes are \$33.00 and you can get them from Bob Dickison (will be at the ZOOM desk). You can pay by cash (exact change strongly preferred) or a cheque made out to the ‘Probus Club of Burlington’. If you attend the vast majority of meetings this will save you money and the inconvenience of having to use that parking meter.” Last chance to purchase these through the club will be at the January meeting.*

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Future events

Golf Tournament Friday May 26, 2023 at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club.

Computer Interest Group



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each others computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting). Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.

Do you have a major milestone to share?

If you have a major milestone birthday, anniversary or some other major event you would like to share with our members send them to Gary Hindley at Ghindley1@gmail.com to get them published in the next newsletter.

Do you enjoy being a member of Probus?



If you do, then, no doubt you have friends who would also like Probus. Do them a favor and invite them to join you as a guest at one of our meetings. We have many interesting speakers over the next few months!

Should they decide to become a member, the process is easy and straightforward. It starts by sending an email to Keith Dobson. (kdobson1257@gmail.com)

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