



# HARVARD HISTORICAL AVIATION SOCIETY

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## Harvard Flyer

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**WE REMEMBER THEM.  
NOVEMBER 11TH.**

Join the Harvard Historical Aviation Society for a moment of remembrance on November 11th, 2024. at 2:00PM at the Red Deer Regional Airport, under the Harvard Aircraft Memorial located within the main parking area. All are welcome as we share stories of the courageous individuals whose lives were greatly impacted through their time at the Penhold Base, preparing for the battle overseas. Please join us for a moment of silence and laying of wreaths.



### SUMMER PARADE SEASON NOW COMPLETE!

A huge thank you to all volunteers who year after year make the parade attendance for our local parades a complete fan favorite! As our summer parade season comes to a close, it is time for us to start brainstorming how we will make a splash with the local Christmas parades! As always, our local pilot (Paige) in the aircraft keeps it fun for the crowd! Watch for our team in the coming months.. something amazing is brewing!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

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### What does it mean to be a part of the Harvard Historical Aviation Society?

This summer, we asked a few of our board members what it means to them to be a part of this amazing organization, why are you a volunteer, why is this important? We hope you enjoy hearing from our team below. Are you looking to give back through donations or with volunteering your time? We would love to hear from you! Reach out at [info@penholdbase.ca](mailto:info@penholdbase.ca) and get involved in preserving history!

Growing up in Red Deer, I often saw and heard the RCAF Harvards from the Penhold airbase flying overhead as part of their training exercises. That was the beginning of a life-long interest in aviation. Over the years I attended many airshows and began flying remote control airplanes. Since joining the Harvard Historical Aviation Society (HHAS) I have been able to immerse myself in aviation history and activities in ways that I could never have imagined. This would include making many connections and friends with HHAS being a vendor at various airshows, flying club breakfasts and related community and Red Deer Regional Airport events, guest speaker events, fund raising events, visiting various air museums, building and helping set up our own museum and being actively involved in historical aircraft restorations. Being associated with the HHAS, a major highlight for me was being able to fly in a restored WW2 B-25J Mitchell bomber which was part of a HHAS fund raising event.

Tony Lindhout



I've always loved airplanes and aviation. I started flying almost 50 years ago, and worked as a pilot for several years. At this stage of my life, I still love airplanes, building things and helping to preserve aviation history. I'm always amazed by the huge war effort that Canada undertook during WW2, building new airports, hangars, and aircraft on a massive scale, and in a very short time and then training thousands of pilots. Much of this history is slowly being lost. To me, HHAS is doing the VERY important work of preserving and sharing some of this history, and especially the local history of the Canadian Forces Base Penhold. I enjoy doing my small part in researching, restoring, building aircraft parts, and most importantly spending time with the other volunteers in HHAS who share the same passion for aviation and history. It's a unique opportunity to be involved with this group.

-Vern Duek



I was born and raised in Red Deer and at a young age, I remember hearing the drone of the Harvard engines from the nearby training base at CFB Penhold. I didn't think much of it, because I was a young kid with other kids to play with. In 1972, my Dad and Mom signed a contract with the City of Red Deer to manage the Red Deer Municipal Airport. I returned to Red Deer in late September of that year, from a job in BC. I was immediately put into the airport situation, as my parents lived in one of the houses on the airport, as part of the contract. I began working for my Dad, on the airport in 1974. I worked there until I signed up with Transport Canada, to be a Flight Service Specialist. On completion of training I was transferred to Cambridge Bay, NWT. Then Whitecourt, AB and finally back to Red Deer, in 1988. I spent the last 23 years of my career at Red Deer FSS. After retirement, I wanted to stay in touch with the groups at the airport. I have been a member of the Red Deer Flying Club for many years. President for 4 years. When HHAS was formed I was able to become a part of the history of the airport. I am very proud of my affiliation with this organization and look forward to helping as much as I can.

-Michael Sutherland







The Harvard Historical Aviation Society(HHAS) Is my passion, founded alongside my best freind , Gary Hillman, to preserve the history of the former Penhold Military Base. As as former military wife, watching the history dissaappear was not an option, especially since CFB Penhold was where I met and married my husband, who has been on the board since day one. Starting HHAS has been life changing, immersing my in both aviation and history. What I love most about the HHAS is the people. We have incredible board members and volunteers, many of who have become cherished friends. My driving force is telling the stories of veterans and keeping their legacies alive, while also introducing women and girls to the world of aviation - one of the reasons I help to organize Girls in Aviation day at the Red Deer Airport. Every year, I learn more and it's deeply fulfilling. Pursuing my Aircraft Maintenance Engineer certification has been a challenging and yet surprisingly rewarding journey. Becoming a certified aircraft covering instructor, flying in historic planes, attending RCAF events, and making global connections has enriched my life in ways I never imagined. We credit Andrew Mynarski V.C. for his journey, sparked by the renaming of Mynarski Park to Springbrook.

-Jodi Smith

When I started my career in aviation I started to learn about the amazing things that have taken place here and the work that was done to support war efforts in our own backyard. What amazed me wasn't that they happened, what amazed me was that the only thing that seemed to be taking place was the removal of it. Memorials were small, and people you spoke to who had lived in the community for years did know the significance of their own town. Hearing about the renaming of Mynarski Park years before opened my eyes! If you do not showcase history, talk about history, and learn about where you live and the significance of it.I support the Harvard Historical Aviation Society because we need to talk about history, not erase it.

-Nicole Holinaty



See above.

I support Jodi, and Jodi supports the HHAS!

-Dan Smith

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS

- ✓ Retention of History
- ✓ Preservation of Artifacts
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- ✓ Recovery & Restoration of Historic Aircraft

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### Support The Harvard Historical Aviation Society With Our DeHavilland Tiger Moth Project!

Be a part of history! We are fundraising for our Tiger Moth Project with a commemorative patch! Stitch your patch on a coat, a bag, or even your favorite leather vest you take on your Harley! 100% of profits from the sales of this crest will support the build of the Tiger Moth, and support the Harvard Historical Aviation Society bring back a piece of history to Central Alberta!

Patches are \$10.00 Each and can be ordered by contacting [info@penholdbase.ca](mailto:info@penholdbase.ca)



### CROSSING NORTH AMERICA TO FIND IT!



Sometimes you run into the coolest things when you aren't looking! Gary and Jodi were down at Oshkosh teaching fabric covering to the guests of the show, and came across none other than a PENHOLD HARVARD! They had the chance to catch up with the Harvard's owner, we can't wait to invite this aircraft back to her home at the former Penhold Base for a visit someday!



### FOLLOWING FAMILY HISTORY, STRAIGHT TO THE PENHOLD BASE!

We had some amazing guests this summer, Torben & Heidi Soborg and their children who came all the way from Denmark! Torben's dad trained here in 1957 and they came to see where he did his training on the Harvard. We gave them a tour of the old base and described what all the buildings were used for during that time. Then to the museum to look at pictures and artifacts. We then drove out to Big Bend Airport to see the Tiger Moth project that Torben has been watching being built from the posts on this page!

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