



# HARVARD HISTORICAL AVIATION SOCIETY

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## Harvard Flyer

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### OUR FAVORITE GRINCH WAS BACK TO CELEBRATE!



The Harvard Historical Aviation Society was so happy to once again be a part of the Springbrook Santa Clause Parade, celebrating festive cheer for the holiday season! Our mini aircraft was in tow, hauling along a special guest who kept the crowd laughing and entertained. A huge thank you to the volunteers who come together every year for this annual event to ensure aviation is a part of the community spirit!

The Hamlet of Springbrook, formally named Mynarski Park, is the original home to CFB Penhold, and the home of the Harvard Historical Aviation Society Museum. The Harvard Historical Aviation Society continues to work on historical aviation projects and collect artifacts and memories from the region, to fundraise and build a large facility that showcases the rich history of Central Alberta, and its aviation roots!



### THANK YOU CAM CLARK FORD!

Cam Clark Ford supports the Harvard Historical Aviation Society in a big way, by providing our board of directors a space for their monthly meetings (where all the magic happens!). THANK YOU to their team for this wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated!

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### WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Central Alberta boasts a rich history, with its historical influence reaching far beyond the region. As people relocate to this beautiful area, many may not pause to consider the significance of the land beneath their homes or the historic buildings lining the streets. Aviation has played a pivotal role in the region's development, and the Harvard Historical Aviation Society was established to preserve this history and ensure the stories of our aviation past continue to inspire pride in our community.

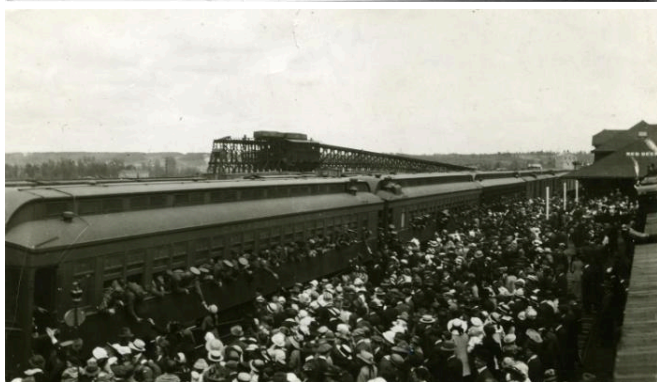
The Harvard Historical Aviation Society is dedicated to more than just the restoration of aircraft for our future museum. We are the stewards of history, collecting stories, preserving memories, and curating artifacts that tell the rich tale of aviation in our region. Our passionate volunteers, committed to sharing this history, can be found at events throughout Central Alberta. For many years, we have worked toward a long-term goal: the creation of an aviation museum near the Red Deer Regional Airport, which will showcase the history of aviation and its far-reaching impact.

Currently, the Society operates a small museum within the community of Springbrook, which is open for special events and houses a significant collection of aviation artifacts and memorabilia. In addition to preserving the past, our dedicated volunteers are working tirelessly on the restoration of a Tiger Moth and an Oxford Aircraft—two iconic planes that once flew over our region and will soon be proudly displayed.

The Harvard Historical Aviation Society is a fully volunteer-driven, non-profit charity. Our continued success relies on the support of the community as we work toward our vision of a permanent aviation museum. Together, we can ensure that the history of aviation in Central Alberta is preserved for generations to come.

#### Did You Know?

**You can donate MONTHLY through an automatic donation?  
Sign up on our website at [penholdbase.ca](http://penholdbase.ca), and donate to  
preserve aviation history for Central Alberta!**





### TAKING OUR TIME, TO REMEMBER ON NOVEMBER 11th.

Each year, the Harvard Historical Aviation Society hosts a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Red Deer Regional Airport. This ceremony not only acts as a remembrance to the many brave souls who fought for our freedom (and continue to fight for our freedoms every day), but also serves as a reminder of those who traveled from around the world to train right here in Central Alberta. Many lives were lost through the training programs at what is now the Red Deer Regional Airport, and ensuring that history is not lost and their memories not forgotten is the role of the Harvard Historical Aviation Society. Thank you all those who took the time to join us this year, it was our best attended event so far (with 140 in attendance) and the attendance continues to grow. Following the service, the Harvard Historical Aviation Society was able to host an indoor gathering, where many joined for stories and visiting. Lest We Forget.



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT : TARA LIND



Tara works behind the scenes keeping the financial side of the organization in order (that is right, restoring airplanes and building a museum has a lot of moving transactions!). Not only is she passionate about supporting the group with her talents in this area, she is also a passionate community member of the Hamlet of Springbrook, and a great neighbor to our President, Jodi Smith!

Tara is also a pivotal organizer of charity Bingos, and keeps the volunteers organized and in line to ensure we have all the support required to pull off these amazing events. 50/50's? Yes she handles all of those too! Thank you so much for all you do for the Harvard Historical Aviation Society Tara! We are lucky to have you on the amazing Board of Directors!





### Celebrating A Moment of Remembrance At One Of The Worlds Greatest Marvels.

A Story From Bob Orr

Our recent trek to Everest Base Camp began with an exhilarating flight into Lukla Airport, often regarded as one of the world's most thrilling and challenging airstrips. The short but dramatic flight offered breathtaking views of the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas, providing a first glimpse of the stunning landscape that lay ahead. After landing in Lukla, located at an altitude of 2,860 meters, we were immediately immersed in the vibrant Sherpa culture and the rugged beauty of the region. Lukla serves as the starting point for most treks to Everest, and from here, we set off on our journey, hiking through small villages, lush forests, and along the edges of rushing rivers as we steadily ascended toward our goal.

As we made our way through the Khumbu Valley, the landscape became progressively more dramatic. The trail, lined with prayer flags and sacred sites, passed by traditional Sherpa homes, and each day we grew more enchanted by the region's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. The higher we climbed, the more awe-inspiring the views of the surrounding peaks, including Nuptse, Lhotse, and, of course, the towering Mount Everest itself. By the time we reached Everest Base Camp, situated at 5,364 meters, the altitude and physical demands of the trek had made every step feel earned. It was a truly humbling experience, standing in the shadow of the world's highest mountain, surrounded by fellow trekkers who shared the same sense of achievement.

A particularly poignant moment of our journey occurred at Everest Base Camp, where a small but meaningful ceremony was held to commemorate Remembrance Day back in Canada. Despite the remoteness of the location, members of our group, along with other trekkers, gathered to pay tribute to those who have served in the armed forces, particularly Canadian veterans. A short silence was observed in honor of their sacrifices. Standing at Everest Base Camp on this solemn occasion made the journey even more meaningful, as we reflected on both the majesty of the mountains and the significance of the day.

