



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

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## ***JUNE 2024***

**BIRTHDAYS:** Warren Garbutt, 85 years on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Tony Mazzuca, 75 years on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Jim Lepp on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Ray and Donna Dallaire, 45 years on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ken and Barbara Willan, 58 years on the 4<sup>th</sup>; Larry and Carol Dobson, 57 years on the 17<sup>th</sup>; and Ron and Marlene Ramsey, 64 years on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## SECOND POSTING

**Jeffrey (Jeff) Wurzer** has applied for membership in our club. **Jeff** and his wife, **Teresa** live in Edmonton. Jeff is an avid outdoors person and is the owner of *Just Like Family Home Care*. **Doug Armstrong** and **Georg Schuller** propose him.

## FIRST POSTING

**Ronald (Ron) Odynski** has applied for membership in our club and lives in Edmonton. **Leon Lubin** and **Georg Schuller** propose him.

**Chuck Gerhart** played an introductory tune on the xylophone and **President Georg Schuller** welcomed 18 Gyros and three guests to the luncheon meeting held at the Mill Woods Golf Course Woodvale Clubhouse on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Bruce Foy** briefly introduced our guest speaker **Ray Rohr**, **Leon Lubin** introduced his friend, **Ron Odynski** and our new member applicant, **Jeff Wurzer** was welcomed.

**Val Pohl** led the singing of *Cheerio* and **Warren Garbutt** presented the Grace.

**Bruce Foy** introduced our guest speaker **Ray Rohr**, who spent 57 years in the Canada's aviation industry starting with the RCAF, then the Reserve, and Transport Canada.

Ray advised that he was raised in northwestern Saskatchewan on a subsistence farm that was settled in 1911 as a homestead. The family lived 'off the grid' but they didn't know that. He attended a one-room school two miles from home and travelled by a horse drawn toboggan in the winter.

There was no money for university after graduating from High School, so I signed up for RCAF officer and pilot training on Chipmunks and Harvard's.



Richard Paver Photography 2020

De Havilland DHC-1 Chipmunks Richard Paver Photography 2020



North American Harvard

T.F.J. Leversedge 2007

I graduated in 1959 and flew the CF 100 at Cold Lake and Comox. The **CF 100 Canuck** had a very powerful engine and could reach an altitude of 45,000 feet very quickly. The **McDonnell CF101B Voodoo** which weighed 42,000 lbs and had a top speed of 1400 mph was acquired by the RCAF in 1961 to replace the aging Canuck. I flew the Voodoo for two years starting in 1962 and then in 1965 joined the "Reserves".

I started to work at the University of Alberta and was offered a job with **Transport Canada** as a **Civil Aviation Inspector**. After a maintenance check, each aircraft had to be flight-tested.

During 1967 and 1968, I flew dignitaries such as Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau across Canada including a trip to the Arctic Islands in a DC-3. In 1969, I assumed the role as Regional Manager with Transport Canada. The Beechcraft King Air was introduced as our flight calibration plane.



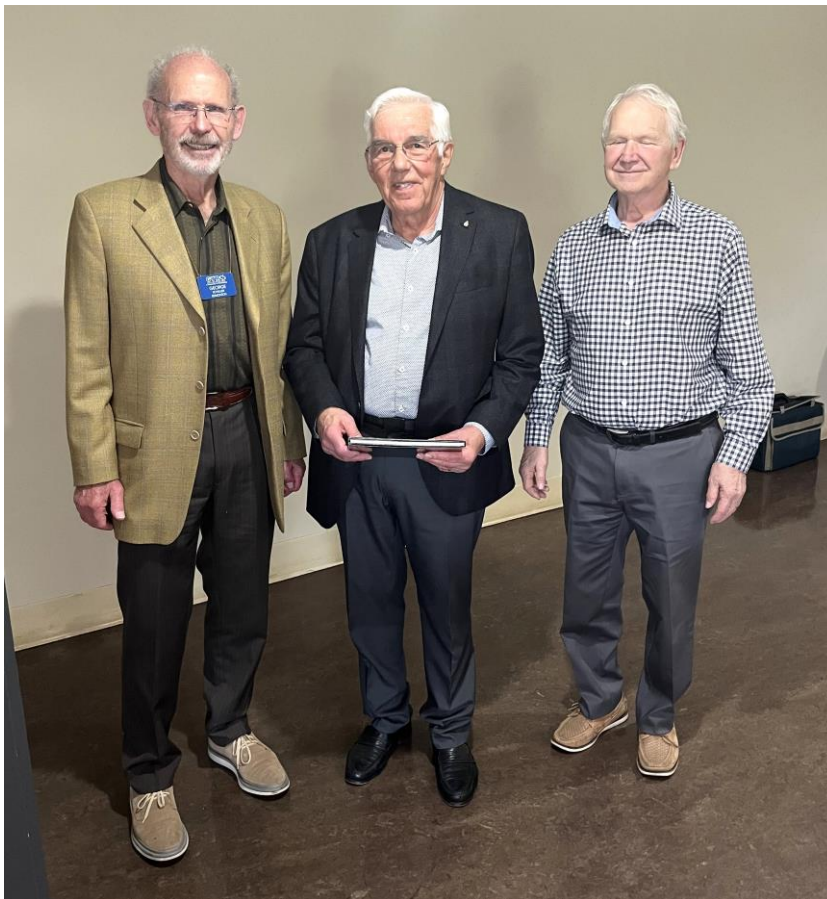
The Air Reserve used the **de Havilland Twin Otter DHC-6T** for air rescue. One of our adventures was a freight haul to Ellesmere Island where we landed on beaches and eskers.

In 1987, I was promoted to Colonel in the Air Reserve at the **Canada Defense College**. This was a fantastic year where I travelled to 19 countries. I then worked in Ottawa for five years as **Director of General Aviation**. We completely rewrote the Canadian Air Regulations. I then moved to Moncton, New Brunswick as Regional Director and was responsible for 1000 staff.

In 1996, I retired from the military and entered the Civil Aviation sector. In 2000, I joined the **Civil Aviation Council** which developed safety standards and became Director of Regulatory Standards.

In 2015, I retired and started to volunteer with youth golf. This is how I met **Dunc Mills!**

**President Georg Schuller** thanked our speaker for a very informative and entertaining presentation. Ray was presented with a signed copy of *Giants of the Pacific Northwest The Hunt Family Totem Poles* authored by **Doug Armstrong**.



Georg Schuller

Ray Rohr

Sam Gruden

**The 2023-24 Hockey Pool Season was a resounding success! \$5720 was collected and \$2765 was paid out to lucky winners.**

In recognition of the tireless work by **Janice Nichols Molofy**, Chuck Gerhart presented a symbolic \$5000 Hockey Pool cheque to **Dick Nichols**. A cheque for \$2500 from the Benevolence Fund was sent to the Edmonton Food Bank recently.



Chuck Gerhart    **Dick Nichols**    George Schuller

**Fred Schulte** was the free Lunch winner.

**Past President Jack Bowen** provided the closing comment.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that **genius has its limits.**” — Albert Einstein

Your Editor attended the **District VIII Convention Business Meeting** on Thursday morning June 20<sup>th</sup> in Lacombe, Alberta.

**Larry Dobson** presented the **Invocation**.

As we gather here today, we invoke the spirit of unity and camaraderie that brings us together. This GYRO Organization stands as a symbol of our shared passions, our collective aspirations and our commitment to fostering an environment of friendship.

As we raise our hearts and minds in unison, let us reaffirm our dedication to the principles that underpin this organization – respect, inclusivity, and a genuine desire to uplift one another. We shall remain open to diverse perspectives, embracing the wisdom that comes from differing experiences and backgrounds.

In this spirit, let us embark on a new chapter, together as a unified force, with shared purpose and boundless enthusiasm. May our meeting be filled with intellectual stimulation, heartfelt connections and moments of joy.

So, with hearts full of gratitude and minds brimming with possibility, let us invoke the essence of this organization and declare our commitment to each other and the principles that bind us as one.

With our friends beside us and no person beneath us, with the bonds of GYRO between us and our worries behind us, and no task beyond us, with a thirst for knowledge, and a dream of a peaceful world, we are thankful for our GYRO friends.

Or in other simpler words, may we have:

Love to share

Cash to spare

Tires with air

And friends who care

**Quorum was confirmed** with six of the nine clubs represented at the meeting. Calgary, Stampede City, Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Regina and Castlegar.

**Peter Carter** reported on some of the events at the Gyro International Convention recently held at Niagara Falls, Canada.

The new International President is **Mike Eisner**, the 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. is **Ned Barber** and **Dunc Mills** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. **Congratulations Dunc!**

The other major issue discussed at the Gyro international Convention was **GYRO Restructuring**. The number of Gyros in the USA and Canada is currently 1500, down from over 4000 20 years ago. It is proposed that Gyro Districts be eliminated and replaced with three Regions: West Coast, Central and Eastern. The transition would occur over the next two years. All clubs will be requested to provide their views and vote on the new regional concept.

**Immediate Past Governor, Ken Williamson** presented the nominations for the District VIII Executive. **Dunc Mills**, Immediate Past Governor, **Ted Ewanchuk**, Governor and, **Ian McNeil**, Lt. Governor, Regina Gyro Club.

Secretary Treasurer, **Ken Baker** presented the **2024-25 District VIII budget**. Considerable discussion ensued on the amount of unused funds currently in the budget and what was a reasonable amount to be held in reserve. There were also concerns expressed about the future of Curlarama which has a 40-year history and is managed by the Calgary and Stampede City Club's. Cost to host the event have increased substantially and the two club's have had some deficits. It was generally agreed that Curlarama was an important element in maintaining club interaction and that the event should continue.

The budget was approved with dues reduced to \$20 and the recent Curlarama deficit to be reimbursed.

**Alan Pentney**, Editor of the Stampede City **Gyroper** was the winner of the **Best Bulletin Award**

The **Sherwood Park Gyro Club** was the winner of the **Most New Members Award** and the **Regina Club** won the **Man Mile Award**.

The winners of the Bocce Tournament were **John Cobb** of the Calgary Club, **Gayl Lepp** of the Edmonton Club and **Nestor Slipchuk** of the Sherwood Park Club





**2024 Gyro  
Bocce Champions  
John Gayl Nestor  
Cobb Lepp Slipchuk**

Twenty-one Gyros, Gyrettes and friends were treated to a perfect evening of baseball at RE/MAX Field on June 25<sup>th</sup>. **The Edmonton Rivercats and the Bellingham Bells** played a hard-fought game with the Rivercats winning 2-1. The fans were treated to a display of dinosaurs courtesy of the Telus World of Science. In addition, a representative from The **Alberta Society for Injured Birds of Prey** was in attendance to showcase a recovered **Swainson's Hawk**.

Thanks to **Sheldon Weatherby** for organizing this event!





**“Fast Fred”**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Luncheon Meeting, Mill Woods Golf Course, Woodvale Clubhouse,  
Monday July 8.**

**Speaker: Jim Lepp**

**Topic: Choices?**