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## Meeting Highlights :

- President Mike Catling called the meeting to order and informed the membership that there would be a slight change in the meeting agenda due to the nature of day's program.
- He then questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at the Hobart's Restaurant.
- Next Mike called upon Max Radiff to come forward and introduce our speaker for the morning, Bruce Faulkner, who is one of our founding members of our Probud Club.
- Bruce's presentation was called, "Remembrance Memories of the Lancaster", and here is a brief outline of it :
  - o The presentation commenced with the playing of short sound wave clip of the engine vibrations during an actual Lancaster flight, accommodated by a psychedelic display on the big screen;
  - o he then called upon the membership to raise and take part in the signing of "O' Canada", and to remain standing to observe two minute silence for the men and women that have lost lives in armed forces protecting our country's freedom over the years;
  - o Bruce continued by introducing all of our club members that have served as an active or reserve member of the arm forces over the years, and asked them to stand, be recognized and receive the acknowledgement from the membership that they deserved;
  - o next an audio tape, that was created by BBC, was played of actual conversation that took place between a pilot and his crew during an Lancaster bomb run during the war; (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8R5NI-IrUU0>);
  - o then a video clip was shown that outlined the Lancaster's history, from the drawing board to its final completion;
  - o just a few a details of this flying machine :
    - most efficient bomber to fly in history;
    - there were over 7000 bombers built over the years (400 in Canada);
    - was designed in 1936 by a man named Roy Chadwick and was originally named the "Manchester" but he changed it to "Lancaster" at the time of his redesign in 1941;
    - plane was designed and constructed to aid during the 1940 German blitz period but did not live up to expectations due it's his original 2-engine failures or design;
    - Roy went back to the drawing board and redesigned it with 4-engine design thus increasing its flying speed to 275 miles per hour, allowing longer bombing runs and the capacity to carry a larger bomb load;
    - was utilized in 1943 during the area bombing raids and received recognition as one of Britain's best aircraft at the time;
    - this plane required a seven man flying crew;
    - only two Lancaster planes left in the world, one in Canada and the other in England.
  - o Next a video clip was displayed called the "Re-Union of Giants" which highlighted the chain of events that took place within



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## Health and Welfare Update

Please notify **RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time....**  
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## Next Guest Speaker

**NO GUEST SPEAKER  
IN DECEMBER ....**

**JUST COME AND ENJOY  
OUR  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHEON**



**Dave Robertson (M) thanking Bruce Faulkner (L) and Bob Barkwell for their presentation.**



## **Message from the Editor**

**I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to create the newsletter each month and be a part of a very special Club !**

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**I also want to wish you and all your families a**

**VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

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Canada and England regarding the reunion event of these two historic planes and their 6-week British tour;

- o Bruce then read a poem called "High Flight" and provided some background history of its author, John Gillespie Magee, Jr.;
- o Bruce concluded his presentation by asking the membership to stand and join him in the singing of "God Save the Queen".

- President Mike called upon club member Dave Robertson to come forward and thank Bruce for very informative and entertaining presentation.
- He continued by informing the membership there was nothing to report from the recent Management Committee meeting.
- Next he called upon Ron Morgan, Health and Welfare, to inform the group about any health issues concerning our Club and Ron stated that he had nothing to report at that time.
- Mike informed the members that he was receiving back some rejections notices regarding e-mails that he was issuing out to membership. He stated that if any members had a spam blocker installed for their e-mails, this could cause the rejections. He asked these individuals to reset their spam blocker setup and any time the term Probus is received, it automatically allow the e-mails to be received and displayed on their particular systems.
- He informed the membership that the Christmas Luncheon tickets were still available to purchase, and if you still require them, to get in contact with Vice President Bob Doran as soon as possible ([rdoran3@cogeco.ca](mailto:rdoran3@cogeco.ca)).
- He also mentioned that our annual club membership fees are overdue (\$85.00).
- He wanted to thank club member Steve Slack for providing the amazing picture images of his recent Arctic trip that were displayed on the big screen for the membership to view prior to the start of our meeting.
- He called upon Club member Clarke Tummon, to come forward and provide some very rare golf news regarding one of our members. Clarke was out golfing just recently at Oliver's Nest Golf Course and had a conversation with fellow golfer who just experienced a hole-in-one during his round. Shortly thereafter, he met up with Wayne Brumwell, our pass treasurer, and Wayne informed Clarke that he to had a rare hole-in-one shot on the third hole.
- Next President Mike called upon Club member Max Radiff to come forward and provide some additional information regarding the dinner and theatre event that he was trying in arranged at the Little Schnitzel House and Lindsay Little Theatre locations on February 05<sup>th</sup> for our membership.
- Max informed the group that there were only 19 tickets sold up to date, and the theatre requires at least 40 to be sold to make it beneficial for them to put on or perform the show. He told the group that the tickets were available at cost of \$50.00 per person, and this also included the cost of dining at the Little Schnitzel House before the theatre show. He requested if anyone was interested, to please let him know as soon as possible, by contacting him by phone (705-324-4602) or e-mail ([maxradiff@hotmail.com](mailto:maxradiff@hotmail.com)).
- Mike informed the membership that arrangements had been made to purchase a wreath on their behalf and have it laid at the Lindsay cenotaph during the up-coming Remembrance Day service.
- Next he adjourned the meeting and the membership made their way to Hobart's Restaurant for the luncheon.