

CHILLIWACK FLYING CLUB

an inventory of its records

held by the

CHILLIWACK MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Aeronautical activities have figured prominently in the history of Chilliwack. After World War I, a branch of the Aero League of Canada was formed, and several prominent citizens pursued an amateur interest in flying. Initially, farmers' fields served as airfields.

In 1945, the City of Chilliwack and the Township of Chilliwack jointly purchased the site of the present Chilliwack Airport. In the same year, the Chilliwack Flying Club was organized. Its principal activity was conducting instruction in aviation, but it also contracted to provide services to the Municipal Airport, and organized social events as fund-raisers. In 1947 it constructed a unique octagonal hanger and terminal building.

In 1986 Chilliwack Flying Club member W. "Curly" Chittenden gathered club records and memorabilia from various club members. This collection was presented to the Chilliwack Museum in July and October 1986.

FILE LIST: 986.200.1 - 986.200.34.2

CHILLIWACK FLYING CLUB COLLECTION

ACCESSIONED: July, 1986

RECEIVED: July, 1986

986.200.1 Chilliwack Municipal Airport Development

-scrapbook presented to Transport Canada from the district of Chilliwack containing photos, blueprints and plans. Includes 4 loose photos. 1985.

986.200.2 Photo Album

-includes photos of people, planes, the airport and club functions. An identification of the pictures is included. 1933 - ?

986.200.3 Story of Chilliwack Airport

-4 books entitled "The development of Chilliwack Municipal Airport." Vol. 1-4. Hard covered. Contain news items and photographs. 1945 - 80.

986.200.4 Canadian Pilot Log Book

-pages from the log book of pilot Russell S. Thornton. From March 31, 1940 to Feb. 16, 1941.

986.200.5 Post Card

-post card showing Chilliwack Airport.

986.200.6 Hermansen, Ralph

-letters and legal document concerning the law suit filed against the Chilliwack Flying Club by Ralph Hermansen. Also included is a telegram and a Flying Club Report. 1953. Also contains information of Cadet training with which Hermonson was involved.

986.200.7 Elaine Delisle

-radio reports, letter of congratulations and news items about Elaine Delisle, Chilliwack's first female pilot. 1950.

986.200.8 Harvey Weeks

-letters, news articles of Weeks being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

-Report on his wartime activities in the airforce.

-letter and certificate concerning the medallion awarded to Weeks for aiding in the liberation of Holland.

-copy of Royal Air Force Pilot's Flying Log Book owned by Weeks. 1942 - 1982.

986.200.9 Burritt

-photocopied article on Harold Burritt who was a director of the Flying Club. Also included is a note from Curly Chittenden.

986.200.10 \$10 Dinner

-receipt book, receipts, tickets (1967), and statement of the club's ten dollar supper. Also included is a notebook containing names of those who bought dinner tickets from 1965 - 68(?).

986.200.11 Development of the Chilliwack Airport Proposals

-folder containing proposals for the development of the Chilliwack airport. 1947 - 48.



- 986.200.12 Lists  
-lists of names. Possibly Club members.
- 986.200.13 Minutes  
-record book of meeting minutes. 1947 - 56.  
-handwritten minutes and motions 1952 - 53.
- 986.200.14 Minutes and Reports  
-meeting minutes and various reports kept in a black folder. Also includes correspondence. 1960 - 1963.
- 986.200.15 Notes, *correspondence*  
-Chilliwack Flying Club Notes from 1945 - 1946.
- 986.200.16 William Brown  
-photocopied Private Pilot's Licence (1941) and photographs of William Brown.
- 986.200.17 Flight Certificate  
-Chilliwack Flying Club Flight Certificate belonging to Dr. N. Crabtree. No date.
- 986.200.18 Receipts, Check Books, etc.  
-receipts, receipt books, account check books, check stubs, statement of account from the Bank of Nova Scotia. 1957 - 69. (2 folders)
- Box 3*  
986.200.19 Chilliwack Flying Club Minutes  
-meeting minutes, reports, correspondence, balance sheets, financial statements, and a written agreement held together in a black binder entitled, "Chilliwack Flying Club Minutes." 1964 - 83. Note: book divided between 3 files.
- 986.200.20 Ellen Heaps  
-Writ of Summons and material concerning the law suit filed by David Heaps against Aletta Leak and Chilliwack Flying Club. 1974 - 1976.
- 986.200.21 Inventory Sheet  
-inventory sheet showing description, quantity, cost price, cost extension, list price and list extension for the Cafe, shop, building, Ground School and supplies for resale. Dec. 31, 1961.
- 986.200.22 Correspondence  
-general club correspondence. 1954 - 1986.
- 986.200.23 Air Cadets  
-Air Cadet equipment inventory, training report for Cadets, correspondence, statement of accounts. 1955 - 1959.
- 986.200.24 Legal Material  
-written agreements, Flying Club By-Laws. 1945 - 1958.
- 986.200.25 Flying Club re: Formation  
-photocopied letter and souvenir program from the Military Engineers Museum of Canada regarding the formation of the Flying Club. 1945 - 85.

- 986.200.26 History of Chilliwack Airport  
-short write-up on the Airport's history. Also included is a note from Curly Chittenden.
- 986.200.27 Speeches  
-copies of speeches by Hon. George Marler, Hon. Ralph Campney and Group Captain Douglas Bader. 1955.
- 986.200.28 Newspaper Clippings  
-various newspaper clippings from 1914 - 1985. Also included are notes from Curly Chittenden, certificates, and photocopies taken from the club's scrapbook.
- 986.200.29 Magazine Articles  
-photocopies of excerpts taken from magazines and books concerning airports, aircrafts, etc. 1977 - 1983.
- 986.200.30 Russell Thornton  
-letter, and debenture from Russell Thornton. Also photographs. 1939 - 1985.
- Box 4 986.200.31 Officers and Committees  
-1957 list of officers and Committees in the Chilliwack Flying Club.
- 986.200.32 Business Cards  
-two business cards for Chilliwack Flying Club and Dawn Aviation. no dates.
- 986.200.33 Wild Trip  
-letters and a note from Curly Chittenden concerning his landing in the U.S. where there was no customs port of entry. 1946, 1986.
- 986.200.34 Finances  
-financial statements, lists of assets, balance sheets, time and wages statements, new and old accounts, expenges. 1950 - 1960.  
(2 folders)

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Addendum (October 1986)

986.200.35 Social activities

Clippings from the Northwest Flyer concerning the Chilliwack Flying Club dance (1967) and corn-shucking event (1969). Note from Curly Chittenden.

986.200.36 Thornton, Russell S.

Clippings.

986.200.37 Chilliwack Airport Blueprints

(Map Cabinet 2,  
Drawer 5)

Blueprints of the Chilliwack Airport terminal building and hangar built by the Chilliwack Flying Club in 1947.

Addendum (Aug. 1987)

File 38 Clipping from Q.C.I. Observer (accession: Add. MSS. 987.75)

Addendum (Dec. 1987)

File 39 clippings from The Northwest Flyer (accession: Add. MSS. 987.176)

Addendum (June 1988)

File 40 letter concerning dedication of a plaque honoring Earl Brett (accession: Add. MSS. 988.59)

Addendum (Sept. 1988)

File 41 B.C. Aviation Council newsletter, Contact!, v. 20, no. 4 (988.91)

Addendum (Sept. 1992)

File 42 W. "Curley" Chittenden: "On Learning to Fly" (accession: Add. MSS. 987.41)

Addendum (Sept. 1992)

File 43 Program, Flight Fest 92 (air show) (accession Add. MSS. 992.61)

Map Cabinet 2,  
Drawer 5 Poster for Flight Fest 92