

CHILLIWACK FLYING CLUB

an inventory of its records

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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.

