

Flight of a Lifetime for Paul Gamble



Paul Gamble and Rick Young are all smiles after completing a 14 day flight from Debert to Yellowknife and back. (submitted)

By Linda Harrington

Paul Gamble, a pilot, and Flight Instructor from Debert, recently flew the trip of a lifetime covering 5,690.3 NM, 59.9 hours of airtime and 28 legs to 26 different airports over 14 days. He and Rick Young, from Falmouth, NS, left Debert Airport on July 9th heading for Yellowknife in a Cessna model 172D, built in 1963. The flight was organized by The Century Flight Club, with close to 100 planes participating. Paul and Rick were the only crew east of Ontario.

The first day they battled headwinds and flew as far as Fredericton where they encountered a bit of engine trouble on landing. It was determined the plane had a stuck exhaust valve which needed to be repaired but they were able to be back in the air by 4:00PM the next day, making it to Quebec City

by 7:00PM.

They got early start on July 11th, leaving at 5:30AM, but still battling headwinds they flew 10.5 "long, long hours" (863 miles) to Thunder Bay. Paul says this was one of the longest legs of the trip, as they were trying to catch up to the rest of the group. "Most days were 5 or 6 hours of flying, but we put in another long day on the first leg of our way home from Yellowknife to Sioux Lookout, ON. To pass the time the person not flying would be checking maps and airport information, as well as alternate airports, "just in case". Other than that, we were always taking pictures, enjoying the view and," he laughs, "pretending you didn't have to go to the bathroom!"

The flight was maintained at an altitude of about 6500ft heading West and at either 5500ft or 7500ft, depending on the wind, heading East.



Paul sit's in "Buffalo Joe's" seat as he admires the view from the cockpit of a DC-3. (submitted)



Paul gets up close for a photo of DC-3, one of the planes featured on the show "Ice Pilot's". (submitted)

Weather can be a more of an issue for smaller planes flying VFR (which means maintaining visual reference to the ground at all times) than for anyone flying by instruments (which the large planes do). Turbulence also affects lighter planes more than heavier planes.

Smoke from forest fires began to have effects on their flight plan as they headed toward Brandon, Manitoba on July 12th. "Visibility is the major factor that is affected by the smoke from forest fires, but also flying through smoke can be an irritant for the pilot & passengers, and can also clog engine air filters if the flight is prolonged," says Paul. "Also, if the fire lies along your route of flight you will have to divert around it."

A diverted flight path was followed on July 13th, taking them south through Red Deer, as they headed to Edmonton.

A pig roast was held in Edmonton on July 14th as groups from the West met up with the Eastern groups. Torrential rains prevented any flights out on the 15th, causing the first weather delay in the trip. Paul and Rick spent the extra day off from flying enjoying the city of Edmonton with visits to the West Edmonton mall and the Aviation Museum. It was also a good time to catch up on some laundry.

Smoke was once again a problem when the crews headed out bright and early on the 16th, with Paul and Rick flying via Fort McMurray to Fort Smith.

Anyone who has every watched the "Ice Pilots" on television will understand the excitement when they got to meet Scott Blue, while he was refuelling a CL215 water bomber in Fort Smith. There was even time for a photo or two with this well-known tv personality.

Next it was onward to Great Slave Lake and the North, still battling some smoky areas; they carried on to Yellowknife and the home of Buffalo Airways.

Doug Cooke Candidate for Councilor - District 10



Doug Cooke

What in your opinion are the three most challenging issues facing the Municipality?

Three very challenging issues that the Municipality must face are: Flooding as experienced in several areas of the county recently, as well as septic system failures on Granville Drive. Another urgent issue in recent days is the proposal from Atlantic Industrial Services to process flow back water from Tri-Angle Petroleum's fracking operations in nearby areas. Where is this contaminated water going now? Colchester County Beware!

If you had the sole responsibility to solve them what would you do?

I cannot imagine one person being responsible for all the major issues mentioned above. I believe that this person would be accountable to someone. If it was my sole responsibility, I would look for consultants or knowledgeable people to discuss the issues and then go forward.

What is the most difficult topic you expect to come before council in the next year, which will have voters upset?

Maybe the most difficult topic for the following year will indeed be the issue at Granville Drive, which I understand may not be cheap fix and may cost millions to rectify.

Since rural areas are declining in population and the residents are getting older, how will you help community groups in your district to develop plans to bring younger families to your electoral district?

Thanks to the different community groups, who continue to meet and who strive to make our communities a better place to live. With an older population and migration of people, they face a daunting task. Any councillor should be willing to meet with these people to share ideas and work in harmony with our local government.

Why do you think you are the best candidate to represent the residents on Municipal Council?

I have 20 years past experience on Municipal Council and I am knowledgeable of the issues before us. I am retired and I can give my full attention to people's concerns. My willingness to deal with people's concerns make me a strong candidate.

What types of businesses do you think are most appropriate for your district and what will you do to attract them?

In District 10 we should be thankful for the wide variety of businesses that we now have in place, who currently provide a lot of employment. We should all support local businesses whenever possible and if they have concerns, politicians at all levels should try to address them.

What are the most critical problems being faced by your constituents?

The constituents of District 10 share the same problems as many people across the province. The increasing cost of travel to work, shopping, appointments, etc. are certainly an issue. Other issues that affect everyone, including businesses are high electricity costs and ever increasing taxation.

If you are elected to council, how will you communicate with residents to understand their problems and what you are doing to solve them?

Residents of District 10 can phone me anytime, 7 days a week to discuss issues that are important to them. If their concerns relate to the Municipality, I will do my best to deal with them. If their concerns involve other levels of government, I will give them proper direction. Also I would make myself available to community groups who are trying to make a difference, and pass their concerns and ideas on to Council. If elected I would set up a Facebook account, enabling me to have better communication with the constituents.

Buffalo Airways is a family-run airline based in Hay River, NWT, run by Joe McBryan, also known as "Buffalo Joe". The airline is featured on the History Television reality series Ice Pilots NWT.

Paul says they were in the Yellowknife area for about four days and had a great time. "We toured the Buffalo Airways hanger and met a number of pilots and crew from the TV show: Ice Pilots. We visited various landmarks in Yellowknife including the Bush Pilot's Monument and went on a fly-out to Hay River, NWT which is one the other side of Great Slave Lake. We also acquired some hanger space for a few hours to

change the oil in the plane before the journey home," he says.

On July 20th, they headed back into the skies about 6:30AM for the return flight to Nova Scotia. They stopped to refuel in Uranium City, La Ronge, Swan River, Read Lake, and finished the day in Sioux Lookout. This was another 10 hour day of flying, covering 1,313 miles.

Smoke from another batch of forest fires made for a tricky landing on the 21st in Marathon but after a few hours on the ground for lunch, the skies cleared for take-off on route to Sudbury and finally Pembroke, where they discovered one of the friendliest little airports around.

Sunday, the 22nd it was homeward bound, with a stop in St. Georges, PQ, arriving at

Debert Airport at 4:30PM.

Paul says this was absolutely a trip to remember, "We saw the entire country with the exception of the Rockies. For me I think the most memorable scenery was the landscape around Yellowknife; mostly baron, but I found the tundra and the associated lakes (of which there were lots), were fascinating ... something I'm not used to seeing. From the air you could really make out how the ground was scraped by the glaciers, and you could even tell which direction they travelled."

This was the farthest Paul had ever flown and despite the long days he says he would definitely do something like this again. And the destination wouldn't matter because "the adventure is the journey".



View of the tundra on a flight between Yellowknife and Hay River. (submitted)

Municipal and School Board Elections

The Municipal and School Board elections will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2012**. Electors may vote between **8:00 am and 7:00 pm** at the locations listed below or at the advance polls. The Advance Polls will be held on **Thursday, October 11 and Tuesday October 16, 2012** between the hours of **12:00 noon and 8:00 pm**.

If a candidate has been acclaimed, it is unnecessary for voting to take place for that position. To be qualified to vote for the African Nova Scotian Member of the Chignecto Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) you must be an African Nova Scotian or the parent/guardian of an African Nova Scotian child.



Municipality of Colchester

DISTRICT	OFFICE	CANDIDATES	POLLING STATION - OCTOBER 20TH, 2012
9	Councillor	Rick Johnson Doug MacInnes Bob White	9A - Debert Legion
	Member, Electoral District 9 CCRSB	Jim Grue - Acclaimed	9B, 9C - Onslow Belmont Fire Hall
	African Nova Scotian Member, CCRSB	Shirley Robinson-Levering Glenda Talbot-Richard	9D - Debert Court (Mobile Poll)
10	Councillor	Doug Cooke Tom Taggart	10A - Five Islands Fire Hall 10B - Economy Recreation Centre
	Member, Electoral District 9 CCRSB	Jim Grue - Acclaimed	10C - Bass River Senior Citizens Hall
	African Nova Scotian Member, CCRSB	Shirley Robinson-Levering Glenda Talbot-Richard	10D - Londonderry Community Centre 10E - Great Village Fire Hall 10F - Chignais Elementary School

ADVANCE POLL LOCATIONS, October 11 and 16, are listed on page 3. More information available at www.colchester.ca/municipal-election

Descriptions of the polling divisions are available by calling the Returning Office at 843-4203.

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Lorraine Dawson, Returning Officer

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of the Bass River United Baptist Church,
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October 14, 2012

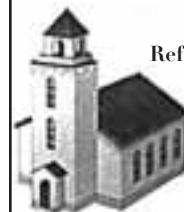
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