

Dick Timms Aero '50

A.V. Roe Chronicle

- **Aug' 50- Three Graduates of the Aero '50 Class Drove to Toronto in a war surplus Station Wagon with Bill Burge (now deceased) Dick Gower, and myself.**
- **Applied for work at A.V. Roe.
Bill Burge and I were assigned to the Loft department.
Gerry Barbour was section leader.
Lorne Murphy was lead Loftsman, and
Frank Symons was Senior Loftsman.**
- **3 Months later- requested transfer to weights and balance dept.
Worked as weights estimator for section leader.
Thomas Brabizon Rutherford**

Was responsible for the actual weighing of the 'C-102 Jet transport', before and after each test flight.

- **February '52, transferred to the design Department in the "Modification Group" Working for Abe Tee. - section leader**

Design Modifications to convert 'Avro Lancaster' Bombers into aerial survey Airplanes for mapping of the Canadian North.

**'53 Design Modifications for the 'CF-100 MK2T&3T'
Wally Wright - Lead designer for 'Drag Chute' Mods.**

-'54-55 Designed conversion of 'CF100 MK3' models (80plus aircraft) into 'CF 100 MK3CT' Trainer Planes.

Bob Friesen and Sam Malik - Lead engineers

- **Moved to Edmonton October '55**

Years later I worked with Lorne Murphy, Frank Symons and Wally Wright in San Diego.

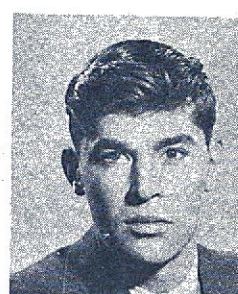
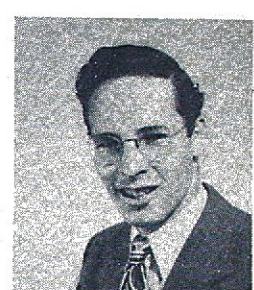
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AIR

ENGINEERING (2)



TOP ROW :

ELIAS, William Herbert Calgary, Alberta
FISCHER, Ronald Lawrence Didsbury, Alberta
GASKELL, William Milligan Cochrane, Alberta

SECOND ROW :

HANSEN, Graham John Dewberry, Alberta
KEIBEL, Herbert Walter Summerland, B.C.
KNOWLES, Gerald Douglas Canobie, N.B.
KOBEL, Robert Lloyd Derwent, Alberta
MATOVICH, Andrew John Trail, B.C.

THIRD ROW :

PAQUIN, Albert Mitchell Victoria, B.C.
SWENSON, Robert Allan Bowness, Alberta
WHEELER, Roger Ade Rider Ponoka, Alberta

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING



TOP ROW :

BOGGS, Evelyn Foster (Mrs.) Cranbrook, B.C.
BROEN, Wallace Keith Edmonton, Alberta
BURGE, William Roderick Calgary, Alberta

SECOND ROW :

CARLSON, Roy Carl Kimberley, B.C.
DZWALA, Victor William Edmonton, Alberta
GOWER, Richard John Victoria, B.C.

THIRD ROW :

HUTCHINSON, Howard Gene Oregon, U.S.A.
MOKREY, William Edward Innisfree, Alberta
TIMMS, Richard Henry Percival Calgary, Alberta

Dick passed away in Sept. 2016. At the time, he was living in Encinitas, CA.

He left AVRO before I was born but he always spoke fondly of his time there.

After AVRO he went to:

- Northwest Industries in Edmonton. I think they modified/maintained aircraft for use in the north.
- Boeing. He did something on the 727/737 programs. They were new back then.
- General Dynamics in San Diego. I think it was the Atlas/Centaur missile programs.
- Atlantic Reserch in the LA area. They made small missiles.
- Rohr Industries in San Diego (and their successor Goodrich Aerospace). He led the preliminary design function there for many years until his retirement in about 1993.

I am his only surviving son (my name is Don. His wife (my mom), Shirley, pre-deceased him by many years. He has 2 grandchildren. One is a nurse, the other an engineer. Both in California.

In the photo you sent of his graduating class, I noticed his friend Bill Burge from Calgary. I got the impression Bill also worked at AVRO, but I'm not entirely sure. He was friends with Bill for many years.

I digitized many photos/documents from the family, but didn't find anything from the AVRO years. There are a couple of boxes kicking around and I am supposed to sort through them later this year. .If I see something, I will let you know.