

Ron Greenough

Ron Greenough was born in 1933 in Edmonton, Alberta. By the time WWII began, he was already in awe of the power and potential of airplanes. After his aunt bought him a ride on a crop-dusting stunt plane for his 7th birthday present, he wanted nothing more than to fly and design airplanes.

Money was tight, but Ron saved money from his paper route to build motorised model planes that could actually fly. He obtained his private pilot's license at the age of 15, even though he had to use blocks to reach the pedals at first! He paid his way through UBC to get a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1957, with two years left in his degree, Ron was thrilled to be offered a position with Avro Arrow for the summer. He had been imagining - and building and testing - aeronautical designs for over a decade already. As a lowly student, however, in the design group of the Arrow, he was given books of standards and basically told to copy information from here to there and give it back for checking. It was rote work that was stifling for him, and not at all what he had expected. And that was the end of his aspiration to be an aeronautical engineer.

Ron completed his engineering degree and went on to work for McMillan Bloedel forest products designing, building and managing sawmills to debug them and optimize timber recovery. The diversity of challenges suited him and he earned several patents for his creative solutions. His work gave him the chance to travel all over North and South America and into Malaysia and the Philippines.

When Ron retired at 55, he immediately returned to his early love of planes. He renewed his pilot's license and took up aerobatic flying. He bought his own plane, in order to modify it according to his own design ambitions. When his eyes became too bad to see other planes in the air, he switched to sailing as the next closest thing. As he said, "airplanes and sailboats both rely on wind passing over a surface".

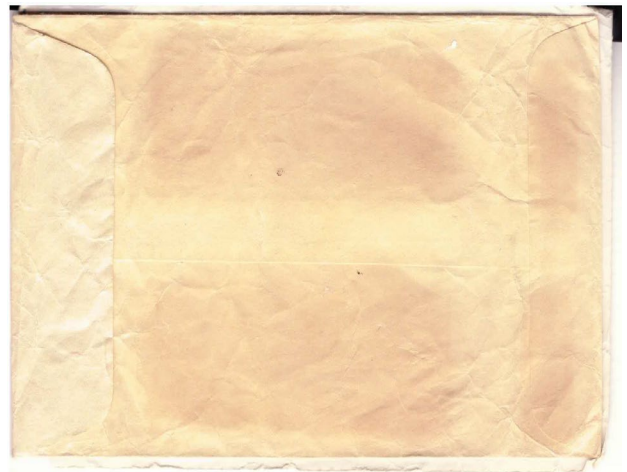
Ron died in 2020 as a result of Alzheimer's disease. He was always proud to have played a role in the Avro project, and always lamented what it could have been had it not been cancelled. Three of Ron's grandsons are now studying engineering in his footsteps. One of those completed a research project on the Arrow, and laments to this day the continuing fall-out on Canada's airforce and economy from the Arrow's cancellation



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Ron in his plane



Ron on his boat



Ron with Concorde

