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Springfield Flying Club loses two good friends and valued members in tragic accident.



Gil Bourier at kids model building event

Gilbert - friend, entertainer, legend.

The hangar walls of Lyncrest continue to reverberate from the booming voice, easy laugh, continuous jokes and constant anecdotes that flowed from Gilbert like a summer breeze. If you pause in the silence, you can still hear him. Memories of those we love never die, they live on in our hearts and with tender care and occasional nourishment they actually flourish and grow.

Legends are born out of the cherished stories of great men and women who have in some way left a legacy of antics that are worthy of noting and sharing. Legends rise from selfless acts of kindness, by stepping out and putting others before themselves. Legends have served their kinsmen and lifted up the broken and less privileged by sharing the gifts they have been given.

Gilbert was one of the most generous men I have ever known. He gave freely

of his time and his deep knowledge of so many things. He was an artist, a true craftsman with endless energy and enthusiasm for all things.

I remember Gilbert showing me his newly painted Acro. I commented on the fine paint job and in a rather cheeky way asked who did it for him, he said "I did! Not bad for only having one eye eh?" We laughed together. To me, he was a constant source of entertainment.

Recently, I was trying to teach my five foot daughter to ride a motorcycle. Gilbert caught wind of the challenge and showed up in time to see the bike was far too large for her. Within minutes, he rolled into the hangar with a small dirt bike, saying "here Annaka, keep it till your legs grow longer. I have a hangar full of them!" Within a few hours she transitioned to the bigger bike.

For a one-eyed man, Gilbert saw more than most. He could see into the hearts of his friends and was there for them, giving everything he had. Gilbert is a Legend.

Brian Koldyk

Tony Butt friend,fellow pilot



I first met Tony when he built a hangar west of mine at Lyncrest airport. I was one of those who helped with it's construction

Later he helped me to transition to flying my newly built RV-8 airplane.

Tony loved to fly and was always willing to go with me for a few circuits.

Tony Butt left ,George Inman in Gil's Acro Sport

Later as I made a first cross

country in my RV-8 to Minnidosa,he was in the back seat helping with advice along the way.

He was a great friend and will be sadly missed by everyone at Lyncrest and the Springfield Flying Club.

George Inman



STARS Air Ambulance Service began using the Lyncrest Flight Centre to transfer trauma and critically ill patients from rural areas to St Boniface Hospital. The Springfield Flying Club facilities provided the infrastructure needed to save 8 lives since August 20th, 2012. This Charitable Service will continue 24/7 throughout the winter using flood lights



The Young Eagles Event on Saturday, July 7 was a huge success.

The event went very smoothly thanks to efforts of Pilots and volunteers.

We flew 74 kids which is very good ,especially when you consider this was our rain date.

A very successful annual BBQ was held this year thanks to perfect weather.



Some of the crowd lines up for food at the 2012 BBQ on Aug 19

265 meals were served and 23 aircraft flew in,
the most distant from Hamilton, Ontario.

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