

Chris Weicht



Born in London, England, Chris immigrated to Canada with his family when he was 13. Joining an Air Cadet Squadron, he received his pilot wings in 1953, and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer. This was followed by a 3-year stint in the RCAF, with postings to Jericho Beach and Comox. His next job was with Pacific Western Airlines serving on D.E.W. Line operations in the Northwest Territories. Afterwards Chris flew Forest Service Operations in both the United States and British Columbia, and later became a base manager with Caribou Air Services in the north.

Chris returned to the BC Coast in 1971 with Air West Airlines and also flew with other charter companies. He became an Air Cadet Instructor in Abbotsford and in 1982 was named the Commanding Officer. Beginning in 1991 he spent three summers in Penhold, Alta., flying the air cadet tow plane. Other stints included Chief Pilot and Operations Manager for a First Nations airline, and Chief Pilot, IFR, for Airlift Canada. In 2002 Chris retired from commercial flying with over 17,000 hours logged, and turned to writing about West Coast aviation. He authored the definitive history of RCAF Station Jericho Beach, and followed that with a 7-volume Air Navigation Series about flight in BC and Alberta. Chris continues to write, and travel the province lecturing on BC aviation.

Chris Weicht is recognized for his lengthy service to the aviation community in more than 50 years of military, government, commercial, charter, bush and private flying in the Province of BC; for his work encouraging aviation among the youth including the Air Cadet movement and the Ultra Lite Flying Training Scholarship program he established; and for his many valuable contributions to the documenting of Canadian aviation in the Canadian West.

Pilot / Author

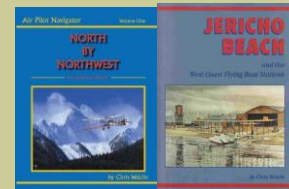
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*Born: 1935
London, GB*

At one point Chris flew a Vickers Viscount during a North American tour of Stevie Wonder and his troupe.

In 1983 Chris established an Ultra Light Flying Training Scholarship that has taught 65 teenagers to fly.

He has authored 10 books about Canadian aviation.



In 1999 the RCAF appointed Chris an Associate Air Force Historian.

