



Bill Foyle

Born: ?

Family: Wife Joyce
3 sons, Jason, Greg, Guy

RCAF

CP Air

BC Airlines

A.B.A.S.

Aeroflite Industries

B.C.I.T.

Bill Foyle started his career in aviation in 1951 as an engine technician in the R.C.A.F.

When he left the service in 1956, he joined Canadian Pacific where he became involved in heavy maintenance of aircraft such as DC6, C46 and Bristol Britannia.

In 1958 there was another change for Bill when he moved to North Vancouver Island to first, maintain Beavers and Cessnas for **BC Airlines** at Port Hardy, and then join forces with **Bill Groth** and **Don Thompson** in **Alert Bay Air Services**, maintaining the company fleet, at their base at Alert Bay. Bill stayed at Alert Bay for 10 years, not, he says, just in order to continue playing drums with the company band, but the local doctor Jack Pickup, who played the piano, maintains this was the case.

In 1969, Bill moved again when he became General Manager of Airwest Airlines from which he joined British Columbia Vocational School as an Instructor. In 1977 he left that position to join Aeroflite industries at Vancouver Airport. He returned from there to the academic sphere and was appointed Associate Dean of the aviation program at British Columbia Institute of Technology, where he established a high level of training.

By 1994, Bill was retired but was an active member of the Pacific Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Association and a facilitator in the Human Performance in Maintenance program that Transport Canada offers to AME's.

Student Dave Upton gets a lesson in how to time magnetos on a Cessna 180 from instructor Bill Foyle (right) in this photo from 1972.

