



Stan Budd

Stan Budd was related to William Templeton, who was one time manager of the Vancouver Airport. When Stan was young, he and his brother Les used to ride their bicycles to the airport to watch planes take off and land. This was the start of Stan's love affair with airplanes, and once the Second World War ended, he started learning to fly. While he was taking lessons, William Templeton found him a job at the airport as station attendant with the old Trans Canada Airlines. With a job to help pay for lessons, Stan got his Commercial Pilot Licence in 1949.

Stan started commercial flying in Vancouver and later moved to Comox where he met and married his wife Joy. They transferred back to Vancouver and after 9 years there decided to move to Vancouver Island. In Nanaimo, Stan and his brother Les started Nanaimo Airlines, which began operating in the early 1960's from the waterfront where Baxter Airline now (2024) flies. After Nanaimo Airlines was sold later in the 60's, Stan opened a gas station which had a coffee shop, ice cream window, fish pond and horse trail rides. This was in Hilliers between Qualicum Beach and Port Alberni. After only one year, Stan wanted to return to flying and the business was leased. Stan returned to Nanaimo and flew for Mayo Lumber and Sam Madill, of Madill factory Nanaimo, for 23 years.

Stan flew commercially for about 40 years altogether. He covered Alaska, the B.C. Interior and coast, and the west coast of the USA flying everything from WWII P51 Mustangs to Lear jets. Stan retired from commercial flying in the late 80's/early 90's. In 1988, he was Chairman of Nanaimo Airport Commission when it received the William Templeton Trophy for 'outstanding initiative and achievement in the successful development of an airport'. He

continued flying privately through his seventies.

Born: approx. 1928
Vancouver B.C.

Died: approx. 2009

Family: Wife Joy m. 1950
2 daughters

Pilot

Nanaimo Airlines part owner

Chairman Nanaimo Airport
Commission

