

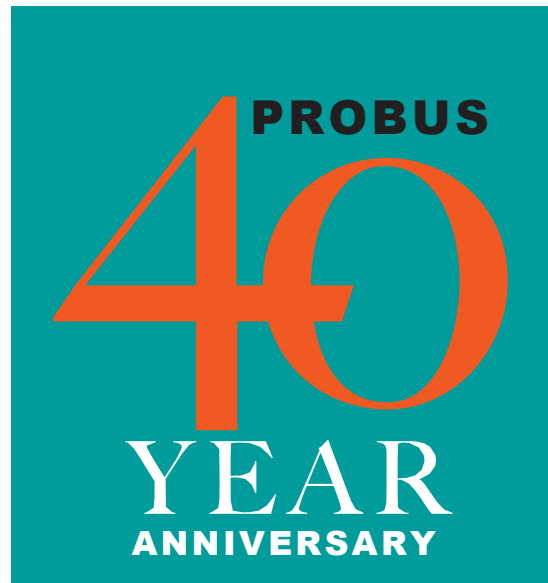
PROBUS

NEWSLETTER **March, 2026**
Probus Club of Central Edmonton



Probus Canada has over 250 clubs and more than 35,000 members.

The PROBUS movement originated in the mid-1960s, with the first club formed in 1966.



Meeting Location

Victoria Golf Club
12130 River Valley Rd.
NW Edmonton

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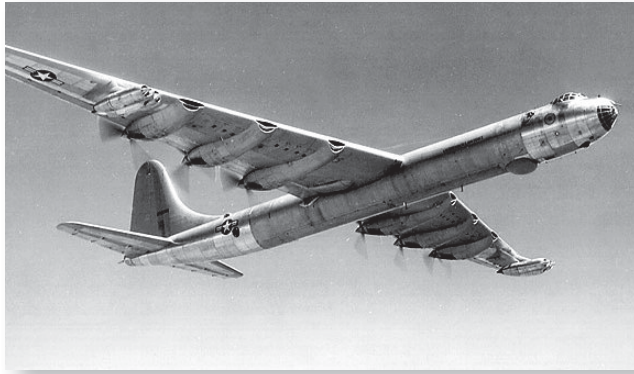
Once again we were delighted to have Norm Leach as our guest speaker discussing a fascinating and much unknown subject of a lost Nuke in Canada. ***Broken Arrow***, name given to a lost nuclear bomb by the US Air Force.

The lost nuke event happened Valentines day 1950, a United States Air Force Convair B-36 bomber carrying a nuclear bomb was in serious trouble.

Norm gave a very detailed description of the aircraft's monstrous size and engine capacity, being only slightly smaller than Howard Hughes famous Spruce Goose (actually made of birch wood). This bomber was the delivery vehicle to drop a nuke over Russia.

The mission was to fly the B-36 non-stop for 24 hours from Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska to San Francisco on a simulated bombing run when it ran into engine problem, San Francisco being similar in layout to Moscow. Flying over northern British Columbia the B36 developed carburetor icing issues, 3 of the aircraft's 6 massing propeller engines were on fire and the aircraft unable to sustain flight was dropping out of the sky. 15 of the crew managed to bail out. Captain Harold Barry skillfully guided the ailing aircraft out to sea and was able to jettison the nuke named Fat Man. Fortunately the bomb wasn't armed. The search for the bomb was unsuccessful; the bomb's uranium components were never recovered from the ocean floor. The plutonium core wasn't present and the explosive inert. The directive was to not allow the unarmed bomb to fall into enemy hands, this was the Cold War!

The bomber crashed into a mountain in central British Columbia about 300 miles inland, unfortunately, captain Barry was killed. The remains of the B36 were discovered at Mount Kologet, near the Alaskan border, in 1954 a team of US air force personnel discovered classified components of the aircraft and destroyed the rest ●



The mighty B36 bomber. A cigar shaped aircraft with massive wings and powered by 6 pusher propellers.