



Jim, left, with a veteran friend at the 2008 Lethbridge Airshow.

THE PILOT

Jim is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He joined the Canadian Forces in 1983 as a soldier in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He earned his private, through commercial pilot licenses — and seaplane and aerobatic flying endorsements — in his spare time and reclassified to the Air Force as a pilot in 1989. Since then Jim has served as an instructor pilot on the CT-114 Tutor in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan along with a tour of flying the Twin Otter with 440 Squadron in Yellowknife and the T-33 as a fighter combat support pilot in Cold Lake with 417 Squadron. Following the retirement of the T-33 in 2002 he returned to Moose Jaw to teach ab initio instructors on the CF's latest trainer - the Harvard Mark 2. After nearly 22 years service to Canada Jim retired in 2005 to fly with British Aerospace as a contract flight instructor, training Royal Saudi Air Force cadets on Pilatus PC-9s.



THE PLANE

The Harvard aircraft is one of the most famous military trainers of all time, training thousands of pilots in Canada during the Second World War in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, and NATO pilots during the 50s and 60s. The version Jim flies is a former Canadian Forces trainer that was stationed at various bases in Canada including Gimli, Moose Jaw, Penhold and Saskatoon. It's powered by a 1340 Pratt and Whitney radial engine that produces 600 HP and is capable of speeds up to 258 MPH.

THE SHOW

Jim starts his show with a 3/4 vertical roll followed by a Hammerhead turn on top. He then executes Cuban 8's, precision point rolls, wing overs, and barrel rolls, followed by top side passes for photo opportunities. He ends his show with the classic jet closed pattern.

Jim is also available to fly Heritage formation flights with various Warbirds and modern fighters such as the F-18 when available. The diversity of performances capable with this aircraft and pilot adds great value to any airshow. The Harvard is a big, loud and proud heritage aircraft that is always sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Media Support - Jim is always available for autographs, interviews, school / hospital visits and other requests to support your show.

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