

The Gimli Glider: A presentation by Pilot Bob Pearson

Ottawa-Rideau Valley Probus Club (Manotick)

November 5, 2025 10:00 – 11:30 Coffee at 9:15

Presentation: Manotick United Church, 5567 Manotick Main St, Manotick, ON K4M 1A5

Lunch (after the talk): Heart and Crown Pub, 3161 Strandherd Dr., Barrhaven, ON K2J 5N1

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP THERE ARE NO MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH.

Background:

Probus Ottawa-Rideau Valley has invited the members of The Probus Club of Western Ottawa to join them for their meeting on November 5, 2025.

The speaker will be Bob Pearson the pilot of the Air Canada flight that ran out of fuel over northern Ontario AND landed safely at Gimli in July, 1983. We remember it as the “Gimli Glider”.

If you are in doubt about this historical event and the amazing feat performed by the cabin crew, there is a good article on the Gimli Glider in Wikipedia. The speaker recommends watching the episode of the TV program Mayday about the event before attending (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y8JBAr8dZ4>) .

The lunch:

Attendance at lunch is available for those who would enjoy it. The restaurant will set up a special menu (prices between \$20 and \$30, including a vegetarian option). The restaurant is about a 10 minute drive from Manotick United Church.

Sign Up Deadline:

To have as precise an estimate of numbers as possible for the meeting at the Church, we are requesting that those who are interested **SIGN UP NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19, 2025**. The signup sheet will be available at the meeting of the Probus Club of Western Ottawa on **October 14, 2025**. If you wish to go but are not able to sign this sheet, please send an email **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19, 2025** to speakers@probuswesternottawa.ca **Unfortunately, due to the high interest in this talk if you have not yet signed up for lunch, there are no more spots available. However, there are other restaurants in the area.**

Parking:

Parking for the meeting is available at Manotick Mews, a short walk away.