



VIKING OUTPOSTS 2018 FALL NEWSLETTER
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FISHING, FLYING, & FRIENDS! 

Viking Outposts welcomes New Owners starting November 1, 2018

In 1968, Hugh flew into Optic Lake with Chris Madsen, a World War II pilot. They jumped in the water and hauled building supplies to shore. That was the start of Viking Outposts.

Now in 2018 Hugh and Craig have found local boys to carry on this adventure. They are very happy to pass Viking Outposts on to Vito Tarantino and Dean Martin.

Vito already runs Viking Island and is doing a great job according to long time customers. He grew up outside Red Lake where his father ran a sawmill back in the bush. As a young man, Vito bravely built his own welding business and set about learning how to design projects and hire workers. Now he has a pilot licence and his own plane. He plans to be flying camp checks next summer. For now he is learning the details of our operation so that this transition will go smoothly.

Dean Martin grew up on a farm near Dryden and worked as a teenager at Geary's Sportsman Lodge north of Red Lake. For a time, he was a professional wrestler, but became tired of the big city life and came home to Red Lake. He strapped on a tool belt and got to work. Soon he had himself a successful construction business. He does lots of work up north in fly-in communities. He flies his own plane to keep up with all these jobs. He hopes to pass some of this work on to his business partner, Leigh Moncrief. Dean is already flying north to check out cabins and do some tidying up.

Vito and Dean intend to run the operation the same way the Carlsons did while they learn about the operation. Hugh, Craig, Roseanne and Enid will be around to help with this transition. They will be helping open up the camps and you will see them on the docks next season. Vito and Dean are learning from the experts. The enthusiasm of a new generation is what Viking Outposts needs. They already have plans to upgrade cabins, decks and boats. Everywhere they look there is something to improve.

There is excitement in the air!! Good News for Viking Outposts



Dean, Vito, Hugh and Craig



Dean enjoying a night at Dolphin while tidying.

On the Cover: *Top Row from left to right:* 1) Arthur, Hugh and Craig's Dad. 2) Bob Resnick honeymooned at Telescope in 1952. 3) Terry Perkins on left, Craig in front, Arthur Sr and Ray Carlson at Viking Island. 4) Learning to fillet fish at Optic.

2nd Row: 1) Hugh and Craig with their first 2 airplanes, Cessna HVD and Champ NHH. 2) Logo from 1980 brochure. 3) Frank Paishk worked for the Carlsons from 1950 until 1978. Hugh and Craig grew up under his influence. 4) Beer delivery at Optic.

3rd Row: 1) Hugh guiding Lee London. 2) The first Telescope cabin built by Arthur and Frank Paishk. 3) Craig with moose hunters, Jake and Karl Koehl. 4) Frank Paishk putting up ice which was done at each outpost until 1987.

4th Row: 1) Craig with his newly painted Cessna. 2) Lee Romano at Optic. 3) No indoor showers needed. 4) Billy Wennlund at Rheume.

5th Row: 1) Lee Romano at Optic. 2) Forest fire and burning cabin at Middle McInnes in 1989. 3) Arthur Carlson 4) Trappers' cabin at Telescope where Hugh and Enid trapped with Arthur



In 1968, Hugh flew into Optic Lake with building supplies to build a cabin for himself.

Telescope was an overnight cabin for Viking Island, but in 1969, it became an outpost.

In 1975, the cabin at Domain burnt down and it was rebuilt with logs from around the lake.

In 1976, a friend of Hugh's, Keith Millet, advised him to apply for an outpost on Rheume Lake.

In 1981, VO bought chain of outposts Meyers.

Our Trusty Pilots

Our young pilots are well trained in flying techniques by Craig and in life skills of the bush by Hugh. This year Nicholas Gulenchyn and Brenton Keyser returned for another year. Viking is lucky to have these guys, who have learned to judge the weather, repair motors, look for lost guests, and do cabin repairs along with their flying job.

As they move on, we expect they will always remember bush flying.



Brenton Keyser

Nick Gulenchyn

with his de Havilland Beaver C-GGMB

with his de Havilland Beaver C-GEZW

We accept VISA and MasterCard for deposits only

Children under 18 are 2/3 regular rate from May to July 17 and 1/2 rate after July 17.

2019 Fly-in Fishing Rates

Outpost Location & Price for a 7 day Package Plan in U.S. Funds

(shorter stays available)

<u>Remote Outposts</u>		25 to 45 miles from Red Lake	
Night Hawk and Domain	Groups of 2 or more	\$985/ person	
Telescope, Optic and Crossland	Groups of 6 or more	\$1030/ person	
	Groups of 4 and 5	\$1070 / person	
	Groups of less than 4	\$1099/ person	
<u>Remote Northern Outposts</u>		80 to 105 miles north of Red Lake	
Rheame, Orono, Critchell,	Groups of 6 or more	\$1130 / person	
Dolphin and McInnes	Groups of 4 or 5	\$1170 / person	
	Groups of less than 4	\$1199/ person	

Flight Schedule and Check - In Time

Thursday Rheame 8:00 am

Friday		Saturday	
Telescope	6:00 am	Viking Island	7:00 am
Optic	6:00 am	Domain	8:00 am
S. McInnes	7:15 am	Night Hawk	8:00 am*
Power Bay	9:30 am	Crossland	8:00 am
M. McInnes	12:30 pm	Dolphin	10:30 am
Orono	1:30 pm	Critchell	12:00 pm

* changed from 7:30 to 8:00 am for 2019

Moose Hunting

Moose hunting will remain an important part of Viking Outposts. We offer unguided moose hunts. Most of our customers have been hunting with us for many years. They have the experience to plan their own hunt.

Rates: Northern Hunt Area 1C

Season opens mid September

Groups of less than 4: \$1950/ person in US\$

Groups of 4 or more: \$1700 / person

Remote Hunt Area 2 or 3

Season opens in early October

Groups of less than 4: \$1750 / person

Groups of 4 or more: \$1550 / person

Deposits: \$1000.00

(\$300.00 at time of booking and \$700.00 by June 1st.)

Bear Hunting at Orono or McInnes



Nate Krueger found this moose with a 44" rack on Rheame Lake. He landed on a point and prepared to walk inland. Just around the corner, this moose presented himself. Besides this moose, they saw 11 otter, 6 beaver, 9 woodland caribou, 9 bald eagles and lots of sign of bear and wolves. A bush teaming with life.



Kevin Weber shot a bear at McInnes Lake in September. They saw plenty of moose sign and heard some calls. Next time they will wait longer after calling because, of course, the moose shows up just after they leave. The group was happy with our service and are already talking about next season.



ght the McInnes from Bob

In 1982, the government issued new outposts and VO was granted a permit for Crossland Lake.

In 1990, VO was permitted to build on Orono Lake in exchange for lost moose hunting in the park.

In 1993, VO started its own Air Service and purchased the Norseman CF-FQI.

In 1996, VO bought Night Hawk. It is named after our long time guide and friend Frank Paishk



Retirement for Craig and Roseanne

After a life time of working with fishermen/ women and hunters, the time has come for me to step down.

It has been a great life and a wonderful lifestyle. Roseanne came back into my life 21 years ago and we have had the opportunity to meet a lot of fabulous people, many of whom have become close friends. These guests, have invited us into their lives and homes. We are going to miss that, but we will not be far away.

The new owners and all of us at Viking Outposts want a smooth transition. We want all of our guests to continue to enjoy the great vacation we offered. That being said we will all be around next year to offer the knowledge we have learned to the new owners so they can take the knowledge and continue to grow it.

The new owners bring in a new level of energy and I believe our guests are going to be pleased. I encourage all of you to give them a chance and we will be working with them next year so you can get introduced to the new owners in a positive way.

This move for us into retirement is sad but exciting and we are going to miss everyone. We are going to look forward to doing more things for ourselves, summer vacations, see grand kids more often, tour Canada, but we will never forget the wonderful guests.

With that I am telling you, you are going to be in good hands for the years to come.

Thanks, to all of you for being part of our life.

Craig



Craig Carlson and Roseanne Tom

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Note from Roseanne

Joining Viking Outpost 21 years ago was certainly a new experience for me. I worked in a very busy Winnipeg hospital for 25 years, which involved looking after a very different client, patients who do not want to be in the hospital. You all are all very excited to be here with us on a fishing/ hunting vacation. Quite the pleasant change.

Interacting with our guests is definitely what I will miss the most, but like Craig says, we believe you will be in good hands.

Thanks Roseanne

Sports Shows for 2019

Hugh and Craig will be at the Sports Shows in 2019 along with someone from the new group. Come by and chat!

January 3-6: Milwaukee: The All Canada Show at Milwaukee County Sports Complex, Franklin, WI, *Vito will be there*

January 10-13: Chicago, St. Charles: The All Canada Show at Pheasant Run Resort Mega Center, *Hugh and Vito will be there*

January 24-27: Schaumburg: Chicagoland Fishing Expo at the Schaumburg Convention Center, (Booth 822) *Craig will be there*

February 15-24: Indianapolis: Boat, Sport and Travel Show at the State Fair Grounds (Booth 163), *Craig will be there*

March 6-10: Milwaukee: Journal Sentinel Sports Show at the State Fair Expedition Center (Booth 505), *Hugh will be there*

March 21-24: Minneapolis: Minneapolis Show at the Convention Center (Booth 1306), *Hugh will be there.*

We will be here come spring to welcome you again.

Hugh, Enid, Craig, Roseanne, Vito and Dean