

First Plane at Hooper Bay 40 Years Ago Causes Eruption of Comical Antics

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This way it was. I was 17 years old at 1927. There was no mail run that time only by traveler. Few letter came to the priest and to teacher only once in a while. Even we don't know what the mean the mail or letter. Everyone talking one language. Eskimo language. That time, I just begin to talk in English. Just a little bit.

One of those days the priest told us. The airplane will come one of those days. Everyone was exciting, or cannot wait to see. Don't know what the look like.

Most of them thinking it will fly like a bird flapping the wing. Long time we waiting for it. Sometime we forgot all about it.

So one day after school, we use to stop school at 3:00 o'clock, we had lots of time play or helping home to go for ice for drinking.

And after school, I stay in man's house in month of of March. I don't know what day, with my friend Dana and Pete and myself and older one too. Dana was kind of sick from his back. Every time he move he much noise, "Eii" The mean, "OUCH."

Two Entrances

The man house have a two entrance. One in the center of the floor, only enough go down or come up, about two feet wide and three feet long, shape like oval.

While talking any kind of play some game, we were thinking nothing while we talking. Someone yelling from outdoors, "TING-SHONE!" That mean airplane.

Then we jump up, run down the hole to go out. That boy what with back ache run out first down below the entrance was tunnel about 60 feet long and steps high one about three feet high.

The boy he forgot his sick or back ache. He running fast and he jump over the steps. And since I forgot about him, only myself.

When I come out from man house, I begin look around try to see the plane. Then I see it east side of the village. Little spot in the air. So I run to our house. Call my family.

That time, the houses was was igloo dig the ground about six feet deep and cover with soda. Only one window right over top the house — no window pane, only seal intestine sew it together. That time whole village cover with snow. Only they circle around their window with block of snow.

Ting-shone!

When I reach our porch, I calling loudest I can, "TING-SHONE!"

So I run out again and run down to the riverbank right front of the village. I was thinking: "I'm going to the plane same time with the people. What will do when

they hear the plane when over the village?"

I was standing few minutes before anyone come out from their house except two of my friend on top of the man house. We watch the plane and begin the noise louder, "B-r-r-r-o-o-o-m!"

Like Mink

So little by little begin people popping out from their porch, just like minks come out from the hole. They didn't look where they go, just look up the plane.

And one man was forget himself never bother him turn around just fall on his back on the snow and still watch the plane even he lay on snow.

The plane turn or circle around and coming again. When he over the village, gave us big dive. So everyone run to their house. No one was outdoor except myself. I got scare too but I have no place to hide. I'm too far to run in the house.

And after few second, every-

one begin to coming slowly with a big eye round, kind of pale face from scare.

Then everyone come out again. So one older man come out just looking upward and start running still looking upward. When the plane circling, the old man circle too, still looking the plane.

He never think about the window on top the house or porch — only plane. So while he running quickly disappear fall in a hole.

After few second, he appear again still looking the plane. The plane landing south of the village.

Then everyone going out to meet the plane. They march toward the plane with columns of two like soldier. The older one leader — the one fall in the hole. He's the Sarge.

When the plane turn toward them, they round back toward the village. That man was the last one. And the plane turn other way, he is the lead

again. Few times they did same way.

Big Noise

When the stop near the mission, everyone circle around the plane. And then plane make loud noise before stop the engine and everyone run again, any place or anywhere.

And the exciting was over. And when they go home, they telling story about the plane. I don't know who is telling the truth or who is telling untrue.

That for now until next time.

Have a good Holiday when the day of Christmas come. We can be a good man or good woman that time.

I hope you will enjoy this story. That is true story.