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To my friends and colleagues at Hawker-Beechcraft,

Please know that I did not "bug-out" and promptly forget all of you. My father's health took a downturn right after that amazing and heart-felt retirement party at H-B. Dr. Dee and I stepped up our attention to his comfort while continuing to service too many previous commitments. My father passed away peacefully July 29. I was proud to offer the eulogy at his vigil service which I will share with all of you as well. You can read it at . . .

http://aeroelectric.com/articles/In_Memory_of_Robert_L_Nuckolls_Jr.pdf

Many of you will recall seeing much of what my dad was in me.

I lack the vocabulary to describe the send-off you gave me. Dr. Dee was impressed too. I think she was wondering why I wanted to leave the company of such amiable and supportive co-workers! The Staggerwing picture (autographed by many of you) hangs in a place of honor over the workbench in my shop. I see it often and ponder it's significance. Beech has a rich history in Wichita aviation and I am proud to have shared a small part of that experience with all of you.

Thank you for the Towne East gift certificate. It went toward a Craftsman roll-a-round tool chest for the shops I inherited from my dad in Medicine Lodge. A detached garage accommodates two cars at the front end and a 30 x 30-foot shop at the rear for "dirty work". It is equipped for woodworking and I am expanding it to add machine tools. The "clean work" shop in the house is being fitted for electronics.

For now we'll maintain two homes but at some time in the next 4-6 years, either I or my youngest son will live in the house full time. He too is presenting symptoms of "the disease" I described in Dad's eulogy. I don't know what the exact arrangements will be . . . but that shop is going to see a lot of good work in the future. My friends at H-B helped launch the new mission for that facility!

I have acquired several product development tasks for general aviation. All of them use microprocessor technology to enhance capabilities and reduce parts count. I've done more new design work over the past two months than I've been able to accomplish over the last 6 years! I'm having a great time and making a lot of new acquaintances around the aircraft industry.

My friends, whether or not H-B finds a future formal need for my talents please consider me a personal resource. If there's some way I might assist any of you, don't hesitate to call or drop me an e-mail. I've have a couple of lunchtime learning topics simmering on the back burners. I still need to

deliver the DO-160 primer presentation I was planning before I left. I need to check with NIAR for weekday evening availability of the classroom we've been using.

My first crack at general aviation started the development of new products for GA when I joined Electromech in 1975. Beech was Electromech's biggest customer. Know that I think of you often and I value the role many of you played in my Beech/RAC/H-B experience for over 32 years. Know also that I'm not ready to set those experiences aside and "relax". I'm having too much fun and not planning to spool down soon.

Holler if I can help!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob". The letters are stylized and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the "B".