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Curator's Corner

Justin Cuffe Curator/Administrator, CAHF

o draws to conclusion the end of another busy summer season here at The Hall. This year, the main events around town were the Reynolds-Alberta Museum's exhibit "Life & Times of the Motorcycle" and the City of Wetaskiwin's Centennial Celebrations. The latter event culminated in the Wetaskiwin Centennial Air Show which featured the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and other aerobatic acts. Naturally, this event gave the staff and volunteers here at The Hall of Fame a great chance to get involved and promote our stories, collections, and activities.

In partnership with the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, The City of Wetaskiwin, and several other local groups including us here at Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, the Air Show ended up being the largest event ever mounted within the community. Even with less than ideal weather conditions, the Airport Manager museum drew more than 14,000 people over the two day event. Despite heavy rainfall at times, people were able to tour through the indoor exhibits in the museum which included a rare glimpse of the aviation collection in the warehouse.

One of the key factors in the Air Show's success was the ability of the museum to waive its admission fee for the two days. By virtue of the huge number of visitors, this event has brought great local exposure to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. Brett Binnie, Wetaskiwin put it quite succinctly, saying "the museum has one of the best static display in Canada."



One of the many exhibits on display at the Wetaskiwin Centennial Air Show this past summer.

A part of the somewhat soggy crowd of 14,000 people at the Airshow. Thanks to everyone who made the best of the wet weather!

We have also has been actively involved in attending other air shows and fly-in events within the province to make Canadians more aware to our rich aviation heritage. Also in the works for The Hall are displays to appear at the Edmonton International Airport and Edmonton's Executive Flight Center. Discussion has also proceeded with other aviation museums to have Hall displays present in their own institutions. Exhibits like these will help The Hall truly be identified as a national institution and tell the stories of those who have made aviation a strong and vibrant industry in Canada.

> As we settle into the quiet winter months, the staff and volunteers here will be busy getting things ready for Induction 2007 to be held at the Canada Aviation Museum, Ottawa on June 6, 2007. See you all there, hopefully!



NATIONAL NOTEBOOK







By Rosella Bjornson

Recognizing The Hall's Supporters and Donors from Canada's Aviation and Aerospace Industry

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that is totally dependent on the generosity of its donors and supporters - we do not receive direct funding from any government source. The Hall is very grateful for all support that we receive, and to show that appreciation the names of all individuals, companies and organizations which have made donations are regularly listed in 'The Flyer'.

However, a number of corporate contributors have stepped forward with truly outstanding donations recently, and they are deserving of additional recognition. In this issue of 'The Flyer' we are very pleased to bring you the stories of our supporters from Canada's aviation and aerospace industry that have contributed to The Hall of Fame with particularly generous donations over the past two years.

Many of The Hall's members were employed by these companies, and those individuals realize that their accomplishments would be forgotten if they were not recognized by CAHF.

The Hall of Fame's mission is the preservation and promotion of the stories of the individuals and organizations which have made a significant and lasting contribution to Canadian aviation. Nominations for membership in The Hall are received from the public and through a comprehensive selection process suitable candidates are selected to be inducted into CAHF at our annual Induction Dinner Gala. The next one will be held in Ottawa June 6, 2007. (And by the way, we would be very happy to receive donations to help with that event!)

CAHF has received donations amounting to \$10,000 or more from the following companies and organizations:

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Air Canada has supported CAHF through its pass program for much of The Hall's transportation needs.

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CAHF has also received generous support from these aviation companies (\$1000 to \$5000)



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Vancouver Airports - Vancouver International Airport Authority is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that manages and operates the Vancouver International Airport (YVR).YVR is Canada's second busiest airport, with some 16.4 million passengers, approximately 223,700 tonnes of cargo and 278,500 take-offs and landings in 2005. Vancouver is the second largest international passenger gateway on the West Coast of North America. YVR is in operation 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, including roundthe-clock customs and runway operations.

Hallways

News and Notes from Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame And its Members

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Several visitors flew in, and for some, the planes they arrived with became part of the show. Thanks to all the exhibitors!

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The Ghost of Charron Lake

This past summer, the Western Canada Aviation Museum in Winnipeg, Manitoba attempted to recover an historic aircraft from the bottom of a lake. A Canadian Airways Fokker Standard Universal that once belonged to Hall of Fame Member James Richardson has been marooned in Charron Lake in northern Manitoba for over seventy years, and now the museum is attempting to raise it from its watery grave.

The Canadian Airways plane had been flying supplies to mining prospectors at Island Lake in northern Manitoba when pilot Stu McRorie was forced to land due to a freak blizzard on December 11, 1931. Both McRorie and flight engineer, "Slim" Forest were later rescued and upon returning to the site in the spring found that the aircraft had slipped through the melting ice.



The Ghost at the docks, circa 1928.

The museum's recovery team made several attempts to raise the aircraft in one piece, but finally decided that due to its fragile state, a new plan would be devised to recover it safely. Although the fuselage and wings were not raised at this time, recovery of the Wright J-4 engine and other smaller components was a success.

Plans are in the works to return to the site soon and recovery the rest of the aircraft. For more information on the recovery, please visit www.fokkeraircraftrecovery.ca.

The Ghost having engine work done in the winter months. Date and location unknown.

1929 Stamp featuring Western Canada Airways.



Sonar image of the aircraft underwater waiting to be recovered



No, These Photos Were Not Taken in the 1950s

The Toronto Aerospace Museum may be one of the newest museums in Canada, but clearly that's not holding back a group of dedicated volunteers who have built a highly detailed, full-scale mock up of the renowned Canadian supersonic interceptor of the 1950s, the CF-105 Avro Arrow.

The controversial story of the Arrow is a tale of tremendous success and innovation that ends with the untimely demise of the project. In the period following the Second World War, the perceived threat of the Soviet Union's expanding power spurred the Canadian Government to seek out an interceptor aircraft. This plane was to be the



first line of defense against incoming enemy airplanes potentially attacking across the vast northern regions of Canada. Avro Canada of Malton, Ontario was given the task of building this interceptor, and the result was the Avro Arrow. By all accounts, the technology in the aircraft and its capabilities were at the forefront of the industry at the time, in the mid- 1950s.

By the end of the decade, the threat of intercontinental missiles had forced the Canadian government to shift its priorities away from the Arrow project, and the program was unceremoniously scrapped just as testing had begun on the airplanes. The five planes that had been built up to that point were destroyed, as were all technical records.

Today, all that is left of the Arrows are a few fragments scattered in museums across the country. This new model, however, will undoubtedly go a long way towards increasing appreciation of this fascinating chapter of aviation heritage. The Curator of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, Justin Cuffe, visited the museum recently and reports that the model is very impressive, particularly in the attention to detail. The Museum's website (www.torontoaerospacemuseum.com) provides a complete story and many great photos of the project. According to



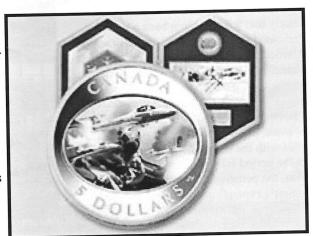
the website, various remotely activated features are built into the model, such as a weapon bay that opens and lowers a Sparrow missile into 'attack' position!

Justin's photos, shown here, were taken a few weeks back but since then the museum has had a full roll out ceremony, also documented on the website.

Snowbird in mint condition

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds have been honoured again, this time in miniature. In recognition of the Snowbirds' 35-year history of professionalism, dedication and teamwork, Canada Post and the Royal Canadian Mint developed a commemorative stamp as well as a limited edition Snowbird stamp and coin set. The stamps, which were issued June 28, capture the excitement of being a Snowbird with the jets in close formation and the bird's eye view from the cockpit.

There will be 25,555 numbered Snowbirds stamp and coin sets produced, contained in a metallic box in the shape of and embossed with the Snowbirds' logo. The commemorative package will include a 20-page information booklet, a five dollar silver holographic coin, and the Snowbirds stamps.



Herbert Seagrim Flight Jacket Donated to Hall of Fame

A flight jacket once worn by Hall of Fame member Herbert Walter Seagrim has been donated to The Hall's collection. Seagram was an early senior executive with Trans Canada Airlines (TCA), which eventually became Air Canada, and he was responsible for developing many policies and procedures that carried that company from its infancy in the 1940s to its role in the 1960s and 70s as Canada's foremost airline.

The jacket dates from very early in his career, when he flew for Wings Ltd. in Manitoba. His son, Douglas Seagrim donated it. Douglas inherited more than just the jacket from his father; he also had the motivation and skills to follow Herbert's lead and become an Air Canada pilot. In his letter accompanying the donated jacket, Douglas, now retired, says "I began as a pilot for Air Canada in 1965 and they would not have been impressed if I had shown up for flight in that raggedy old jacket, although I was tempted to wear it on my last flight."



GEOGRAPHY LESSON!

Fox Drive

The City of Edmonton honoured Hall of Fame Member Tommy Fox by naming one of its roads after the Second World War aviator. Fox Drive connects Whitemud Drive to Belgravia Road. Fox was heavily involved in numerous organizations and projects, including the Edmonton Community Chest and the YMCA. He and his wife Clara donated land in the Whitemud area to the city.



Don Rogers 1916-2006

Roger's career in aviation, like so many of his fellow Members of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, was interesting and varied. He began flying in the mid-thirties, and went on to become chief test pilot at Avro Canada, reaching speeds of more than 500 miles per hour in the Avro Jetliner in the mid-fifties. In the sixties and seventies he test flew and demonstrated the slow-flying STOL aircraft at de Havilland Canada.

He was inducted by The Hall with the following citation:

"His exceptional abilities as a test and demonstration pilot and his talents in training pilots to STOL technology have been of lasting benefit to the Canadian aviation industry and to the nation of Canada."

Don passed away at his home on July 16, 2006.

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To nominate a person for induction into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, please contact The Hall for nomination forms and criteria.



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Canada Aviation Museum, Ottawa, ON June 6, 2007



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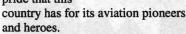
Christmas Shopping at The Hall of Fame

They Led the Way (subtitled Members of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame), compiled by Mary Oswald, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, @ 1999.

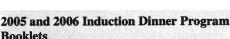


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2005 and 2006 Induction Videos From Edmonton and Montreal. showing the pride that this



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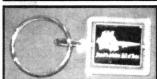
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CAHF Badge Blue and brown patches with Canada's first powered aircraft, the Silver Dart.

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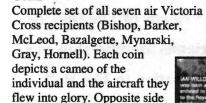




Wally Wolfe Prints

Stan McMillan with Bellanca CF-AWR at Eldorado, Great Bear Lake,

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have to submit an application annually to CAHF with a fee of \$50.00 for an individual and \$200.00 for a corporation.

Inducted Members are lifelong 'Friends of the Hall' and do not have to pay the yearly fee.

It is time to renew! Please fill in this Application Form Today!

Benefits of joining the 'Friends of The Hall'

- Receive a one year subscription to 'The Flyer'
- Receive a 10% Discount on the Members' book 'They Led the Way'
- Each Friend or Corporate Friend can attend the Annual General Meeting and is entitled to vote, can be a director, and hold an executive office
- Receive an invitation to CAHF annual Induction Dinner

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