

## HARVARD HAPPENINGS – JULY 2017

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CHAA Box 175 Tillsonburg ON N4G 4H5

- **Saturday, July 15: CHAA Open House/Flyday** 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs. All are welcome. (July's Regular Monthly Meeting is cancelled)

- **2017 CREW FLIGHT INFO:** contact William McDowell [crewflights@harvards.com](mailto:crewflights@harvards.com)

- **CHAA 2017 FLIGHT OPS:** Melanie Burden [melanieburden@icloud.com](mailto:melanieburden@icloud.com)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	DETAILS
15-Jul	0900-1600	CHAA Fly Day	Open House
19-Jul	1800-1930	St. Thomas BBQ	Fly In
20-Jul	1800-1930	Guelph Air Park BBQ	Fly In
23-Jul	1200-1600	JAM – Jet Blast	Open House
29-Jul	1200-2000	Brantford Hot Rod Kings & Vintage Wings	Open House
05-Aug	0900-1600	CHAA Fly Day	Open House
06-Aug	1005hrs	Waterloo Civic Square	3 Fly Pasts
12-Aug	0900-1600	Edenvale Gathering of the Classics	Fly In
26-Aug	0900-1600	CHAA Wings & Wheels	Open House
03-Sep	1500hrs	Sprucehaven Farm	3 Fly Pasts
10-Sep		Brampton Great War Museum	Fly In
15-Oct	1330hrs	Ohswegen Remembrance Day	3 Fly Pasts
		Shedden Remembrance Day & Tom Hawkin's	
05-Nov	1100hrs	Fly Past	3 Fly Pasts
			Day Downtown, Sunnybrook,
11-Nov	1100hrs	City of Toronto Remembrance	EYC
11-Nov		Toronto - IBEW Remembrance Day	3 Fly Pasts



### VIMY FLIGHT “BIRTH OF A NATION TOUR” visits Tillsonburg July 17 & 18

**TILLSONBURG – The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association is delighted to host an open house featuring a cross-country commemorative warplane tour known as VIMY FLIGHT on**

**Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18 at Tillsonburg Regional Airport. The event is free and open to the public. Static displays will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. both days.**



VIMY FLIGHT is a team of dedicated volunteer pilots and ground support that had the honour of performing a commemorative bi-plane fly-past over the Vimy Ridge Memorial in Vimy, France this past April 9, 2017. The team is now bringing Vimy home with its Birth of A Nation Tour spanning the country from coast to coast, engaging with communities to honour our Canadian heroes of the past 100 years and to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> year of nationhood.

The two-day event at Tillsonburg Regional Airport gives the public the opportunity to see the vintage First World War aircraft and meet the crew. The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association will also be displaying some of its Second World War training aircraft and allowing the public to tour its facilities and displays.

Weather permitting, two VIMY FLIGHT aircraft are scheduled to arrive at Tillsonburg Regional Airport at approximately 11 a.m. on Monday, July 17. The aircraft will take to the skies for some local flying on Tuesday morning and are scheduled to depart Tillsonburg on Wednesday.

For more information on VIMY FLIGHT, visit [www.vimyflight.ca](http://www.vimyflight.ca).

## **ABOUT THE CANADIAN HARVARD AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION**

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association was formed in 1985 and is a dedicated group of volunteers based at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport in southwestern Ontario. Its mission is to acquire, preserve, restore, maintain, display and demonstrate the Harvard and other training aircraft associated with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and the Royal Canadian Air Force. For more information visit [www.harvards.com](http://www.harvards.com).

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### **- FUNDRAISING MEETING:** Mike Lawrence [mlawrence4457@hotmail.com](mailto:mlawrence4457@hotmail.com)

Saturday, July 15 at 1530 hrs: As the Open House Flyday closes down, we will hold a preliminary meeting in our Ops Building to set up a member-run fundraising committee. There are many funding opportunities to be examined and evaluated and we need members who are interested in working as a team to raise funds to support various aspects of our organization. Hoping to see a good turnout for the meeting.

**- CHAA NAME TAGS:** Thank you to Pat Hanna who has agreed to look after ordering the next batch. If you've been wanting a CHAA Name Tag, email him soon for info on cost and more. Pat's email is [avitoris@rogers.com](mailto:avitoris@rogers.com)

**- June's ROAR of the HARVARD:** Terry Scott [t\\_scott@harvards.com](mailto:t_scott@harvards.com)  
<https://harvards.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/JUNE-2017-ROAR.pdf>

### **- HISTORY of CHAA in TEXT & PHOTOS:**

Linda Brimson [linda.brimson@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.brimson@yahoo.com)

Linda is putting together a book on the history of CHAA! Quite an undertaking and we applaud her for her interest and enthusiasm for this project. She needs CHAA PHOTOS (dated from 1985 to today) to add to the book which will be sold on its completion. CHAA photographers (and yes, we know you are out there) are asked to contact her and she will take it from there. Also, if you have CHAA stories, Linda would love to hear those in order to make this book as complete as possible. Email her! Thanks!

### **- CHAA and a Reality of Life: Bjarni Tryggvason, CHAA President**

News used to mean reports on things that happened, of interest or relevance, good news, bad news or plain news. These days so much of what we are fed as news is created by media, not to inform us but rather to grow the media. In hindsight I think we can credit that famous Canadian Marshall McLuhan as one catalyst in that shift as characterized through his famous expression "the medium is the message". It would be so nice if I could build on that philosophy and ramble on about all sorts of nice little colorful tidbits, to praise CHAA, our child, and the bright future we will build, still. 100 years is the goal!

But that glory was tainted this weekend with the flipping of one of our beloved Harvards, fortunately with only minor physical effects to the two occupants who tasted that additional adventure. WLH suffered more physically, bent a little here, twisted a little there, windows shattered, prop formed into a shape that, no doubt, could be described by some nice mathematical curve. The picture says a lot:



WLH flew high and far, across the continent to its adopting family, to end resting in a field with legs twist and pointing skyward.

Thanks to Shane, helped by many other dedicated CHAA folks, and a crane that looks like a gigantic WLH savior, turning WLH towards its more normal stance.

Thank you Shane and all. Thank you kind crane; WLH looks almost normal from this distance.

Setting it gently onto its hospital bed. It looks better already, why....almost flyable. Vertical fin a little shorter, but there.... windows just as if ready for a breezy go. Pitot tube like a slightly broken little finger; mendable? A small cast perhaps? Gears look like they will hold her up, a little taller maybe, slight altitude advantage? If only with a little time it could just fix itself, just as we can when damaged a little. That prop, though, points to possible internal issues. Ouch! Poor thing.



Will she still have a chance to see 100? All depends on her family. Sad to see it this way. She needs to make 100, but will need our help to get there. Quite a few of the CHAA family jumped in to start the recovery from this misadventure. Thanks to all of you.



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*Anyone heading to Geneseo Airshow this weekend? Greatest Show on Turf! See you there.*  
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*Thank you to our Volunteers in all areas of CHAA.  
Your dedication to our organization is truly appreciated.*

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*Warm greetings to those who have been going through illness or surgery; our thoughts are with you at this time and always.*

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*Deepest condolences go out to those who have lost loved ones; may precious memories bring a smile to your heart.*

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As always, wishing you clear skies, smooth flights and safe landings!  
Sandra Sparkes, CHAA Member