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Come join us for our annual Wings & Wheels day!

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's

Wings & Wheels Family Fun Day



Saturday, September 17th 2022

(Rain Date September 18th)

Tillsonburg Regional Airport

244411 Airport Road, Tillsonburg, Ontario

9 AM to 4 PM - Admission by Donation

All Types of Vehicles Welcome!

Activities Include:

- Opportunities for Harvard Flight Experiences - Starting at \$200
- Food Trucks & Musical Entertainment
- Hangar Tours and Static Aircraft Displays
- Fundraising Garage Sale and Book Sale

Classic Car Attendees are Entered into a Draw for a Harvard Flight Experience!*

*Harvard Flight Draw is at 2 PM - Must be Present to Win



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Garage/Yard Sale Donations Needed

We're having a fundraising garage sale during Wings and Wheels and are asking for donations from our members. If you have any dust-collecting "treasures" that you'd like to part with, please drop it off at the CHAA Welcome Centre on Sep 10th or 13th. Please no bulky or difficult to carry items.

The Greatest Show on Turf
AKA Geneseo Air Show

CHAA sent three of our aircraft to the Geneseo Air Show on June 3rd-5th. Pilots Al Paige, Scott McMaster and Tony Donnelly along with Ground Crew Shane Clayton, Diane Lawrence and Vice President John Britton were happy to show off our aircraft. Group photo by Diane Lawrence and aircraft photos by Alannah Kroll.



On June 15th CHAA was pleased to take part in the Elder Abuse Awareness flight in St. Catherines. The pilots were Al Paige, Percy Contractor and Tony Donnelly. We also had an all-female ground crew consisting of Diane Lawrence, Diana Spremo and Annamarie Van der Meijden. You can watch the link to the CHCH news story here.

<https://youtu.be/GWR4TxHcLOo>



We are looking for volunteers to fill the positions listed below. If you're interested, please get in touch at info@harvards.com

Bookkeeper, Flight Experience Coordinator, Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairman, Website/Social Media Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Mini-Harvard Caretaker (to take it to parades, events, etc), Welcome Centre volunteers, Maintenance Crew volunteers, Stores Crew volunteers, Service Crew volunteers, Restoration Crew volunteers, Fundraising volunteers, Finance Committee volunteers, Museum & Archives Committee volunteers, Group Tour Coordinator.

2022 Formation Camp was a success!

Story by Sean Voskamp



The third time's a charm. Early June saw the Region of Waterloo International Airport lend its runways to Harvards and Vintage Jets for three days of formation flying. It started as an email during a lull in Covid in 2020, when Waterloo Warbirds invited locals for a weekend of formation flying. Last year a planning committee was formed and with CHAA as a co-organizer the Canadian Formation Clinic took shape. Lessons learned and more cannoli ordered, this year's clinic was by all accounts a success.

Gracious hosts Waterloo Warbirds with sponsor Skies Magazine had no trouble making sure pounds were added to waistlines and weight and balances. Lunches and dinners were served on site as hangar talk resonated louder than constant-speed props into the evening. Never leave pilots around a hangar full of airplanes that don't need keys to start. Many ideas were discussed but thankfully never proceeded beyond the planning stage.



Six Harvards from Southern Ontario gathered for the clinic, three from CHAA, one from Waterloo Warbirds and the others from private owners Alf Beam and Pete Spence. A rare sight saw a sortie of four WWII Harvard Mk II's going through the exercises in the Formation Knowledge guide. More than one person picked up on it and remarked how that hasn't happened in quite some time.

The usual suspects documented the event with Gus and Clara Corujo, Ken Mist, Joe Letourneau, Mike Lawrence and Pat Hanna

looking through the view finder. A back seat or two made sure the ground crew were all smiles and checking their bank balances for the cost of a pilot's license. The shutter counts were well into five figures by the time the ramp went quiet on departure day.

CHAA's Chief Technical Officer Shane Clayton was kept busy whenever he had a chance to have boots on the ground. A certain clinic lead and article author (Sean Voskamp) did a beautiful left pirouette when the intention was to follow the marshal to the right into a parking spot. The clinic host is also a full service FBO and AMO and anyone who flies airplanes older than themselves knows that TLC always has to be accounted for. The 3/8" wrench came out more than once and in concert with a brake bleeding ensured that stopping was in the direction intended.



On the turbine side, Waterloo Warbirds T-33, L-29 and Vampire were joined by Danny Richer's BAC Strikemaster for some 200 knot plus air work. Dan Fortin came down from Quebec to lend his jet knowledge and gave a great presentation on rejoins. A maneuver that causes even the most seasoned formation aviator's hair to stand up, a simple explanation and example relieves all the guess work.



Waterloo Warbird's Peter Stewart and Derek Hammond received their wing cards while Canadian Harvard Aerobatic Team's Pete Spence retired his ACE and requalified for his FAST lead card. A dozen pilots flew a dozen sorties over three days. Training lead Dave Hewitt with NATA Check Pilot Dave Martin ran a tight ship and accomplished all the clinics goals. Plans are already underway for a bigger and better NATA event in 2023. Keep early June on your calendar open! Photos by Ken Mist and Gus Corujo.

CHAA pilots Percy Contractor, Dave Martin, Scott McMaster and Poul Hansen can be seen here enjoying a laugh during a break.



Below is a group photo of all who participated in the formation camp.



St. Thomas Airfest

CHAA was happy to be at the St. Thomas Airfest from June 24th-26th. Percy Contractor and Tony Donnelly were able to give rides to several happy

passengers! A shout out to Jeannette Rooke, Connie Beacham and Sarah Lawrence for looking after our Stores tent! We also send kudos out to Service Crew members Mike Lawrence, Diana Spremo, Keith Burr and his son Kyle Burr for working hard in the heat! Way to go team! Aircraft photos courtesy of Ed Kroll, team



picture credit unknown.



Celebration of Life for CHAA member Bill Long



Terry Scott was the MC for Bill's Celebration of Life on July 17th. Terry put together this video complete with some video and stills of the fantastic flypast by Scott McMaster, Tony Donnelly and the Canadian Warplane Heritage crew in the Canso. Terry would like to thank Pat Hanna, Shane Clayton and the CWH crew for their video/still contributions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bE5_uGitDIE

This unique photo is courtesy of Bill Craig, from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. It was taken during the flyover and looking aft of PBV-5A.



On August 24th 424 Squadron from Trenton was doing some SAR Tech training drops, and got some fuel and lunch at Tillsonburg. Shane Clayton happened to be in our hangar and managed to capture this awesome photo of RZW sharing the fuel pump area with the RCAF Hercules transport plane!

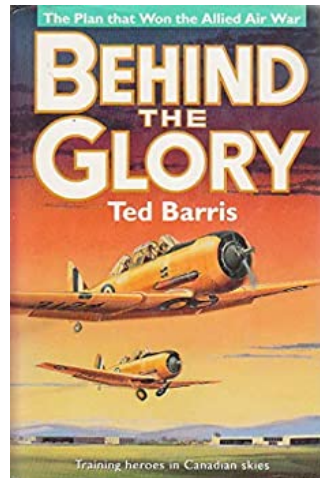
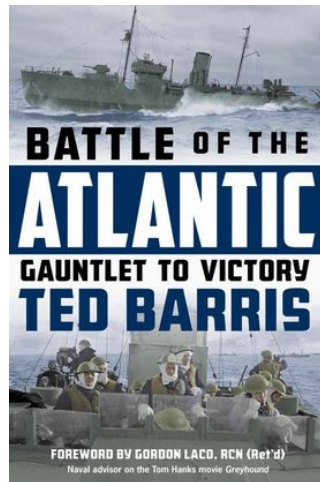
CHAA Annual Banquet

Date: Saturday October 15, 2022
Location: Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 153, 16 Durham Street,
Tillsonburg
Time: 1600 hrs (4:00 pm) local
time
Cost: \$40.00 per person (\$25.00
for kids under 16)



Due to uncertainty about the current pandemic situation, tickets will be offered for sale after September 1st (PayPal preferred). The number of tickets available is subject to local, provincial and federal restrictions.
RSVP to Pat Hanna by email: p_hanna@harvards.com or by phone: 519-212-6021

Guest Speaker: Ted Barris
Author of the books "Battle of the North Atlantic", "Behind the Glory"
and "The Great Escape"



Auction donations are welcome (please drop items off at the hangars or Welcome Centre). We need volunteers please! If you wish to help in any way, please contact Pat.

As we are all well aware because of the events of the past two years, all plans are subject to change!

CTechO Report

I'd like to start off this update again **with a plea for volunteer support**. As I have hinted at in the last two issues of the Roar as well as in Harvard Happenings, we are short-handed in many volunteer positions, including in the maintenance and restoration hangars. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated, as our busiest part of the year is coming up over the winter. Aircraft maintenance experience is not required, but a willingness to learn and follow instructions is essential. Please contact me at the hangar on Tuesdays and Saturdays, via email at maintenance@harvards.com or by phone at 519-320-1854 if you are interested. Here's an update on the current fleet status:

Harvard 20422/RZW – 422 has been flying all summer with no major problems other than a minor issue with the propeller which has been rectified, and she recently underwent a scheduled wing attach angle inspection. We also put on a pair of re-capped main tires back in June, which are half the price of new tires and last twice as long.

Harvard AJ583/C-FHWX – '46' has been doing a great job flying this summer with only a minor brake issue that was taken care of easily. HWX also received a pair of re-capped main tires in August.

Harvard 20242/C-FWPK – 242 has been flying steadily since May, with the only issue being a small leak in the brake system that was fixed earlier this summer. WPK also had a scheduled wing attach angle inspection at the same time as RZW, and no defects were found.

Harvard 3830/C-FRWN – Despite our best efforts, we are still waiting for the repaired right wing to be returned from Fliteline (our AMO). Unexpected delays have held up progress, but final riveting has recently commenced. Fingers crossed we'll be getting the wing back soon. Back in Tillsonburg, the maintenance crew is ensuring all other outstanding items on RWN's annual inspection are taken care of before the wing returns from Kitchener. Once it's back, it'll be all hands on deck to get '54' flying ASAP.

Harvard 20304/C-FBZT – Work on 304 has picked up recently, with AME Kerry Wilkinson coming out this week. Several items on the to-do list are being checked off, such as new material for the front cockpit control spade grip being installed, leading edge sections being installed, engine fire bottle being installed, and so on. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting a bit brighter.

Harvard 20321/CF-UFZ/'Bessy' – Our maintenance volunteers have been hard at work on Bessy's cockpit and other areas on the fuselage in preparation for stripping and repainting. The busy schedule of our painter has pushed us back slightly into the fall to fit us into the paint booth. This will help us a bit as the temperatures and humidity levels will be more stable at that time.

Harvard 20436/C-FWLH – No major updates since the last report, however some work is taking place to prepare WLH to be used for cockpit tours later this season.

Yale 3399/C-GLJH – No major updates since the last report, however some work is taking place behind the scenes to locate and obtain replacement wing attach angles.

Harvard 3191/C-FMTX – The restoration crew is making excellent progress in the disassembly of MTX, and are currently working on sorting, inspecting, and stripping individual components, as well as stripping the paint from the rear fuselage assembly. We've talked to our NDT (non destructive testing) provider about how they'll inspect the cockpit tubular section, and we have a plan moving forward.

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