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## BCATP Fly In was a success!

Hats off to everyone who made the BCATP fly in weekend (June 24-25<sup>th</sup>) a success despite the weather woes on Saturday! Thank you to the Blue Crew for coming and helping us out, to the Tillsonburg Military History Club for their informative display and to author Ted Barris for his presentations to both spectators and our members!

Terry Scott provided CTV London with some video shot on his cell phone. The story aired on the Sunday evening. To watch the story you can click on this link:

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/celebratory-fly-in-at-tilsonburg-airport-this-weekend-1.6455109>

The Norfolk & Tillsonburg Newspaper also did a story on the Fly In. You can read that article here:

<https://www.norfolkandtillsonburgnews.com/news/local-news/fly-in-weekend-honours-commonwealth-air-training-plan>



Shane Clayton was instrumental in getting the CT 155 Hawk here for the fly in. Shane is seen here with RCAF pilots Ed Soye (a former CHAA pilot) and Leo Fletcher.

Prior to Ed and Leo's departure to Moose Jaw they needed to fuel the aircraft. Many of our members can be seen here pushing the airplane to the fuel pump. Great team work!



*Photos by Gus Corujo and Diane Lawrence*







On Saturday September 23rd, 2023, there will be a Celebration of Life for our friend Eric Dumigan.

We will be hosting this event in our hangar at the Tillsonburg Airport from 11 am to 3pm.

Eric's widow, Bernadette, has requested that people bring photos and/or printed stories to create a memory book.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please fill out this Google form (<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeqvi7fYra6X7.../viewform>) to RSVP. If unable to use the Google form, please RSVP to Bernadette at [bernilarbarre@gmail.com](mailto:bernilarbarre@gmail.com)

### National Warplane Museum Geneseo Airshow

On the weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> CHAA sent 3 Harvards to Geneseo for the Greatest Show on Turf! Pilots Allan Paige, Scott McMaster and Percy Contractor along with Service Crew members Diane Lawrence, Diana Spremo, Jeremy Williams and CHAA member Robert McCrea showed off our aircraft and spoke with many of the spectators.



On the Saturday evening pilots Scott McMaster and Percy Contractor were involved in an epic photo shoot of formation flying by Scott Yoak in P-51 "Quicksilver", Lou Horschel in P-51 "Mad Max", Thom Richard in P-40 "American Dream" and Rob Holland in his one of a kind MXS-RH. *Photos by Mike Killian and Diane Lawrence.*





**Remaining 2023 Fly Dates**  
**(Tentative)**

Sep 16 - Wings and Wheels, Tillsonburg  
 Oct 14 - CHAA Open House and Fly Day



At Carmeuse, it's one of our core beliefs to get involved and give back to the communities in which we have a presence. Our Carmeuse Beachville Operation has had a longstanding relationship with the CHAA-Aircraft Recovery team which is part of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA). The CHAA-Recovery team has dedicated themselves to the research, finding and recovery of Canadian aviation history and focuses on underwater aircraft and pilot recovery efforts. This team regularly utilizes our inactive west quarry for training purposes. Carmeuse supports their efforts and allows the group to retain any items they recover during their training expeditions. In fact, the group recently discovered an item that turned out to be a fuel tank liner for a P51D Mustang Aircraft that appears to be a match for an aircraft the group has been searching for.

Our Regional Manager of Health & Safety, Scott Kristensen, and Maintenance Manager, Ken Zegers, have been successfully working with this organization for a number of years and regularly promote safe diving with the club. Carmeuse is proud to work closely with non-profit organizations such as the CHAA. We acknowledge the efforts and the spirit of cooperation that exists between the Beachville Operation and the CHAA and are proud of the partnership.

To learn more about the CHAA Dive Recovery team, visit: <http://chaa-recovery.org/>

Carmeuse is a global performance materials and services company with core competencies in mining, equipment, and engineering solutions. They have a quarry in Oxford Country and a long standing relationship with our CHAA Dive Recovery Team. Recently they posted this blurb on their Instagram page. Thank you Carmeuse for your kind words! CHAA appreciates your support of our Dive Recovery Team!

Carmeuse is having an event on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> where our Dive Recovery Team will be present. All welcome!



**TOUCH A TRUCK**  
*You're Invited!*  
 BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUT TO CARMEUSE FOR A FUN FILLED DAY! JOIN US FOR LUNCH, TOUCH AND SEE CARMEUSE EQUIPMENT UP-CLOSE, TAKE AN INTERACTIVE SITE TOUR, PARTICIPATE IN OUR POSTER CONTEST, AND MORE!  
 WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU ON SITE!  
 SEPTEMBER 23RD  
 11:00AM-3:00PM  
 374681 COUNTY ROAD 6,  
 INGERSOLL, ON  
 ENTER THROUGH GATE 1




At our fly day on July 16<sup>th</sup> we sent a very nervous 12 year old Peter Salverda up for a flight. Crew member Diane Lawrence tried to calm Peter's nerves before the flight. Did he enjoy it? Watch the video that Terry Scott did to find out!

<https://youtu.be/1jbhaHisNOW>



Harvard Hawk James Hanna gets a lesson from Bill Shepard after a recent Members meeting. *Photo by Gus Corujo.*

### **FUNDRAISING –AT WINGS & WHEELS -September 16, 2023**

We will be having a garage Sale, Books by Donation, and Auctions during the event. DONATIONS will be accepted at our Welcome Centre from 10AM to 1PM on Saturday September 2, Saturday September 9 and Tuesday September 12. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS are needed for these Fundraisers. If you are able to assist, please contact Sandra at [sandspar@rogers.com](mailto:sandspar@rogers.com). Thanks so much!



At our fly day on August 19<sup>th</sup> we were visited by 100 year old Harvard/Halifax Bomber pilot and Veteran Stan Heather. Both his daughter and son went for flights. Service Crew member Diane Lawrence took a few minutes to speak with Stan and hear some of his stories. Stan brought his log book and pilot's license with him and allowed Diane to look through it.

Thanks for  
visiting Mr.  
Heather!

*Photos by  
Diane Lawrence*





## Spotlight on our Members

### Mel Rolph

From: Unity, SK

**What year did you join CHAA:** 2008 or 2010

**Occupation:** Served in the military for 32yrs. I was posted to Borden, Kingston, Germany, Toronto, Yukon, Israel, Syria, Chilliwack, Calgary, London, & Winnipeg. I retired as a Warrant Officer then moved to London and worked for U-Haul, Stock School Bus & Sharp.

**Who/What Inspired you to join:**

I met Jack McKenzie in the maintenance hangar, and I also took my first flight in a Harvard and Loved it!

**Fun Fact:** I enjoy restoring old cars and working on Harvards keeps me out of trouble!



### Wayne Buchanan

From: Oxford Centre, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:** 2012

**Occupation:** Retired farmer and National Sales Manager of crop protection equipment

**Who/What inspired you to join:**

Like many at CHAA, I was Inspired by Mr. Harvard, Norm Beckham. The Beckham family and the Buchanan family were friendly town competitors for over two and a half decades.

**Fun Fact:**

I enjoy long distance cruising on my CanAm Spyder with my wife, Liz.



### Diane Lawrence

From: London, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:** 2014

**Occupation:** Stay-at-home mom

**Who/What inspired you to join:** I

volunteered for Harvards & Heroes. As a parent of young children at the time, I needed to get out of the house and do things for some 'me' time. I started volunteering at CHAA and now 1 of my kids follows me around at the airport! Lol

**Fun Fact:**

I am on a bucket list adventure to visit all 332 lighthouses on the Great Lakes. I have been to 135 of them so far!



### Logan Lawrence

From: London, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:** 2015 (we think)

**Occupation:** Grade 9 Student & Air Cadet

**Who/What inspired you to join:**

My mom and Shane Clayton

**Fun Fact:**

Volleyball is my favorite sport to play



Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's  
**Wings & Wheels  
Family Fun Day**



**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2023**

(Rain Date September 17th)

**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 \$225
- 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 & Rider Must Meet Conditions for Flight



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## August Fly Day



Our Service Crew welcomed back former crew member Francis Faucher for the morning. He jumped right in and helped with the Daily Inspections!

L-R: Mike Lawrence, Sarah Lawrence (daughter of Diane), Diane Lawrence, Jeremy Williams, Francis Faucher and Shane Clayton

*Photo by Maureen Irie*



Sarah is a Flight Sergeant in Air Cadets. She got some experience marshalling aircraft for the first time and even helped to fuel the aircraft at the end of the day.

*Photos by Diane Lawrence*



Bob Duckworth did flight training on Harvards at No. 3 Flying Training School at Claresholm, Alberta in 1957, including 8 hours in 20242. Today he went for a bucket list ride in the very same aircraft! Awesome is an understatement!

*Photo by Shane Clayton*

## CTECHO Report

Shane Clayton

We're still looking for additional help on both the maintenance and restoration crews. Please contact me at the hangar on Tuesdays and Saturdays, via email at [maintenance@harvards.com](mailto:maintenance@harvards.com) or by phone at 519-320-1854 if you are interested. Here's an update on the current fleet status:

Harvard 3830/C-FRWN – RWN has been running steady all season with no major issues. She is due for annual inspection in October, so we will look at starting that maintenance program in late September in order to be online for our formation fly pasts scheduled for this fall.

Harvard 20422/RZW – 422 has been flying since early April, and was only offline briefly to facilitate a propeller swap. The prop she had been fitted with since 2019 was causing some occasional over speed issues, and has now been sent to H&S Propeller in Michigan for repair. Once it returns, it will be installed on 20304/BZT. We will be flying RZW up until Remembrance Day, and will probably be going in for her annual inspection shortly after that.

Harvard 20242/C-FWPK – We've been flying 242 constantly since early April, with no major issues. Like RZW, we'll probably be taking WPK offline shortly after Remembrance Day for her annual inspection.

Harvard AJ583/C-FHWX – No major updates since the last report, however some work is ongoing to create repair fixtures for the wing flaps that were slightly damaged in the wheels-up landing. We're still on track to have HWX ready to fly again in the first half of 2024.

Harvard 20304/C-FBZT – Work is continuing at a steady pace, taking care of each system, circuit by circuit, piece by piece. A lot of undiscovered issues have been resolved, and we are well on our way to seeing BZT flying before the end of the year.

Harvard 20321/CF-UFZ/'Bessy' – The maintenance crew is hard at work getting Bessy ready for her trip to the paint shop. We're waiting to hear back from PPG Canada about possibly getting some or all of the paint and primer donated. Depending on the delivery schedule, we're planning on getting UFZ soda blasted and into the paint booth sometime in the next month or two.

Harvard 20436/C-FWLH – No major updates since the last report, however some work is continuing to take place to make 436 appear more complete in order to be used for cockpit tours.

Yale 3399/C-GLJH – Work has continued on the Yale's annual inspection at a steady pace. The propeller has been delayed a bit at the overhaul shop, but should be here sometime in September. We're still making progress in sourcing the replacement wing attach angles, however the last quote that we received was a bit higher than anticipated. It looks like we won't be able to receive the new angles until the spring, so we'll make sure that LJH is ready to go when the time comes!

Harvard 3191/C-FMTX – The restoration crew is still making good progress in the disassembly, stripping and inspecting of MTX's cockpit area parts. We're also working on building stands to hold the tail cone and cockpit tubular structure, with the latter being send out for ultrasonic NDT inspection later this year. Once BZT is flying, it'll be full steam ahead on MTX!





THANK YOU!" to the generous donors who have used our partner, CanadaHelps to donate to CHAA!  
Donations of any size are appreciated and help to "Keep 'Em Flying!"

You can donate to CanadaHelps by clicking on this link:  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-harvard-aircraft-association/>



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