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Member's Holiday Social



Members briefing followed by a
Potluck Social

December 16th, 2023 10:00am in
the CHAA Welcome Centre at
Tillsonburg Airport

Please join us for our Holiday Social! It's a great time to catch up with fellow CHAA members and retell stories from our flying season! It's always a great time! See you there!

CHAA Remembers

CHAA was pleased once again to be part of the Remembrance Day services for Ohsweken (October 15th), Shedden, Lambeth (both on November 5th) and over Old City Hall in Toronto (November 11th) this year. Here are some pictures from those flyovers. Photo on the left was taken by Diane Lawrence and shows Harvard Hawk Logan Lawrence all strapped in for the flight over Ohsweken. This was the first time he took part in this fly over. Photo in the middle was taken at the Cenotaph in Lambeth by Diane Lawrence. Photo on the right is the Missing Man formation over Toronto which was taken from the Insta360 camera that Sean Voskamp had attached to WPK.



The CHAA Dive Recovery Team was mentioned in a CBC News article a few weeks ago. You can check out the story about their search for F/O Barry Allen Newman by clicking on this link.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/barry-allen-newman-missing-rcaf-pilots-1.7020032>



CHAA's Youtube Channel

We have recently launched an official YouTube channel and invite our members to share their beloved videos related to Harvards and the individuals associated with CHAA. To contribute, please ensure that you are the video's owner. For more information on how to share your video, please contact Walther Irie at walther.irie@gmail.com.

Thank You CHAA!



CHAA Member Tom MacEwan had a flight experience at the Sexsmith fly-in in August. He sends along this information about his Grandfather who owned a Harvard and Tom's flight experience.

“My grandfather bought Harvard 3096 (CF-MGO) when the RCAF struck them off charge and based it in Goderich, because of this connection I have been a CHAA member since 2014. When I saw

rides were available closer to home in Goderich I decided to finally act on getting a ride. I opted for a 30 minute ride and was informed we had the range to get to Goderich and back which I hadn't even considered which was icing on the cake. I was frantically texting my family to be outside in a few minutes to see us go over. My wife Alysha made sure to pack bomber jackets (and snoopy!) for our boys (Malcolm who is 4 and Dallas who is 1 1/2) so they would look the part at the fly-in. It was great grass roots aviation that I enjoyed showing my boys and they now constantly ask when we can go back to the airport. Everyone with CHAA and at the fly-in couldn't have been nicer and more accommodating.”



88-year old Doug Gibson of Burlington, a friend of long time member Terry Scott, toured CHAA on Oct. 24th and brought a gift with him. He presented Shane Clayton with a handmade model of a Harvard. Doug is a talented model maker - crafting most of his creations

from a single piece of wood - who has donated a good number of models to the Royal Canadian Legion in Burlington. Thank you, Doug, for your special gift!



CHAA member Kerry Newstead has an article in the current edition of AirShow Magazine titled “From The Bleachers”. You can read that article [here](#).

Kerry J. Newstead: Guest Commentator

From the Bleachers



A few years ago, the skies were filled with airshows and then the Covid-19 pandemic hit. Airshows disappeared from the radar faster than you could blink your eyes. They slowly came back, but some were drive-in, some were done low over the internet, and a few were open to only a limited number of people.

By 2022, things were getting more back to normal for airshows, and I attended a couple of shows, but it was a hard season for me. I lost my air show partner and the love of my life, my wife Donna Neovest. I also lost three more members of my family.

In Ontario, where I live, there were a couple of airshows earlier this year, but the main thrust of our 2023 airshow season happened within just twenty-five days of the late summer and early fall. I decided to check out a few of them.

In Burlington, the Community Charity Airshow returned on August 30 with a small event featuring some local talent, Terry of Industry and Mike Triggerson. The big attraction at Brantford was the Canadian Skyhawks parachute team, but this one was grounded by low weather. A surprise visitor was a RCAF CF-150 Phantom.

The Canadian International Air Show in Toronto was three

days later. Their show was like a sandwich – a great opener with the Blue Angels, a closer with the Snowbirds, and lots of great stuff in between. We saw Grand Prix return to perform his last ever show with his 101.06. There were two Heritage Flights, the USAF Heritage Flight with a P-51 flying alongside Capt. Anne “Babe” Hunter in the P-16, and the RCAF Heritage Flight with the RCAF CF-18 team and Rob “Scratch” Mitchell flying the T-33 Starliner. Many other Canadian acts were on the schedule, including a SAR demo by 424 Squadron and a Chinook from 410 Squadron. Doing double duty was Ken Holder flying in the show as well as Wings Over Waterloo across the border in New York.

A week later was Airshow London. The forecast of the week read to always the Friday night show, which this year featured a rare Lockheed night show. With the low skies, most of the “show” was cancelled, but Capt. Sam “Blaz” Loran put on a great show before the entrance. During the day show on Saturday and Sunday, there were three air rebelling displays – the CF-18 with a Hercules, Special Ops with their Hercules and an Osprey, and the KC-135 and C-17 to provide some “heavy” action.

With the dust just settling at Hercules and the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA) held their last open house of the year, Wings and Wheels. Many beautiful cars came out for the show and the skies were filled with the sounds of Harvards. For one flight, my friend and daughter, Karen Corneil took her first Harvard flight.

I would especially like to dedicate this article to my wife Donna, who is watching airshows from the bleachers in the sky.



Left: Capt. Sam “Blaz” Loran didn't let low ceiling stop him from delivering an awesome flight demonstration in the F-22. Right: The Blue Angels' C-135 support aircraft takes "that about" beyond the Blue's performance at the Canadian International Air Show in Toronto (Photos by the author).



2024 calendars are now available.

\$20 with free shipping in North America. All proceeds to help keep the Harvards flying. Measures 11"x17".

Available at:

- Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association Hangars (Tues and Sat)
- Tillsonburg Airport Terminal
- Coyle's Country Store
- Home Hardware in Tillsonburg, Delhi and Simcoe or Delivered to your door.

For mail delivery send a Paypal or Interac e-transfer to svoskamp@hotmail.com with address.

CALL for 2024 AUCTION DONATIONS!

We have started planning for CHAA's April 27, 2024 Banquet Auctions (and beyond) and are asking for your help.

If you have Auction Items to donate, they can be dropped off at the Welcome Centre on December 16th, January 20th, February 17th, March 16 and/or April 20 between 12:15 and 1:15pm. (Tax receipts are available for the assessed value of your donations.) Please contact Sandra Sparkes at - sandspar@rogers.com to donate.



Donation Ideas:

CANVASSING BUSINESSES. A letter is available to show you represent CHAA; email Sandra for a copy.

GIFT CARDS for: groceries, coffee, gas, pizza, alcohol, home decor, movie theatre, restaurants, hardware stores and so on (remember to include receipts for verification purposes)

GIFT BASKETS or collection of items with a THEME: chocolate, spa, Italian, games, kitchen, sports, gardening, children's items, baking, tools, decor, history etc

AVIATION RELATED items: books, enlarged photos, models, framed art work, coins, clothing etc

HANDMADE/HOMEMADE items: baked goods, stained glass, a sewing project, knitted/crocheted items, scrapbooking, pottery, jams, etc.

ANY items you think will be of interest to others
THANK YOU! Your donations make our fundraisers possible.



CHAA member Gord McNulty shared this article with me about Kendall Gibson who flew in the same Harvard his dad did while training in CFB Penhold in central Alberta. You can read the article here.

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/news/lethbridge-news/2023/07/28/city-man-takes-flight-of-a-lifetime-in-an-airplane-his-father-piloted/>

Photo from the Lethbridge Herald

Blue Skies Bill Long!



This past Summer we were pleased to be part of a final farewell for CHAA member Bill Long. Bill was Life Member #974. Terry Scott was at both events and put together two videos of the spreading of Bill's ashes - one from Tillsonburg in July and one from Claresholm on August 3rd.

Thanks to all who made these events possible and a special thanks to Geoffrey Brayne for flying (not once, but twice) from Lethbridge to Claresholm. (He was planning to do some aerobatic training in the morning but the crosswinds were too brutal. Fortunately, he was able to land around 11:30 a.m., join us for lunch, then do the flypast as Lyn scattered Bill's ashes outside one of the old hangars).

Photo by Gus Corujo

Tillsonburg: https://youtu.be/ssduU_xz-sQ

Claresholm: <https://youtu.be/MjoYZn0MEps>

And to think we knew him when...

This is HUGE news!

CHAA's own former Formation Team pilot Edward Soye is now a Snowbird!

Massive Congratulations are in order!



Spotlight on our Members

Sandra Sparkes

From: Stanley, New Brunswick

What year did you join

CHAA:
1994, Life Member #720

Occupation:

Retired Educator
22yrs in NB and 11yrs in ON

Who/What inspired you to join:

Charley Fox decided it would be good for me – he was right, as usual.

Fun Fact:

As I've aged, my eyes have improved and I no longer have to wear glasses!



Although they had both been members for several years, Ray & Sandra first met at a CHAA hangar dance in 1999.

Ray Whittemore

From: Stratford, Ontario

What year did you join

CHAA: 1986, Life Member #72

Occupation: Owner and Founder of KW Surplus

Who/What Inspired you to

join: I met Len Fallowfield at the CHAA booth where he was giving out brochures. I went to the Woodstock Flying Club (first home of CHAA) to join and to book a Harvard to fly to Warton for my brother's birthday.

Fun Fact: I joined Air Cadets and the first night we were on parade, the Sergeant said, "Right, turn". I turned left. That was the end of my career in the military!

Walter Irie

From: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

What year did you join

CHAA:
2002 – a long time ago

Occupation: Production Control Supervisor, GM of Canada for 35 years!

Who/What Inspired you to join:

I got roped into it by Bob Hewitt and Charley Fox as they wanted to know if it was feasible to recover Harvards from the Great Lakes.

Fun Fact: I love vintage cars



Maureen Irie

From: Windsor, Ontario

What year did you join

CHAA: 2002

Occupation: Cosmetician

Who/What Inspired you to join:

I bought my son a backseat ride for his 19th birthday. I decided to give it a try a short time later and have been hooked ever since!

Fun Fact: I have been showing dogs since 1978

Walt & Maureen saw each other at members meetings, however they didn't have a conversation until they were volunteering at the CHAA Bingo.

CTechO Report – December 2023

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 or by phone at 519-320-1854 if you are interested. Here's an update on the current fleet status:

Harvard 3830/C-FRWN – We successfully completed the annual inspection on RWN between Wings & Wheels in September and our October Open House Fly Day, and had no major issues encountered. She will be kept in a state of readiness all winter in case there is a need for a Harvard flight, and to be used by a few pilots who have expressed interest in keeping their qualifications current as well.

Harvard 20422/RZW – The previously mentioned propeller issue has been rectified, and 422 flew steadily up until Remembrance Day when she was taken offline following the Toronto flypasts. We are partway through her annual inspection, with no major issues encountered so far. It is expected that RZW will be ready to fly again in the January/February timeframe.

Harvard 20242/C-FWPK – Like RZW, Harvard WPK flew continuously all season up until November 11th, and was taken offline upon her return to Tillsonburg after the flypasts. The annual inspection is well underway, with no major issues encountered so far. If all goes to plan, 242 should be ready to fly sometime around January/February.

Harvard AJ583/C-FHWX – No major updates since the last report, however work is still 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 still continuing at a steady pace, and we have recently started the engine for a quick ground run. This marks the first time 20304 has made radial engine music since November 1963! We are still on track to have BZT flying in the next few months.

Harvard 20321/CF-UFZ/'Bessy' – The maintenance crew worked hard to prepare Bessy for soda blasting in October. We managed to get a number of large components stripped of paint and surface corrosion, however more stripping and blasting will be required over the winter before we can proceed with the priming and painting. Due to the cold weather, this will be pushed back until the spring.

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 continued on the Yale's annual inspection up until November 11th, when she was moved over to the north hangar in order to make room for WPK and RZW in the maintenance hangar. Once work is completed on those two aircraft, 3399 will be moved back over to complete the maintenance program. We're still on track to have LJH flying in the first half of 2024.

Harvard 3191/C-FMTX – The restoration crew is still making excellent progress in the disassembly, stripping and inspecting of 3191's cockpit area parts. Work is continuing on making tail cone and cockpit section stands. Once BZT is flying, it'll be full steam ahead on MTX!

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GETTING 'BESSY' AIRBORNE!

CHAA members have worked diligently and donated generously, during our thirty-eight year history, raising funds to cover the ever-increasing costs of our WWII Trainers.

By fulfilling our Mandate: "to acquire, preserve, restore, maintain, display and demonstrate the Harvard aircraft and other aircraft associated with the BCATP..." we continue to Honour our Veterans and Preserve our important part of Canadian Aviation History.

Together, over the last two years, we have raised the funds needed to cover the cost of repainting our much-loved 'BESSY'(formerly RCAF 20321 and currently registered as CF-UFZ). The work to bring her back to her RCAF glory is progressing smoothly now, due to those donations plus the hard work of our volunteers.

Next, on our long-term plan, is raising funds to get Bessy airborne. The cost of an engine overhaul is approximately \$75, 000. By starting now, we can have her back in the air in 1 ½ to 2 years.

**This Campaign is focused on an ENGINE FOR BESSY.
Please, support this fundraiser & Donate to get Bessy Airborne!**

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- 1. BY MAIL: CHAA's Fundraising Committee, P.O. Box 175, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4H5 (with the form below)**
- 2. IN PERSON: handed to a Director or Bob Henderson (with the form below)**
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**Consider renewing your Membership now as well.
(Due annually on December 31)**

Thank you so much for supporting CHAA!

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