





# ROAR of the Harvard

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCAF



We here at CHAA are very excited for 2024, especially as it is the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Air Force. One of the multiple ways we are celebrating this historic occasion is by applying the official RCAF Centennial logo to the tails of all our flying aircraft for the 2024 season. Our plan is to have five Harvards as well as our Yale in airworthy condition before the end of this year.

We are also expecting to fly at many different events this year including:

RCAF 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Formation Fly Past in Borden in April

Our centennial fly in on June 1<sup>st</sup>

Geneseo Airshow in July

Canadian Car & Foundry Homecoming in Thunder Bay in August  
and our annual Wings & Wheels event in September.

Per Ardua ad Astra!

Photo by Shane Clayton

## **CALL for 2024 AUCTION DONATIONS!**

The CHAA banquet which will be held on April 27, 2024 is approaching fast! We need your help with donated auction items.

If you have Items to donate, they can be dropped off at the Welcome Centre on third Saturday of March & April 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](mailto:sandspar@rogers.com) for more information.



Donation ideas include:

**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, scrap booking, pottery, jams, etc

Other ideas include experience items such as: flight in a warbird, airline tickets, art classes, ski package, dining out, theatre tickets, airshow passes, cooking class, dog training classes, hosting a dinner, photography lesson, simulator passes or **ANY ITEMS** you think will be of interest to others.

## **CHAA ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION**

**WHEN:** APRIL 27, 2024 starting at 4pm

**WHERE:** TILLSONBURG LEGION, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg ON

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Major Indira Thackorie of Canadian Armed Forces

**TICKETS:** \$40 each and can be purchased through either:

Pat Hanna: [p\\_hanna@harvards.com](mailto:p_hanna@harvards.com)

Or

On our website: <https://harvards.com/shop/miscellaneous/chaa-banquet-ticket>

## **Making Some Noise in January!**

The first flights of 2024 are in the books! On January 6<sup>th</sup> pilots Scott McMaster, Allan Paige and Sean Voskamp awoke RWN from her peaceful slumber to do some circuits in order to keep their flight currency up to date. It was a flurry of activity around the hangar as we preheated and prepared '54' to slip the surly bonds of earth once again. Freshly applied RCAF Centennial insignias sure made the gloomy day seem bright. Photos by Sean Voskamp.



## **Who needs the groundhog?!**

Harvey, the happy Harvard asked RWN to stick her nose out of the hangar to test for shadows on Groundhog Day (February 2<sup>nd</sup>). We won't say if she saw her shadow or not!

We have a rapidly filling calendar of events and appearances this year at CHAA's Tillsonburg home base and at events both in Ontario and in the US!

Our first event is about a month earlier than typical this year with a flypast appearance on April 2nd! There will be lots of chances to see CHAA's Harvards this year... and lots of volunteer opportunities (and frankly a need for your volunteerism) to help us fulfill the demands on our maintenance team, pilots, crews, membership committee, stores, Welcome Center staffing, tour guides, CHAA Ambassadors and a myriad of other tasks and positions needing volunteer support.

We'll need you more than ever this year. Please consider helping out at a flyday, RCAF day, Wings & Wheels, or any regular flying Saturday (or maintenance Tuesday) where we fly excited passengers on their bucket list Harvard Experience flights. If you see us at an event, be sure to stop by and say "Hi".

Here's to an early start to the 2024 fun-filled season at CHAA!

Just a reminder, once the season starts, we fly passengers every Saturday of the season that we're at home, not just on the advertised Flydays. We may also have limited opportunities to fly Experience Flights at some of our events as well. In any case, get in touch if you're interested in helping out, or if you're interested in a Harvard Flight Experience. If you'd like to book a flight please email us at [info@harvards.com](mailto:info@harvards.com)





Many hands make light work! We need volunteers to help make this event a success. Please contact Shane Clayton or John Britton for information on how you can help!

George Stewart recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at Canadian Warplane Museum. CHCH News ran this story on the event. [https://www.chch.com/local-veteran-reigns-in-100th-birthday-at-the-warplane-heritage-museum/?mc\\_cid=80d3def59d&mc\\_eid=be4e36138a](https://www.chch.com/local-veteran-reigns-in-100th-birthday-at-the-warplane-heritage-museum/?mc_cid=80d3def59d&mc_eid=be4e36138a)



George also did a presentation to CHAA back in Sept. of 2019. You can watch that video here. <https://youtu.be/rayxK11m0T0>

Thanks to Terry Scott for providing these links! Photo is a screenshot from the news clip.

### Service Crew Training



Have you seen the people in the red shirts and hats feverishly working on and around our aircraft? Well they are our **AWESOME** Service Crew members!! If you are interested in being on the crew then you are in luck! Our annual Service Crew training and refresher is tentatively scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. With a very busy year ahead we could use more people on the crew to spread out the duties. If you are interested in taking the course please contact Shane Clayton or Mike Lawrence at [crewchief@harvards.com](mailto:crewchief@harvards.com)

Photos courtesy of Gus & Clara Curojo, Ken Mist and Pat Hanna.

## **2024 Members' Choice Award**

You have until March 9th to nominate the member (members) you wish to recognize/highlight for this award. They should stand out in your mind as doing an exemplary job in some area(s) of our organization, be it noticeable at the hangar or behind the scenes. If you wish, you can include reasons for your nomination(s).

You can either email their name(s) to [sandspar@rogers.com](mailto:sandspar@rogers.com) or leave the info in a message at 519-390-1000

In the March edition of Harvard Happenings and at our Annual Business Meeting on March 16, there will be a complete list of those nominated and you will be provided with the opportunity to vote for your choice from the names brought forward.

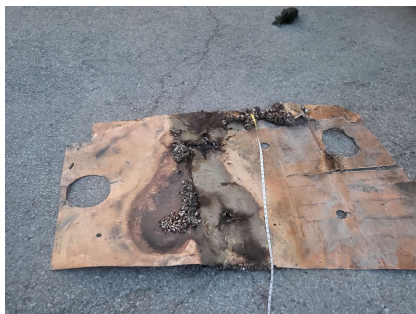
The winner will be announced and recognized at our banquet on April 27.

## **CHAA's 2024 Event Schedule**

Feb 17 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Mar 16 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Apr 2 - RCAF 100th Anniversary Formation Fly Past, Borden, ON  
Apr 6-7 - Service Crew Training - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Apr 20 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Apr 27 - Annual Banquet - Tillsonburg Legion, Branch 153  
May 11 - Open House and Fly Day, Tillsonburg Airport  
May 18 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Jun 1 - Centennial Fly-In & Fly Day, Tillsonburg Airport  
Jun 14-16 - Borden Air Show - Borden, ON  
Jun 15 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Jul 1 - Canada Day Fly Past - Port Burwell, ON  
July 12-14 - Geneseo Airshow, Geneseo NY  
Jul 20 - Open House and Fly Day, Tillsonburg Airport  
Aug 2-4 - Rochester Air Show - Rochester, NY  
Aug 9-11 - Canadian Car and Foundry Homecoming, Thunder Bay, ON  
Aug 17 - Open House and Fly Day, Tillsonburg Airport  
Sep 7 - Wings & Wheels, Tillsonburg Airport  
Sep 21 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Oct 5 - Open House and Fly Day, Tillsonburg Airport  
Oct 19 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day Fly Past - Toronto, ON  
Nov 16 - Members' Meeting - Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport  
Dec 21 - Christmas Potluck & Social - Welcome Centre - Tillsonburg Airport

**The following update on the recovery of the P 51 D Mustang has been submitted by Mike McAllister from the CHAA Dive Recovery Team**

The flashlight beams shone in the inky blackness like search lights in a night-time bombing raid. At more than 100' (30M) down in Lake Ontario, temperatures in this area average 53\* F or 11\*C and it was as dark as night time in the fog, even though it was daylight up above. This was due to sediment drifting in the water like a cloud above the divers and a slight overcast. Suddenly a mysterious object seems to materialize out of the mist. Approaching the multibeam sonar image shown on the NAVIGATOR, a hand held underwater imaging device designed and built by his company, Shark Marine, Jim Garrington has come upon a piece of metal debris standing about 6' (2M) off the bottom. It's within the crash area defined by eyewitnesses and several sonar searches, of an RCAF P-51D Mustang which went down in 1952. To arrive at this point it took years of research and prep work by a team made up of many civilian volunteers, who do this for no compensation other than some fuel, food and lodging. Now led by Walther Irie, a Divemaster and Engineer, the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association Recovery Team, formed in 1985, has spent much time in the Library and Archives Canada and other repositories of Government records, going through reams of paper and miles of microfiche film on the reader to locate in the files, information on the likely location for downed aircraft of the BCATP and other Canadian Military aircraft and their missing crews. Much of the recent research work has been done by dedicated historian Lee Walsh.



Without having applied for and received a search licence from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport, no individual or organization is legally allowed to search for any military aircraft or shipwreck of any kind. These papers must be available on the boat in case the Coast Guard insists on boarding our search vessel to investigate. In the past other CHAA-Recovery members have obtained search licences, and in this recent successful effort the licence was held by Derek Niles of Orange Force Marine. The SONAR

& Magnetometer searches were conducted by Jim Garrington with the assistance of Paul Chapple, Bil Thuma & Mike McAllister. The actual diving operations weekend was organized by Paul Darnbrough who brought in a group of highly experienced divers, Corey Phillips, Steve Mueller, Craig Smith, Durrell Martin and Kayla Martin as well as arranging with Capt.. Helen Cooper to use her dive boat and arranging accommodations for the out of town team members.

As this is a self funded effort with some donations from the public, one of the most important elements of the team's projects is the underwater removal of scrap metal from the quarry of one of our main sponsors Carmeuse Quarry, located at Beachville Ontario near Ingersoll. This effort requires hard work, some discomfort and can hold an element of danger as all underwater recovery operations do. Salvage work in Carmeuse Quarry located at Beachville near Ingersoll Ontario, has been carried out for years by members Walt Irie, Paul Chapple, Mark Phillips, Mark McCrea and others to retrieve valuable metal, which is then sold to help offset the costs of surveys and searches. Other helpful efforts to raise funds are the Yard Sales organized by Mark Phillips and the sale of mint smoothies by Cathy McRae.  
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Another fundraising effort is the Gourde organised by Geophysicist Bil Thuma, who also produced, along with TV producer Gary Robinson, the video of our 12 minute CBC interview "Search For Mustang 9555". You can watch that video by clicking this [YouTube](#) link. Here is the link to Bil's Go fund me [bit.ly/BarryNewman](http://bit.ly/BarryNewman)

CHAA-Recovery would like to recognize Carmuese Quarry, Shark Marine, The Dive Academy, London Scuba Centre and McQuest Marine for their past and current support of our search efforts. After the successful efforts to find the wreckage of RCAF Flight Officer Barry Allen Newman's P-51 D, the team plans to locate 2 Harvards which went down near Wolfe Island in the St Lawrence River.



The images in the article are that of the Mustang's Fuel tank protective liner which confirmed that the wreckage was of a P-51 D. Provided by Mike McAllister.

### **CHAA's 39th Annual Business Meeting**

**All Members are encouraged to attend.**

WHEN: Saturday, March 16, 2024 - LOAM start time

WHERE: Welcome Centre, Tillsonburg Airport

PURPOSE: Committee Chair Reports, Financial Reports, Board Member Elections & More

### **Membership reminder!**

#### **Buying a New Membership or Renewing One?**

Please be sure to complete the Membership Form found on our website, or at the airport in the Welcome Centre and in the Office. A form needs to accompany payment to ensure it gets passed along to our Membership Coordinator, Nathalie Dale. This will also ensure we have your current mail and email address to receive Harvard Happenings, The Roar, and a Tax Receipt.



#### **Membership Form**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**  
 Harvard Hawk  Adult  Family  Youth  Sponsor

**RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**  
 NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address to receive Harvard Happenings & The Roar: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**  
 Payment made by the member  
 Payment made by other - Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment:  Cash  PayPal  Square  Cheque  Transfer  Credit Card  
 Last 4 digits of card \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the Square reader is not available\*

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This form must be submitted to the Membership Box to be processed\*\***

Feel free to reach out to Nathalie at [membership@harvards.com](mailto:membership@harvards.com). You can also find her at the airport on Saturdays mornings.



# Spotlight on our Members

## Pat Hanna

**From:** Cambridge, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:**

October 1985, Member #24

**Occupation:** Hammond Aviation Pilot Supplies

**Who/What Inspired you to join:** Norm Beckham invited me to fly with him to Dunnville in a 4-plane formation and it was my 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to do air-to-air photography! My life changed forever on that day.. September 15, 1984.

**Fun Fact:** On July 11<sup>th</sup> will be my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a licenced pilot!



## James Hanna

**From:** Cambridge, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:**

Harvard Hawk since 2014

**Occupation:** Grade 5 Student

**Who/What Inspired you to join:** My grandpa, of course!

**Fun Fact:** My grandpa was at the 2013 St. Thomas Air Show when I was born! I have flown in 5 different types of small planes, and have nearly 75 hours of flying time with my grandpa and other pilots. I love flying to places that have food!

## Chloe Dale

**From:** Woodstock, ON

**What year did you join CHAA:**

I became a Harvard Hawk in 2023

**Occupation:** Grade 8 Student

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

My first Harvard flight at Wings & Wheels

**Fun Fact:**

I have been on 75 flights all around the world.



## Nathalie Dale

**From:** Township of Norwich

**What year did you join CHAA:**

2023

**Occupation:** Retired Air Canada Flight Dispatcher

**Who/What Inspired you to join:** The Harvards and my daughter!! Also, I love seeing and hearing the Harvards flying in my area.

**Fun Fact:** I am French Canadian. I grew up near the Bagotville Air Base and I was used to seeing Voodoos, and later the F-18 flying overhead.



## CTechO Report – March 2024

CHAA's Service Crew annual training course is coming up on April 6 & 7, and is open to anyone wanting to join our dedicated group of volunteers who handle all of our ground ops on the ramp (ie fuelling, towing, passenger briefings, etc). If you're interested in attending this two day course, please let us know at crewchief@harvards.com so we can have your spot ready. We're also 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've had '54' in a state of readiness all winter, and has been flown on a few occasions for pilot proficiency.

**Harvard 20422/RZW** – Things are almost complete on RZW's annual inspection, and we are just waiting on a repaired engine cylinder to return from the US. If all goes to plan, 422 will be flying later this month.  
**Harvard 20242/C-FWPK** – We've essentially completed the annual inspection on our beloved 'Peekay' and should have her flying again in the next couple of weeks.

**Harvard AJ583/C-FHWX** – The engine is almost ready to return from inspection and repair in the US, the propeller is currently at the overhaul shop, and we will be starting work very soon to get '46' back in the air in the next few months. Flap repairs are already underway, and other parts are on hand to repair the damage from the landing incident in 2022.

**Harvard 20304/C-FBZT** – Work is still continuing at a steady pace, and all that remains on the to-do list are a few small items such as fine-tuning the canopy operation and cosmetic items such as stencils and placards. Once the weather gets warmer and we have our paperwork in order for the Transport Canada representative, we'll be seeing daylight beneath 304's wheels for the first time in over 60 years!

**Harvard 20321/CF-UFZ/'Bessy'** – The work on Bessy has been slightly on the back burner over the winter while we completed annual inspections, however we are expecting to ramp up the work shortly. Plans are still in place to have UFZ repainted this year, then she will be slowly be put back together while we fundraise for an overhauled engine.

**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 on our Yale is expected to recommence very soon, with a return to flight hopefully happening within the next couple of months, if not sooner. The overhauled propeller is ready to go back on, and there isn't much left to do on her annual inspection other than to finish up some loose ends and install a transponder system.

**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 still continuing on making tail cone and cockpit section stands, and we will be making arrangements shortly to have the cockpit tubular section blasted and inspected prior to repainting. Once BZT is flying, it'll be full steam ahead on MTX!

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