

2022 CAAA Activity Report

In person activities were still curtailed by the pandemic and issues with travel in general. This left the chapter newsletter, AerialViews and our monthly Zoom meetings as the only activities undertaken.

AerialViews is published four times a year and is the main reason for a number of our members belonging to the association. A wide variety of articles on subjects ranging from colour theory, composition, matting and framing, art history and materials to aircraft construction, camouflage and markings, history and current events can be found in its pages. The editor, Layne Larsen is the publication's primary contributor and is to be commended for the educational as well as aesthetic qualities it exhibits.

Our Zoom meetings are held on the last or second last Saturday of the month, depending on response to an email giving the optional dates. Attendance varies from six to twelve regular contributors. In 2022, most of the meetings took the form of hanger flying, show and tell sessions. These served to keep a cadre connected and engaged in the Chapter as well as with each other and had members attending from BC to New Brunswick.

Currently we are working on a project to recognise the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF in 2024. This is an attempt to get ahead of the curve and have a proactive product ready as there has been no word from the RCAF regarding events or projects. We are gathering existing images from members that represent four 'eras', Inception 1924-1938, Second World War 1939-1949, Korea and the Cold War 1950-1989 and Current Operations 1990-Present. Each category will have 25 images representing aircraft and personnel of that time frame for a total of 100 images. Initial planning and the gathering of images has begun in September but the lions share of the project will take place in 2023.

We have also entered into discussions with the RCAF Foundation, a not for profit group that has taken on the challenge of promoting careers in and the history of the RCAF. They are eager to have displays of artwork either virtual or in situ and are looking for avenues to promote the RCAF's centenary.

Beyond those, 2022 saw the retirement of Eric Mitchell as Chapter President and Elizabeth McRae as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Ardell Bourgeois has taken on both positions, two years as President and an indefinite term as Treasurer. Filling the vacant Vice-President slot is Ken Mallett who is new to the Board and will take over as President at the end of Ardell's tenure.

Respectfully submitted by Ardell Bourgeois, Treasurer