

Medicine Hat Chapter
Canadian Aviation Historical Society.
2022-2023 Report

Over the past year the Medicine Hat Chapter has broken down its activities into a fall (2022) program and winter/spring (2023) program. We have also held Christmas and Summer Socials that have been very well attended.

The programs we have held were based on some very interesting and entertaining speakers. Speakers we hosted are as follows.

Fall 2022 Program;

September, Roger Beebe, My Day 911.

October, Matt Klimaszewski, The Japanese Naval Air Service, An organization riddled with problems.

November, Wes Krause, Eyes to the Skies, Private aircraft manufacturers.

Winter/Spring 2023 Program;

January, Sterling Cripps, World Wide Airbus Direct Drone Operations

February, Richard De Boer, The Calgary Mosquito

March, Brian Whitehead, Career in Civil Aviation

April, Christopher Terry, The Travelaire Company of the 1920's

May, Barry Prentice, Airship Ground-Handling Systems

Late in 2022 our Chapter was made aware of a critical piece of aviation equipment that had been used at #34 S.F.T.S. RAF training base in Medicine Hat, a Wind Vane, aka Wind Tee. Through the City of Medicine Hat Heritage resource Working Group and with the support of four other local historical organizations we have made good progress. In January our chapter brought together the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 17, the Royal United Services Institute Medicine Hat, the Historical Society of Medicine hat and District and the Southeast Alberta Archeological Society to form a Wind Vane support group. Over the last several months contact has been made with a number of archivists requesting information on the Wind vane with no results. The City is motivated to preserve and move the equipment to a more prominent location to honor the sacrifices and service of all airmen who trained here. Though some persuasion will be needed. The work continues as we have not lost of enthusiasm for this project.

In late June our chapter will be proposing a supporting event for the Commemorative Air Force who are bring their B-17 and B-25 to Medicine Hat just after the CAHS Conference. More details will be available as they develop.

Keep 'Em Flying!!!

Wes Krause

President

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