

CAHS MONTRÉAL 2022 CHAPTER REPORT

For covid safety reasons, our chapter continued Zoom meetings until May, when finally, after 3 years, we were able to celebrate our summer BBQ with our partners at the Montréal Aviation Museum (MAM). Once again, our exec committee member “Chef Christian” provided a tasty feast to 32 members as well as several museum volunteers who set up the venue and provided tours of their new exhibits. A donation to the MAM was given by our chapter.

In June our chapter was invited to speak at the COPA Nation Convention & Fly-in at St. Jean sur Richelieu. The presentation “Early Flying Club Development in Canada” outlined history from the 1915 Curtiss Flying School, through the 1928 Government licencing program, the EFTS/BCATP and the post war Air Cadet scholarship programs.

As one of the privileged pilots to fly Air Canada’s L10A Electra CF-TCC, it was a pleasure to participate in the taxi-over donation of this iconic aircraft to the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada (RAMWC) on Sept 7th. Although sad to know she will never fly again, it is still in good hands to pass on its history for younger generations. On behalf of CAHS Montréal, an original Lockheed L10A Operations Manual was donated to Terry Slobovian to be included in the showcase alongside the aircraft display.

Unfortunately, we lost 4 members this year. The Walker brothers, Reg & Dave, were long-time members of the aviation community and contributed as speakers at our chapter meetings. Both Bill Doran and George Fuller were stalwart original founding members of the CAHS National and Montréal chapters. There was a large turnout for Bill Doran’s celebration of life at his farm on June 5th, and our November hybrid chapter meeting in partnership with the MAM included a tribute to our eminent resident historian and good friend, George Fuller. He was the reliable “go to” person for Canadian and Quebec aviation history.

Montréal Chapter 2022 Zoom presentations:

JAN:	Tim Cole.	“Tight Floats & Tailwinds”.	65 registered.	45 participants
FEB:	Sam Longo.	“A Wrench in the Wings”.	64 registered.	42 participants
MAR:	Bob Davis.	“Bradley Air Services”.	62 registered.	44 participants
APR:	Jim Mason.	“Airborne Forest management & Firefighting”.	59 registered.	44 participants
MAY:	Don Carty.	“Commercial Aviation in Canada & the USA”.	82 registered.	51 participants

Montréal Chapter 2022 Luncheon Presentations:

SEPT:	Gilles Pepin.	“Modeler Gilles Pepin Builds Because”.		35 participants
OCT:	Clint Ward.	“Night Witches” - a play reading by Hudson Village Theatre.		36 participants
NOV:	Jim Mason.	“A Tribute to George Fuller”. (Hybrid meeting)	25 Zoom +	28 participants
		“Early Flying Club Development in Canada”		

A donation in thanks to the MAM volunteers was given by the Montréal chapter in memory of George.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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