

# CAHS

The JOURNAL of the CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Vol.41 No.4



Winter 2003



# the Canadian Aviation Historical Society



124 *Commanding a Bomber Squadron*



132 *Return of a Legend*



146 *A Test Pilot's Story*

## contents

VOL41 NO4 WINTER 2003

The JOURNAL of the CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4 Rougecrest Drive, Markham, ON, L3P 3B6. (905) 294-4438

### Leading From the Front

*A Squadron Commander's Story* W. H. (Bill) Swetman DSO, DFC 124

### The Many Lives of a Tin Goose

*Ford Tri-motor, G-CARC, and Its Varied Careers* Clark G. Seaborn 134

### CAHS Convention '03

*Our Society's 40th Convention and AGM* Gord McNulty 138

### Bill Longhurst Remembered

*Recognition for an Outstanding Test Pilot* David W. H. Godfrey 146

### A Graphic Perspective

*A Young Airman's Visual Take On the BCATP* Dr Robin Higham 151

From the Editor William Wheeler 123

Corporate Members 154

Par Avion 155

Book Review 159

Cover Stories William Wheeler 159

Corporate Support 159

#### COVERS

FRONT: In this dramatic rendering, titled *Last Wave In*, by well known aviation artist Don Connolly, Lancaster II, OW-D of 426 Squadron RCAF, piloted by Bill Swetman, begins its bombing run on the Peenemunde V-2 missile development site on 17/18 August 1943.

REAR: This shot of de Havilland D.H. 80A Puss Moth, CF-AVC, from a slide in the collection of the late John Caron, was probably taken at the Oshawa airport sometime in the 1950s.

**All membership enquiries and address changes should be directed to: The Membership Secretary, PO Box 224, Station "A", Willowdale, ON, M2N 5S8. Other CAHS correspondence should also be sent to the above address or phoned to (416) 410-9774.**

**FIND US ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT WWW.CAHS.COM.**

This *Journal* is the official publication of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. All articles published with authors' names are the opinion of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policy of the CAHS. All work on this publication is voluntary and no payment can be made for published material.

**Members wishing to submit or undertake articles are requested to contact the Editor at address given at top of page. All manuscripts to be considered for *Journal* publication should be submitted on disk with hard copy included.**

All material will be returned to owners immediately upon its appearance in the *Journal*. Membership in the CAHS is for one full calendar year commencing 1 January. A member joining anytime in the year up to 31 December will receive all quarterly *Journals* for the calendar year in which he joins. Regular Annual membership fees of \$35.00 will be due for renewal on 1 January of each year. Articles appearing in this *Journal* are abstracted and indexed in *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History And Life*. All material published in this *Journal* is copyright CAHS 2003 and may not be reproduced without written permission. The CAHS is incorporated as a non-profit organisation under a federal charter.

Copyright 2003 CAHS Inc. All subsequent rights remain with the contributor.

Library code ISSN 1207-1978

Publications Mail Agreement No 40042054

Digital Typesetting & Assembly by Alan Williams Design • Printed by DT&P International Ltd, Toronto



*De Havilland D.H. 80A Puss Moth, CF-AVC, probably at the Oshawa Municipal Airport in the early '50s. J. CARON.*