

CAHS MONTRÉAL 2024 CHAPTER REPORT

Again, this year our 8 Pointe-Claire luncheon meetings featured a good mix of Canadian military, commercial and human-interest aviation historical subjects from both local and out of town speakers.

Paid-up membership was 60, with meeting attendance from 20-38 participants. We recruited 6 new members, however, unfortunately regret the passing of 2 long term members, Michel Moreau and Mark Roe.

2024 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

MAY: The Chapter annual summer BBQ at the Montréal Aviation Museum (MAM) was a success with 30 attendees. Their volunteers helped with the setup and provided guided tours of the many improvements in progress with their recent expansion project.

JUNE: 4 of our members attended the Saskatoon convention, one who was a speaker. Gary Williams discussed the Paddy Gardiner estate donation to CAHS, and we agreed that the MAM would be the best home for the book collection, and that CAHS Montréal would co-ordinate the transfer from Kuujuaq. With good co-operation between the family, the MAM, CAHS Montréal and CAHS National, the collection finally arrived in December.

JULY: After visiting the Saskatoon Aviation Museum Noorduyn Norseman restoration project at the convention, we advised Brian Eikel that after discussions with the MAM, they agreed to offer support. Mike Alain, the MAM Norseman project director was referred to the SAM for his expertise.

AUG: Our chapter was referred to by Terry Slobodian of the RAMWC to help release a Junkers F13 at the Port of Montréal, and suggest the best way to transport it to Winnipeg. Again, we co-ordinated with the MAM, who arranged with their local shipping broker to clear the containers and transport this historical aircraft safely to the museum. CAHS Ottawa advised us they had a Don Connolly artwork display that they did not need. We picked it up in Ottawa and donated to the MAM as a future addition to their Canadian aviation art gallery.

CAHS MONTRÉAL LUNCHEON MEETINGS:

JAN: Bob Grant: "Transitions" Flying UNICEF Twin Otters in Africa.

FEB: Mathias Joost : "The RCAF Centennial – Events and Collaborations".

MAR: James Mason: "The South Shore of Montréal – Its Heritage in Aviation & Aerospace".

APR: Kathy Fox: "Advancing Transport Safety in Canada".

MAY: C. Ward/J. Lawson: "Conversations" - un-rehearsed 1-one-1 discussion of aviation careers.

SEPT: Pierre Leduc: "Gustave Whitehead: In Flight before the Wrights?".

OCT: Robert Galway: "How Robert Starratt Grew Wings".

NOV: Dave O'Malley: "The Last Flight of Buffalo 33" DH. Mosquito crash in Debert NS.
Rick Stojak: "Video tribute CAHS MTL chapter members who served in RCAF."

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