

CAHS MONTRÉAL 2021 CHAPTER REPORT

Despite the covid situation, the CAHS Montréal Chapter maintained operations with quality speakers via Zoom. As membership dues were more difficult to collect without face to face meetings, an INTERAC payment system was introduced, although prompt renewals were still below expectations. Once again we were unable to host our summer BBQ fundraiser, however sufficient funds from donations and expense reductions allowed us to donate to the Montreal Aviation Museum (MAM) to help their expansion project.

Our chapter constructed a storyboard outlining the history of the Westwood Sports Centre, formally the World-Wide Airways hangar dismantled and transported from Gander airport in 1956. The November presentation to the City of Dorval Mayor Edgar Rouleau and the Dorval Historical Society included a plaque commemorating Don McVicar: “in recognition to a Canadian Aviation Pioneer for his entrepreneurship to develop early Quebec, Arctic & North Atlantic air service through his dedication to the RAF Ferry Command and World-Wide Aviation Services.” As well as showcasing the CAHS as a permanent fixture to visitors in the arena lobby, the story will also be included in the Dorval Historical Society Heritage 2022 magazine.

Montreal Chapter 2021 Zoom presentations:

JAN: Peter Groves participants	“Ryan ST-A Restoration”	64 registered 58
FEB: John Maris	“Perspectives on Aeronautical Drag” (webinar in partnership with Royal Aeronautical Society (RAES))	400+ participants
MAR: Bill Tate participants	“Project North Star Restoration”	84 registered 73
APR: Ted Barris participants	“Dam Busters”	54 registered 43
MAY: Dominique Prinnet	“Flying to Extremes”	62 registered 39 participants
SEP: John Henderson	“History of the RCMP Air Division”	46 registered 27 participants
OCT: Murray Balzer	“L-19 History with Air Cadet Gliding Program”	60 registered 33 participants
NOV: Doug Seagrim	“From Bush Pilot to Boardroom”	62 registered 47 participants

Sadly in 2021 we lost 5 members:

Ron Dixon, Frank Henley, Julie Maris, Madeleine Thibault-Meyers and Paul Gagnon.

We look forward to return to luncheon meetings when conditions permit, but in the meantime the Zoom format has allowed us to schedule out of town speakers who otherwise would not be available.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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