

## CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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**Hello CAHS,**

Welcome to the November edition of the CAHS National Newsletter.

### CAHS National News

#### From the Treasurer's Desk:

One way the CAHS raises funds to pay for our operations, Journal, and website is by selling aviation-related merchandise. With Christmas just over a month away, we invite you to consider purchasing from our Store to complete your Christmas shopping. We feature our annual, 13-month bilingual and colour Aviation Artists Calendar for 2021. We also have a number of books covering a wide span of aviation eras and interests: *Masters of the Air*, *Airlift to the Top of the World*, and two volumes of *Flight: Stories of Canadian Aviation*. Don't delay in making your purchases - some are limited time offers, and other books (like *Four Degrees Celsius*) have sold out.



As we near the end of 2020, please remember that this year, the pandemic has hit the CAHS hard. We were not able to hold our annual convention, and we have experienced a shortage of funds at times this year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CAHS over the summer. With your help, we have been able to cover

all bills to date, but we are still working hard to ensure we have enough money to cover our operations and financial commitments for the beginning months of 2021. You can help by ensuring your membership is paid up (contact treasurer [Rachel Lea Heide](#) if you are unsure of your expiry date) and by donating - any amount helps.

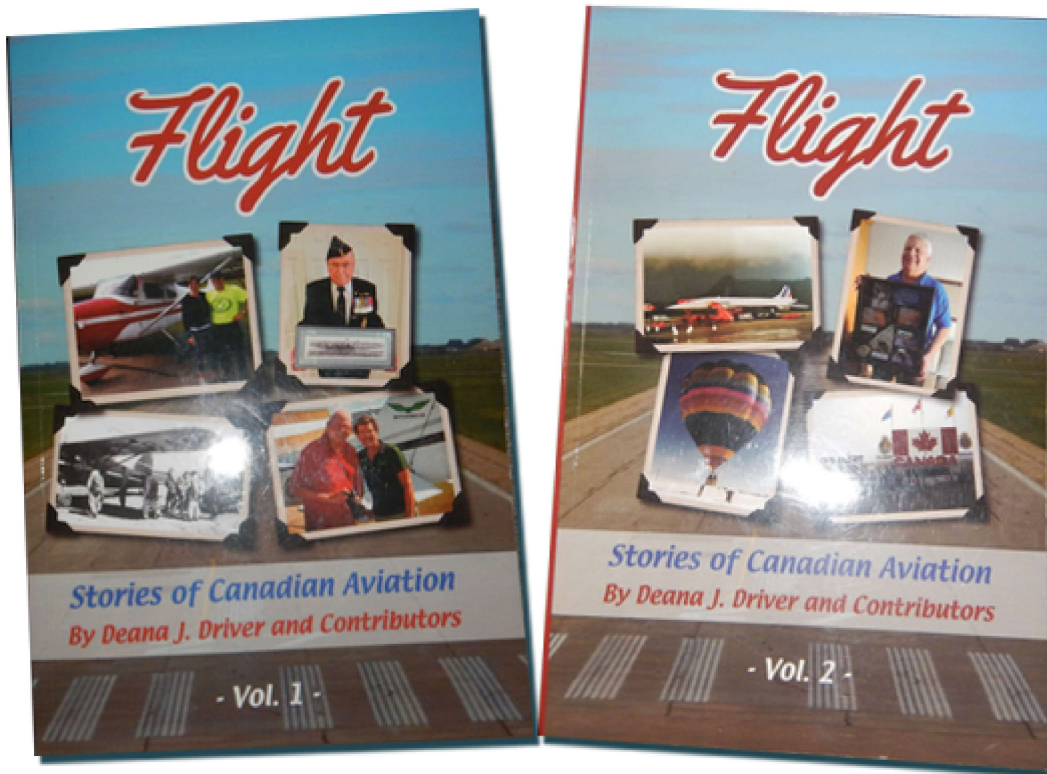


### **Flight Book Offer**

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The CAHS is excited to offer both volumes of *Flight* at the discounted price of \$17 a copy or \$32 for the pair (plus shipping). Each volume features approximately three dozen short stories of Canadian aviation experiences and contributions, including pieces written by CAHS members Gary Williams and Will Chabun.

**Limited time offer** – Please place your orders by **4 December 2020** if you are concerned about having it delivered before Christmas.



The people whose stories are told in *Flight* Vol. 1 include Second World War fighter pilots and bomber pilots, a pioneer smokejumper, flight instructors, Snowbirds aerobatic team members, private and commercial pilots, a flight attendant, and aircraft passengers.

**[CLICK HERE for Volume 1](#)**

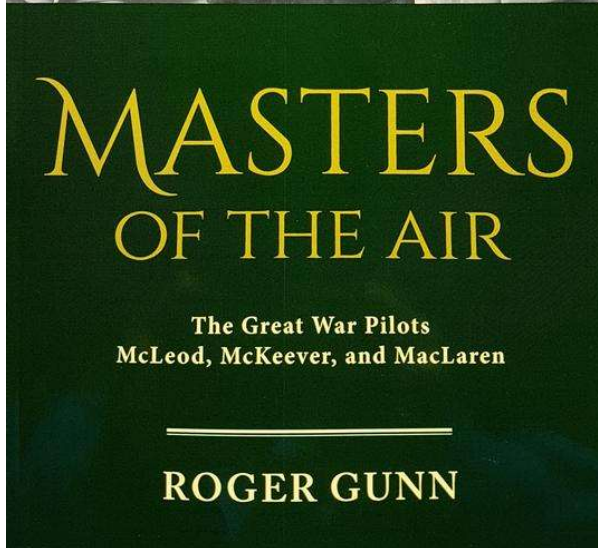
Record-breaking flights, falling aircraft parts, early flight schools, and rescue missions are among the fascinating true stories in this second volume of the *Flight* series. Animal obstacles, balloon and helicopter trips, unique landing surfaces, and flights with legendary passengers are also chronicled in *Flight*, Vol. 2.

**[CLICK HERE for Volume 2](#)**

In their own words or with the help of author Deana Driver or other Prairie writers, Western Canadian pilots and aviation enthusiasts share stories of adventure, assistance, humour, tragedy, and success in this salute to the Canadian aviation industry and its people.

**[CLICK HERE for Both Volumes](#)**

## ***Masters of the Air: The Great War Pilots – McLeod, McKeever, and MacLaren***



Author Roger Gunn has kindly arranged with his publisher, Dundurn, for us to be able to sell his book at a discount as a fund-raiser for the CAHS.

The publisher's retail price is \$24.99 plus GST (plus shipping if purchased online).

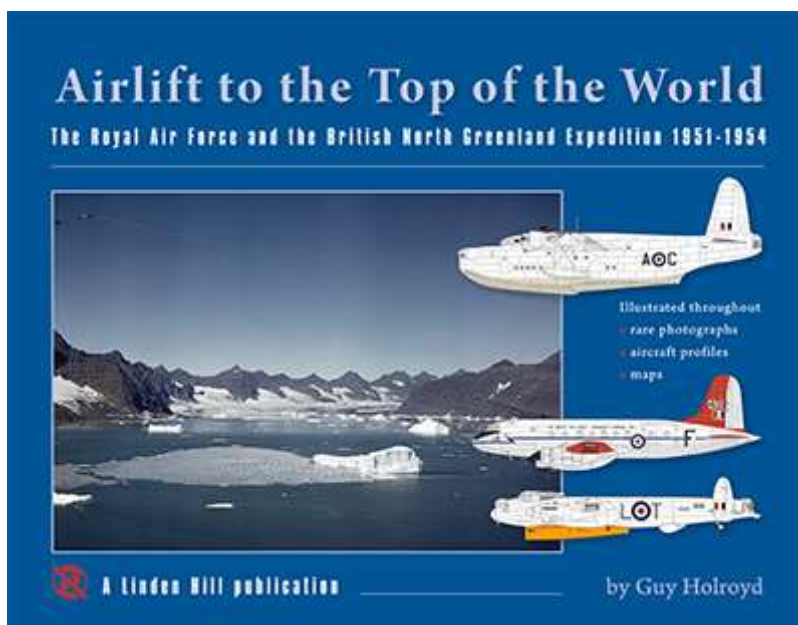
We are offering this book for \$21.00 (GST included) plus \$17.00 shipping per copy in Canada.

**Last Chance to Order**  
- This limited time offer ends **20 November**.



Alan McLeod, Andrew McKeever and Donald MacLaren were daring and talented pilots. Although decidedly different from one another - in personality, in the planes they flew, and in their contribution to the war effort - they shared a passion for flying and a strong sense of duty. One hundred years after they flew and fought for king and country, author Roger Gunn brings these three men to life in *Masters of the Air*, detailing their development as pilots, their battles in the air, and their near-death experiences.

**Airlift to the Top of the World**



Check out our latest CAHS-supporting discount book offer, *Airlift to the Top of the World*, a well-written account, accompanied with illustrations throughout, covering a relatively little-known RAF operation in the High Arctic in the early 1950s. The story opens with the involvement of Danish Naval Air Service (later Royal Danish Air Force) Cansos in Greenland and includes a few other Canadian connections further on.

**Limited time offer** – Please place your orders by **4 December 2020** if you are concerned about having it delivered before Christmas.



Publisher, Linden Hill, has extended to us a limited time offer to sell this new book at a discount in Canada as a fund-raiser for the CAHS.

The publisher's retail USD retail price is \$26 (about \$34 CAD, not including shipping or any other import costs if purchased directly from their online site).

We are offering this book for \$27.00 CAD (GST included) plus \$5.00 shipping a single copy, or \$6.00 shipping for two copies, in Canada.

Read [Fred Hutcheson's review of the book here](#)



## CAHS Chapter News

### Manitoba November Chapter Meeting

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The next Manitoba Chapter meeting will take place by Zoom on Thursday 26 November 2020, at 7 pm CDT. Their speaker this month is Jeff Bell. Jeff is a hydrogeological engineer at Friesen Drillers Ltd in Steinbach, but he's also an accomplished pilot who previously volunteered as the chief tow pilot for the Winnipeg Gliding Club, as a pilot for Vintage Wings of Canada, and now as a Harvard pilot for the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon. Jeff tells some of his Vintage Wings stories [here](#). He built his own [Van's RV-7](#) airplane, and has now restored to airworthiness a former RCAF Fleet Finch Mk I training aircraft for CATPM, which will be his subject for the evening. And yes, we are related. Bill Zuk has provided additional information about the Finch, which is included below.

This meeting will be online only. To attend, you must sign up at [www.bit.ly/CAHS-MB](http://www.bit.ly/CAHS-MB), no later than three hours before the meeting, so that we can send you the link. Our events are free and open to CAHS members and everyone interested in Canadian aviation history.

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Please [visit our website](#) to see what's been going on since the last newsletter. You can find information on Chapter events and meetings in the [Chapters](#) area, or visit the [Newsflash](#) page for quick links to all site updates, including the latest Journal issues available to non-members, a personal account of air travel during the early stages of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and those for each of our nine Chapters.

## In the News

### Thunderbirds Send Best Wishes to the CAHS

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CAHS Vice President Gord McNulty reports on a pleasant exchange with Thunderbirds Public Affairs Officer, Captain Remoshay Nelson.

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CAHS Vice President Gord McNulty with the litho print sent to him by the Thunderbirds Public Affairs Officer.

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## **Miss Pick Up in a Spot of Trouble on Loch Ness**

Crew Chief David Legg reports on a brief, unscheduled halt to the flying season for the UK's sole flightworthy Catalina, G-PBYA. He also provides a brief history of the aircraft – a former RCAF Canso A, serial number 11005 – and the US Air Force OA\_10 Catalina search and rescue aircraft markings she is restored in.

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Catalina G-PBYA following an engine failure while operating from Loch Ness, Scotland, recovery begins after an anxious time on the lake without the ability to leave under its own power.

*Gordon Menzies photo.*

## **A 3/4 Scale Replica of the Hawker Fury Biplane Fighter Nears Completion at Guelph, Ontario**

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In this brief report, Gord McNulty reports on the progress Guelph's Tiger Boys are making with this new addition to their collection, and provides a selection of recent photos taken this year at the Tiger Boys Fly-in.

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The Hawker Fury replica displays the colours of 43 Squadron, RAF. Shown at the 2020 Tiger Boys socially distanced fly-in.

## Remembering Women Who Served

By John Chalmers



During this month of Remembrance, we think of men in Canadian armed forces who lost their lives in combat, and honour them at services held at cenotaphs across the country. However, men were not the only ones in uniform. During the Second World War, more than 17,000

women wore the uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in a variety of capacities such as photographer, Morse Code specialist or aerial photo interpreter and held the rank of a senior officer.

Other women served as nurses or as pilots with the Air Transport Auxiliary. Thousands of civilian women contributed to the war effort in many capacities ranging from packing parachutes, servicing aircraft and training pilots in a Link Trainer, to building armament or aircraft.

"Ten Wonderful Wartime Women" is the title of CAHS member Elinor Florence's November *Letter from Windermere*. Historian and writer Elinor, who for five years wrote about the war in her *Wartime Wednesdays* series, now writes a monthly letter on a variety of topics. For Remembrance Day this year, she pays tribute to ten remarkable women veterans who served during the war and survived.

See Elinor's story about those women when you [click here](#). Elinor welcomes new readers; you can sign up there for her monthly newsletter. As well, at that link you can also connect to see more than 100 of her Wartime Wednesday stories. One of my favorites there is the story of Winston Churchill Parker of Okotoks, Alberta, whom I have had the pleasure of knowing and reading his book. Now 102 years old, he is the last survivor of his Wellington crew that was shot down and who then became prisoners of war.

## **An Aviation Museum That Publishes**

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By John Chalmers  
CAHS Membership Secretary



The Bomber Command Museum of Canada, located in the town of Nanton, Alberta, an hour's drive south of Calgary, has become more than just an aircraft museum. It is a publishing house as well!

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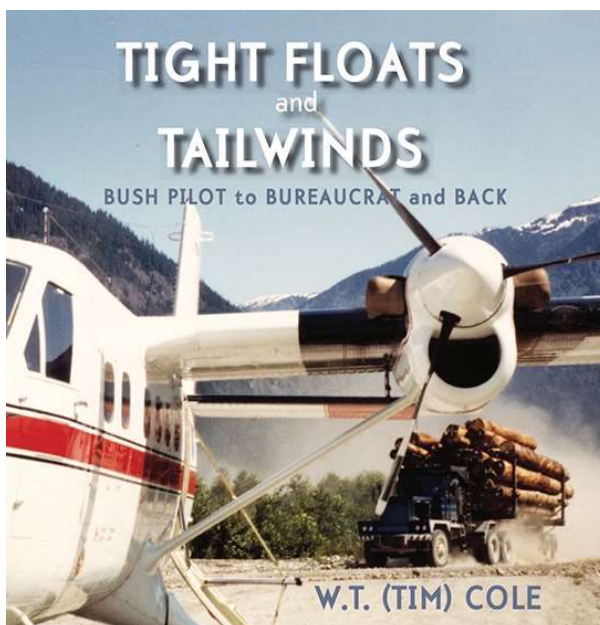
## **Canadian achievement in the air: the Avro Canada CF-105 Arrow**

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Library and Archives Canada released both a 2-part podcast featuring Palmiro Campagna talking about the Avro Arrow, as well as an accompanying blog post. Kyle Huth, CAHS Ottawa, is interviewed in the first part of the podcast and wrote the [blog post](#). [Click Here](#) for part 1, and [Click Here](#) for part 2 of the podcast.

## **Tight Floats and Tail Winds**

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Tight Floats and Tail Winds by Tim Cole is now available for purchase. The story of a Canadian farm boy and his journey as a bush pilot and then as a bureaucrat, and how he fund his way back to his aviation roots. This collection of stories describes the progress

of Tim Cole through one half of the history of aviation in Canada.

The Canadian cost for the book is \$34.99 plus \$5.00 shipping (for a total of **\$39.99 CAD**).

The US cost for the book is \$26.99 plus \$8.00 shipping (for a total of **\$34.99 USD**).

**Payment Options:**

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### **The Captain Judy Cameron Scholarship**

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Air Canada is proud to offer the Captain Judy Cameron Scholarship in honor of the airline's first female pilot with the goal of helping the next generation of women follow in her trailblazing footsteps.

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### Canadian Aviation Moments

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The **Canadian Aviation Moments** were submitted by **Dennis Casper** from the ***Roland Groome (Regina) Chapter*** of the CAHS. Good luck and have fun!

**The Canadian Aviation Moments questions and answers for November are:**

**QUESTION:** What All-Wood advanced Trainer was the British Equivalent of the Harvard during WWII?

**ANSWER:** "Designer F.G. Miles Innovative All-Wood Advanced Trainer was the British Equivalent of the Harvard" "While no examples of the Master ever flew in Canada, the type has a strong Canadian connection. Most Canadian fighter pilots destined to fly single-engine fighters overseas, whether in the RCAF or RAF were given time on the Master. They were the principal equipment of the Advanced Flying units (AFUs) to which fighter pilots were sent from the RCAF Personnel Reception Centre at Bournemouth prior to being posted to an Operational training Unit or to a squadron. With more power, the Master offered marginally better performance than the Harvard and was a good transition to the Hurricanes and early mark Spitfires used on Operational Training Units OTUs."

**SOURCE:** *The? Class*, by David W. Godfrey, CAHS Journal, Summer 2003, Page 56

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**QUESTION PART 1:** What was the name of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society when it was formed in January 1963:

**QUESTION PART 2:** What was the name of Vol. 1 No 1 newsletter of the association that is now known as the Canadian Aviation Historical Society

**ANSWER:** January 1963. The Canadian Aviation Historical Society was formed and issued its first Journal. (Original name was Early Birds Association of Canada and Vol 1,

No. 1 only was issued under the name of The Early Bird Enthusiast.)”

**SOURCE:** 1. *125 Years of Canadian Aeronautics – 1840 – 1965 – Page 295*

2. Vol 1 – No. 1 – *Journal of what is now called the Canadian Aviation Historical Society Journal*

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**QUESTION:** What were Roland Groome and/or Richard McCombie’s achievements?

**ANSWER:** “The end of World War 1 saw the return of military pilots and ground crew, notably Roland Groome, who gained a place in Canada’s aviation history in the spring of 1920 when the federal government’s new Air Board, which was traveling across western Canada, issued Canadian commercial pilot’s licence No. 1 to him. Groome’s business partner, Robert McCombie, received aero engineer’s licence No. 1; their airfield (in Regina’s Lakeview district) became Canada’s first licensed “air harbour”; and their Canadian-built JN-4 (Can) Canuck was registered G-CAAA—the first licenced aircraft in Canada..”

**SOURCE:** [esask.uregina.ca/entry/aviation.html](http://esask.uregina.ca/entry/aviation.html)

## Research Request

### Research Inquiry

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Neil Robson of Doncaster, England, has contacted the CAHS to see if anyone can be of help in locating family members of the late F/L (Ret.) Jack G. Brown. Jack was a Typhoon pilot in the RCAF, attached to 193 RAF Squadron and wrote an article called, “Recollections of a Typhoon Pilot” in the Vol. 22, No. 2 Summer 1984 edition of the CAHS Journal. At that time, Jack was living at 26 Easton Road in North York, Ontario.

Neil Robson’s uncle, F/O James McCartney, flew Hawker Typhoons with Jack Brown in 1943 and 1944, and was

killed in action on August 10, 1944. Neil has been researching the story of his uncle and would welcome information that may help him find any family members of Jack Brown. Neil can be reached at [neilmccartneyrobson@gmail.com](mailto:neilmccartneyrobson@gmail.com).



Hawker Typhoons of 193 RAF Squadron. Photo via internet, source unknown.

## Skyward

### Maxwell William Ward (1921 – 2020)

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By John Chalmers

With the passing of Max Ward, Canada has lost another aviation pioneer. He was the founder of his legendary company, Wardair, which he started in 1953 with a single aircraft, a de Havilland Otter.

Following his service with the RCAF as a flying instructor in Canada during the Second World War, the first aircraft Max owned was a de Havilland Fox Moth with which he flew passengers and freight, like the bush pilots he admired in the 1930s.

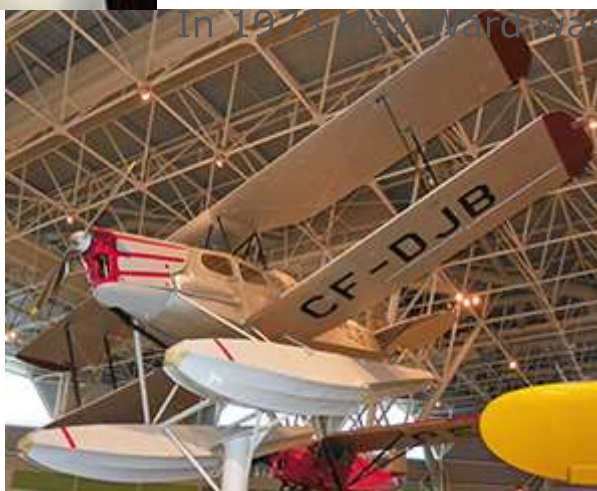
Max Ward is seen here with his wife Marjorie, at the 2018 induction dinner and ceremonies for Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, held in Calgary. He was inducted as an original Member of the Hall in 1974. (Rick Radell photo)

His company eventually flew aircraft that included Boeing 747, Douglas DC-10 and Airbus airliners. Beginning as a



regional carrier, Wardair became Canada's largest charter airline, known for its service, flying internationally and operating scheduled service. The company was eventually sold in 1989 to Canadian Airlines, which operated until 2001, when its aircraft were acquired by Air Canada.

the recipient of the Trans-Canada (McKee) Trophy, Canada's oldest and most prestigious aviation award. He was installed as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1975, and was a recipient of the Alberta Order of Excellence in 1989.



In 1973 Max Ward was

A resident of Edmonton, Max Ward died on November 2, twenty days before his 99th birthday. A Fox Moth once owned by Max, still "flies" today at the Canada Aviation Space Museum in Ottawa. (Chalmers photo) To see Max speak about his flying experience, [click here](#). More videos about Max can be seen at a CBC news site when you [click here](#).

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