



Canadian Aviation Historical Society

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President's Annual Report, 2021

It was a year of virtual programming for the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic meant that all our meetings were held through the Zoom video conferencing platform, as restrictions meant using the Mauril Bélanger Theatre at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum (CASM) was out of the question. The virtual meetings have had the benefit of allowing speakers and guests from across the country to attend our meetings.

The breakdown of the 2021 speakers and their topics are noted below:

- 28 January** - Aviation Collection Tour, John Henderson
- 25 February** - A New Role for an Old Argus Airframe, Glen Matthews
- 25 March** - Flying to Extremes, Dominique Prinnet
- 29 April** - The RCAF and the Aleutian Campaign, Bill March
- 27 May** - Leckie and the Lads, John Orr
- 30 September** - RCAF and the Occupation of Germany, Bill March
- 28 October** - Robert Archibald Logan: Renaissance Man, Mathias Joost
- 25 November** - The Sea King in Canadian Service, John Orr

With our speakers' permission we have added all of the above presentations to the [CAHS YouTube channel](#), which has continued to grow in subscribers, viewership, and videos. In addition to the recorded presentations, CAHS Ottawa added two videos recorded by Glen Matthews and the Chapter's first short aviation heritage video.

The Research and Projects Group (prayer group) met sporadically this past year; virtually when the weather was poor and outdoors during the nicer summer weather (adhering to provincial guidelines). The meeting continued to be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Program Convenor and Refreshments positions on the Chapter Executive continue to be vacant, with Mathias Joost, Hugh Halliday, and myself working to arrange speakers. Remember, in order to continue operating successfully, CAHS Ottawa does need volunteers, so please consider volunteering to fill either of the open positions!

On behalf of the Chapter Executive, I would like to extend my appreciation to the donors, presenters, and museum staff who continue to support CAHS Ottawa. My thanks are also extended to our members for their desire to share our rich aviation history and to those of you who submitted material to the *Observair*; we couldn't have our eight issues a year without you!

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to Glen Matthews for his work recording speakers and editing the videos, to Rod Digney, and Erin Gregory for organising the Research and Projects Group meetings, and to Mathias Joost and Hugh Halliday for their continued work on the Chapter Executive; all of you help make CAHS Ottawa a success.

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