

**TORONTO CHAPTER
THE CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
YEAR END ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2021**

The Toronto Chapter completed another successful year in 2021. After servicing all of our obligations we ended the year in the black although we suffered a significant loss in the year's operation. The Treasurer's report will provide the details. The year's income was from 88 membership fees for 2021 and the generous donations. We welcome an increased response to paid membership and donations. The paid membership is slightly more than for 2020 and we had 11 new members join us in 2021.

I would like to offer a special "Thank you" to Bob Winson, the Chapters' web site sponsor and "Flypast" co-ordinator. He retired from his duties of co-ordinating the Chapter's newsletter. Thanks are also due to Geoff Pyne, 2nd V/P as well as being in charge of the Chapter's Facebook web site along with member Nick Servos. There were no proceeds collected from the sale of aviation books and magazines thanks to the pandemic but we are booked to appear next April 3 at the Toronto Aviation and Airliners Collectables show. Geoff has officially been elected as the Chapter's Secretary. Special thanks are due to the other members of the Chapter's Executive especially Gord McNulty (Reporter of Members' meetings) and John Bertram (1st V/P and in charge of audio/video magic and now Program Chairman). Our new Director Eric Roscoe heads the Welcoming Committee but this function was stopped by the pandemic. Ken Swartz provided promotion for the Chapter's activities and assumed the enormous task of being the Editor for the "Flypast" newsletter. He developed more concepts to increase the Chapter's membership as well as to reach out to the members with posters of the coming meetings as well.

No meetings were held at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto. There is a slight possibility that we may return in a couple of months for in person meetings but the ongoing fight with the pandemic seems unlikely to happen before this fall. The 10 Chapter meetings were held as virtual meetings using the Zoom process.

Zoom Meeting Dates, Speakers, Topic and (Signed in Attendance Numbers)

January 14, 2021: Flying Officer E. Scott Maclagan (Ret'd), made a presentation entitled "A Canadian's Experience in the RCAF in the Cold War from 1955 -1962".
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February 11, 2021: Major Bill March (Ret'd), reported on "The Skies over Vimy".
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March 11, 2021: Martin Keenan covered "Cold War Spyplanes, Part II – The Lockheed Blackbirds".

April 8, 2021: John Bertram, spoke on "Lou Wise: Canada's Photographer".
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May 13, 2021: Robert Godwin's presentation was "**The Empire Strikes Out: Defence and the Commonwealth Space Program**". (38)

June 10, 2021: Ellin Bessner, spoke on "**Hidden Heroes: Canadian Jewish Airman in WWII**". (39)

September 9, 2021: Ken Swartz presentation was on "**EXPO 86: An Aviation Extravaganza**" which covered the aviation programs at the 1986 World Exposition on Transportation and Communications in Vancouver. BC. (43)

October 14, 2021: Malcolm Kelly's topic was "**Aerial Dreams and Training Schemes**". (36)

November 11, 2021: Chris Cooper-Slipper spoke about his father's flying career in the RAF during WWII. The topic was the "**Flying Career of T.P.M. "Mike" Cooper-Slipper, DFC**". (56)

December 9, 2021: Claude Sherwood spoke on his personal recollections of the Toronto Aerospace Museum and the Avro Arrow Replica under the title of "**Restoring the Spirit and Building a Legacy**". (59)

Chapter Membership changes and announcements:

Active Toronto Chapter Members who folded their wings in 2021 were Neil Macdougall (169) and Jack Phipps (25). Former members who passed were Ray Lank (2944) and Eric Dumigan (4551).

Due to COVID-19 most aviation activities were cancelled.

The Toronto Aviation History website <https://torontoaviationhistory.com> now has 149 "Flypast" Newsletters: Volume 28 (1993) and Volumes 37 to 54 incl. (2002-2003 to 2019-2020) produced by the Toronto Chapter CAHS and posted for the public to view and download for free at all times.

CHAPTER DONATIONS TO REGISTERED CHARITIES

The Directors decided to terminate the funding of the Don Rogers Scholarship Award with the Georgian College, Barrie. They were requesting that we increase the annual award from \$500 to \$1000. Based on the average annual collection of \$500 in the past 15 years, we decided that we couldn't meet that increase in the amount of the award. We donated \$500 to CAHS National to assist with their cash flow problems affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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President, Toronto Chapter CAHS,

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