



Turnbull (NB) Chapter

Canadian Aviation Historical Society

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Editors Message COVID-19

Hi everyone,

We all know about the State of Emergency in NB at this time due to the covid-19 pandemic. There is no need to repeat all of the advice and warnings. We will begin our 2020 program as soon as it is safe.

This issue is also our AGM issue. Since we cannot meet in person at this time, we have included our consolidated annual report for 2019 and our slate of officers to be elected at this time. We ask that you reply to our email by stating you vote yes for the election of new Directors and accept our consolidated annual report. If you have questions about any of this, please include it in your email and we will address it by email either to you personally or in an email addressed to all members.

We have lots in the planning stages for this year including three Speakers, the annual Pennfield Ridge Memorial and Battle of Britain Services, as well as planning for a special parade with 403 (City of Calgary) Squadron at Base Gagetown. We also have the plaque for KB110 to put in place and dedicate.

Most of you have email addresses and many of you use some form of Social Media. We have a FaceBook page and invite you to visit it - you can add to it and also comment on the items you see posted.

If you have not yet renewed your membership- guess what, it is that time. Without your support in both numbers and your \$20, it is difficult for us to maintain our goal of preserving NBs aviation heritage.

2020 Meetings POSTPONED

“Due to the covid-19 pandemic and the State of Emergency in NB, we will not begin our meeting program until the pandemic is over. Stay

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A bit of covid-19 humour



Annual General Meeting and Election of Directors for 2020

Consolidated Annual Report

This is the annual report from your Directors for 2019.

Treasurers:

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| Bank balance January 1, 2019: | \$7621.40 |
| Bank balance December 31, 2019: | \$7591.79 |

Expenses:

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| Pennfield and Delta 673 ceremonies | \$498.00 |
| Mosquito KB110 plaque: | |
| Speakers Expenses | \$100.00 |
| Bursary donation - | |
| Community Foundation | \$500.00 |

(this was to thank JD Irving, Limited, for their tremendous support for the Delta 673 project.)

The other expenses for the year were to print copies of the newsletter and postage.

Copies of our financial records were sent to National where they are part of the CAHS audit.

We are now able to receive e-transfers at turnbullnbchapter@gmail.com.

Don McClure Gallery:

Director Norm Shephard visited the Gallery several times over the year to ensure that the DVD machine was still operating properly and there were no issues with the display cases or the exhibits.

Some artifacts have been donated to the Chapter (identified in this newsletter) and are currently in the Airport office which is closed due to the covid-19 pandemic. These will be picked up and incorporated in the MCA and TCA exhibits.

Our lease with the Moncton airport for the Gallery has expired and its renewal will be a first order of business for your new Directors.

Membership:

We had forty-nine members for 2019, which included two corporate sponsors. We know that three of these members have passed.

At the beginning of 2020 we had twenty-six members. The membership Chair is currently processing five renewals and new memberships. Invoices are being sent to 2019 members who have not yet renewed.

Programs:

April 6: Our Moncton meeting was held at the Moncton Flight College. The speaker was Holly McKenzie, with Honeywell-Aerospace on PEI. Holly is an aero-tech and gave our members an in-depth look at the type of work she does to ensure air-engines continue to work properly.

August 18: We were co-sponsors of the Pennfield Ridge/Camp Utopia 'Service of Remembrance' with 250 (Saint John) Wing, RCAF Association. The service was held at the former Tourism Park in Pennfield. After the service a luncheon was held at the Lions Community Centre.

The Speaker was Squadron Leader Bruce Carter, CD, (Member #239) who spent a short time at Pennfield during the Second World War. Our Vice-President, Dr. Bruce Lockhart (Member #180), also spoke about Warrant Officer Basil Hargrove,

RCAF who died in December 942 on operations. His brother Bernard's obituary is in this newsletter.

September 14: We sponsored the 'Service of Remembrance' at Juniper for the crew of the Northrup Delta 673, with tremendous support from J.D. Irving, Limited. The planning of this event was done over several months. The ceremony had several special guests of honour: Major General Blaise Frawley, OMM, CD, Deputy Commander of the RCAF, and Mr. J.K. Irving and his son Mr. Jim D. Irving, of J.D. Irving, Limited, and three members of the Rennie Family: Lynda Diepold, Shirley Routliffe, and Walter Bateson.

The Delta crash site is on J.D. Irving property. The Company provided all manners of support: helicopters and motor vehicles, media, on-site personnel, lunch, and a permanent monument at the crash site. See the #2/#3 Summer/Fall 2019 CONTACT for the story of this ceremony.

The evening before the ceremony the Chapter took Major General Frawley and his staff for an informal dinner. We were joined by thirty members of the Chapter, 250 Wing and the RCAF. There was an Early Childhood Educator who participated at the ceremony. She is currently preparing an educational program about the aircraft and its crew, WO2 James Doan and Cpl. David Rennie. More details will be included in a follow-up issue of CONTACT.

During this ceremony a plaque was unveiled to the crew of DeHaviland Mosquito KB110, Flying Officer Donald Willett and Sgt. Earl Bround. They died when their aircraft crashed at Black River, outside of Saint John. This plaque will be put in place at the crash site in the spring of 2020. J.D. Irving, Limited also provided a frame for mounting this plaque.

September 15: We were co-sponsors with 250 (Saint John) Wing, RCAF Association with their annual Battle of Britain ceremony. We arranged to have members of two of the Battle of Britain casualty families, Hamilton and Trueman, participate. We also arranged to have a fly past of a Griffon helicopter from 403 (City of Calgary) Squadron.

October 19: Our Fredericton meeting was held at the York Care Centre in Fredericton. The speakers were Suzanne and Christianne Vachon who spoke about their father Pierre. Peter Atkinson also spoke about his father Bruce. Pierre and Bruce were founding members of our Chapter. The third

founding member was Don McClure and his story was told in last years #2/3 Spring/Fall 2019 of CONTACT.

ELECTION

New Directors:

We are the only Chapter in the country which is not a City Chapter. All others have a dedicated meeting schedule and location. In 1996 we decided that we would be a provincial chapter and meet in Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton. In earlier years we had physical meetings in those Cities a few times a year. Our schedule is now down to at least three yearly meetings, one in each City. We also participate in at least two ceremonies per year.

Most of the business of the Chapter is now done by your Directors via emails and telephone conversations. We have been meeting as a full Executive body once a year.

Because of our provincial organization and meeting in three Cities, with a membership from around the Province, our Annual Meeting reports and election will be done electronically. The proposed new Executive for this current year is:

Bruce Lockhart, Bath, President (Member #180)
Greg Boudreau, Saint John, Treasurer (Member #266)
Harold E. Wright, Saint John, Secretary (Member #6)
Peter Hanlon, Saint John, Membership (Member #231)
Boyd Trites, Saint John, Director, co-newsletter (Member #90)
Jim Sulis, Saint John, Director (Member #8)
Norm Sheppard, Sackville, Director, Don McClure Gallery (Member #148)
Lewie Kernighan, Saint John, Director (Member #276)
Hilery Hargrove, Plaster Rock, Director (Member # not available yet)

To vote for this years new Directors and to accept this Annual Report, reply with the word YES to our mail:

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2019 in review



Moncton - Holly McKenzie with Ev McQuinn.

Pennfield - Greg Boudreau, Bruce Carter, Tom White and Bruce Lockhart.



Battle of Britain - 403 Squadron and the Rennie Family.



Juniper - Major General Frawley, J.K. Irving, Jim D. Irving, the Rennie family and 403 Squadron.



Bernard Hargrove received a copy of his brothers RCAF file.



Fredericton—Vachon and Atkinson.



2020 Programs

The covid-19 pandemic has delayed our meeting schedule. We have three speakers lined up for Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John. This is the tentative schedule:

Moncton - Larry Ricker (Member #250) is a retired pilot with the RCAF and Air Canada (retired 2018). He last spoke to our members in 2013.

Larry owns a First World War Nieuport replica. He will speak of his participation in the 2017 Vimy Flight. The meeting will be held in his hangar at Lower Coverdale (directions will be provided once a date has been confirmed). Larry will also give a demonstration flight.



Fredericton - Harold E. Wright (Member #6) will speak of Flight Lieutenant Miller G. Britain, DFC. Miller completed an operational tour as a Bomb Aimer on the Halifax before he became an Official War Artist. The presentation will show for the first time some of his RCAF art. The meeting will be held at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.



Saint John - Sue Erhlander (Member #145) is a private pilot and served as co-Chair for our 2012 CAHS national conference. Sue will speak about her first night in Ground School in 1973.



That night the Saint John Flying Club's Cherokee 140 CF-WDT crashed, February 22, 1973. The pilot was Bill McLeod with three passengers. She will share her memories of that night and of those involved. The meeting location will be confirmed. It may be at the new Irving Oil Hanger (built 2020) at YSJ, or at the Shannex Nursing Home in Millidgeville.

Challenge Coins

Some of you may collect Challenge Coins. Your newsletter editor and Director Peter Hanlon (Member #231) both have a collection. They may do a Chapter presentation on this subject in the future. Most of the editor's coins relate specifically to New Brunswick or Saint John aviation subjects.

Do you think the Chapter should have its own coin? This could be purchased by members and presented to Speakers and Guests. Perhaps we could explore doing a joint coin with 250 (Saint John) Wing, or the Air Force Club in Moncton - we could share the costs. What do you think?

Did you know that there is an extremely RARE RCAF coin? During the Second World War a Toronto Company, Cairn-Craft Creations, minted a few different coins which they called 'Regimental Lucky Pocket Pieces'. You can google Regimental Rogue and Regimental Lucky Pocket Pieces.



"Canadian regimental coins do, however, have one early forerunner from the Second World War. One small company in Toronto, now defunct, minted a series of coins called the Regimental Lucky Piece. Twenty-five cents got the purchaser, whether a member of the subject unit or a relative or admirer, a 1¼-inch coin with badge and unit name on one side and generic good luck symbolism on the reverse."

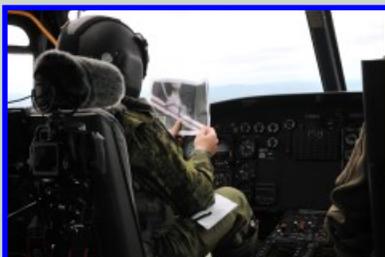


403 Squadron Freedom



In the fall of 2019 your Executive decided to request that the City of Saint John grant 403 (City of Calgary) Helicopter Operational Training Squadron, with the Freedom of the City of Saint John. Earlier this year Saint John Common Council agreed to present to the

Squadron the City's highest civic honour. Plans for a ceremony are currently on hold due to the pandemic isolation. The Squadron has provided tremendous support to our Chapter, the RCAF Association and New Brunswick Air Cadet Squadrons for several decades.



In 2017 we also asked the City of Saint John to grant the Freedom of the City to the nine air, sea and army cadet units in the Greater Saint John area. That Freedom parade was held in the fall of 2017.

In 2012 we also asked the City of Saint John to grant the Freedom of the City to 403 (City of Saint John) Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron at Cold Lake. That Freedom parade was held during the CAHS Annual Meeting which was in Saint John in the fall of 2012.

Did you know?

Many of us know that Amelia Earhart has a slight connection to NB. In 1932 she was a passenger which landed overnight at the Municipal Airport in Saint John. She was enroute to Harbour Grace, where she began her Atlantic crossing. During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, Earhart had a connection to the 1918-19 Spanish Flu epidemic.

In 1918 Earhart visited her sister Muriel who was in school in Toronto. Moved by what she saw of the injured veterans in the City, Earhart became a nurses aid of the Voluntary Aid Detachment and worked at the Spadina Military Hospital. Here she met members of the Royal Flying Corps. Earhart caught the flu but recovered. She later learned to fly in California.

A query from Norm

Director Norm Shephard (Member #148) posted this query on our FaceBook page:

Fifty-three years ago I started to build a replica of a famous DH60 Gypsy Moth, using a 1/72 scale Frog model kit but never finished it. At the time I had a reference photo of some kind but have no idea now of the registration of the aircraft. I think it involved an endurance record of some sort but can't be sure. The plane was deep red maroonish with silver wings and tail. Does anyone recall this aircraft? Probably UK registered. I just found the incomplete model and want to finish it.



Norm also posted this historical tidbit about Maritime Central Airways. Aircraft CF-BXZ was lost on a routine flight from Saint John to Goose Bay on March 22, 1952. It was hauling materials for the DEW Line project. It is believed that the load broke loose and shifted. The crew of four were lost. The wreckage was discovered in August 1953 in Gaspé.



The future-April 2024

The centennial of the RCAF is in 2024. We can mark this significant event by having a meeting in Bristol in 2024. Florenceville-Bristol is planning an event which fits our mandate as a Chapter. In four years, on April 8, there will be a Solar Eclipse. The Town of Florenceville-Bristol is directly in the centre of the path of totality! This is something that most of us will never get to experience again in our lifetime. Colonel Chris Hadfield will be the keynote speaker for this event.

Passing of Members

Sadly three members of the Chapter have passed since our last newsletter. We extend to their families the condolences of the members of our Chapter. The members were Everett McQuinn (Member #20), Frank Gale (Member #180) and Bernard Hargrove (Member #271).

Ev was a long time Director of the Chapter, and filled many roles including programs, newsletter and the McClure Gallery at the Moncton Airport. Frank could be counted on to attend all meetings with his close friend Gerald Greer. Bernard participated in our Juniper ceremony last September when we remembered his two brothers who were lost during the Second World War.

Frank Gilbert Gale 1925-2019: Frank, age 94, born April 3, 1925, passed away on October 5, 2019 in Fredericton. He is survived by his sons David (Maria) of Coquitlam, BC, and Stephen (Debra) of Kelowna, BC, and grandchildren Olivia and Simon; also survived by brother Royce of Sherbrooke, QC, and Philip of Hudson, QC, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife Ann (Turner) and by his parents Royce and Doris Gale of Waterville, QC.

Frank served in the RCAF in the Second World War (Flight Engineer - Halifax Bomber). He then became a helicopter pilot and flew with Universal Helicopters and the Canadian Coast Guard in Newfoundland. Frank was a radio "Ham" operator for over 65 years, an aircraft modeller and a long-time member of COPA.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no service or visitation by request. A private interment will follow at a later date in the Gale family plot in the Greenwood Cemetery in Waterville, QC. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Ottawa General Hospital in Ottawa, ON, St. Paul's United Church in Fredericton or to a charity of your choice.

Everett Clifford McQuinn 1931-2019: Ev McQuinn, a local aviation and locomotive historian, went Home to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve. Ev was born in Moncton to Rowena Alfreda (Duffy) and Ira Clifford "Ted" McQuinn. He was a dedicated, Godly man who was devoted to his Maker and to his family. He is in Heaven now with his beloved grandson, his parents, and sister.

A long-time resident of Riverview, he grew up in Bridgedale and was always proud of his Albert County heritage. He spent his idyllic boyhood summers working on the Duffy farm in Lower Coverdale with his Uncle Bill, on the property that has been in the Duffy family since 1827. He is a descendant of several early families in the area including the lines of Duffy, Jonah, Lutz, Proctor, Peck, Stieff, and Somers. He was extremely proud of his Irish roots. Ev was instrumental in the dedication and placement of a marble tombstone on the grave of his great-grandfather, William McQuinn, a Civil War veteran, who is buried in Sackville. A military re-enactment ceremony was held there in 2004.

Everett was a well-known, well-loved salesman in the area. His career began with Swift Canadian Company in Newcastle before he was transferred back to Moncton, and it continued with Hub Meat Packers until his retirement. He won several top salesman achievement awards and was well-known for his honesty and outgoing personality. It was impossible to go somewhere with Dad without him running into a former customer and friend.

Ev leaves behind his loving, dedicated wife, Noreen (nee Cripps), daughter Judy Seeley (Tom) of Moncton, and son, David (Heather) of Fredericton. He was always so proud of his children, and they are devastated by his loss. He was predeceased by his parents, Freda (1979) and Ted (1980), his adored grandson, David Everett C. McQuinn (1995), and his sister Marie (2018). He was also predeceased by his grandparents, Johiel and Jennie (Jonah) Duffy, and Roy and Minnie (Proctor) McQuinn. He leaves behind his precious grandchildren, Victoria McQuinn (Ben Dick) of Riverview, and Brittany McEachern (Jordan), Matthew (Josie), William (Madison) McQuinn of Fredericton and his first ever great-grandchild Everly Joy McQuinn. He will be sadly missed by his siblings, Don of Riverview, and Lois Wallace (Kent) of Calgary.

Ev belonged to the Moncton Gospel Hall and previously was a member and deacon of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was an executive member of the New Brunswick Chapter of the Canadian Warplanes Heritage Association, a member of the Turnbull (NB) Chapter, Canadian Aviation Historical Society, the Monarchist League of Canada, and a past member of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association. He was the Director who managed the Chapter's Don McClure Aviation Gallery. He and his longtime friend, Don McClure, worked countless hours to create and assemble an aviation exhibit at the Greater Moncton International Airport so that a legacy of Moncton's

aviation history would be left for future generations to share.

The family received relatives and friends at Cobb's Funeral Home and Cremation Center, on Saturday, December 28, 2019, with Pastor Joel Eastwood and Rev. Michael Budd officiating. Internment took place at Fair Haven Cemetery.

Bernard John Hargrove 1924-2019: Bernard, age 95, of Bath passed away at the River View Manor on December 22. Bernard was born on January 13, 1924 in Mineral, NB, a rural and close-knit farming community outside of Bath. He was the loving son of John and Fronie (MacDougall) and the last surviving sibling to brothers Russell, Basil, Burt, Vernon and sisters Flora, Mary, Avis and Mabel.

His brothers Burt and Basil were killed overseas during the Second War. Burt was with New Brunswick's Carleton & York Regiment. He died during the Sicily invasion in 1943 when his transport ship was sunk. Burt is commemorated on the Cassino Memorial in Italy.

His brother Basil joined the RCAF and was lost on December 31, 1942. Basil served as a bomb aimer on a Lancaster with 83 Squadron, Royal Air Force. Basil is buried in the Uden Commonwealth War Cemetery in Holland.

Bernard was a graduate of Bath High School in 1941, Teachers College in Fredericton in 1942 and the University of New Brunswick in 1946, where he completed his degree in Electrical Engineering. Bernard married the love of his life, Polly, in 1946 and they enjoyed 68 wonderful years of marriage until her death in 2015. Together, they lovingly brought 12 children into their family.

Bernard enjoyed a long and successful career as an Electrical Engineer. He worked in Montreal for two years for the Bell Telephone Co. and then returned to Bath to start an electrical sales, service and contracting business. Over the years, while Bernard was helping bring power to residents and businesses throughout the rural community, Polly was busy raising children and selling the first GE household appliances and snowmobiles to the area.

In 1960 Bernard and Polly began developing a private hydro-electric dam and generating station on the Monquart stream in Bath. They interconnected the generating station with NB Power in 1979 and Bernard continued to work on his labour of love until a short time before his passing. They were pioneers in the renewable energy business in NB. Bernard was a gifted engineer and, with Polly's help, he was

able to bring his vision to life.

Bernard very much enjoyed the outdoors – hunting and fishing and being surrounded by nature. He loved music and had a knack for playing many instruments by ear, including the fiddle, harmonica and guitar. He and Polly enjoyed hosting “sings” at their home with large crowds of family, friends and neighbours. Bernard was also somewhat famous among his family and friends for his long and detailed stories about his many interesting adventures, experiences and near-escapes.

He was known by some as “Sparky” for his remarkable ability to solve any electrical problem. Bernard is survived by daughter Jennifer (Bill) Oakes of Fredericton; son Basil of Melbourne, Australia; son Garfield (Sandra) of Bath; son Hilery of Plaster Rock; daughter Jaye of Bath; son Larry (Anna) of Toronto; son Jeff (Rose Lee) of Bath; son Darren (Tamara) of Saint John; daughter Heidi (Dave) of Bath; and daughter Jill (Richard) Niedermayer of Halifax.

Bernard was predeceased by his infant daughter Cheryl Lynne in 1961 and eldest son Gregor in 2008. Bernard will also be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his 21 grandchildren: Jeremy and Ben Oakes; Josh and Jana Hargrove and Sommer Fox; Zakary and Levi Hargrove and Emily Nevers; Phoebe Tallman and Hannah Henter; Claire and Spencer Hargrove; Sam and Sarah Hargrove; Clay and Craig Hargrove and Shelby DeMerchant; Elias and Avery Grant; and Henry and Stella Niedermayer. Bernard also leaves behind 15 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Bernard's funeral service was held at L.R. Giberson Funeral Home in Florenceville-Bristol on December 29. Burial was in the Pine Tree Cemetery, Bath.

These obituaries had minor editing to allow for space considerations.

Donations in memory of our departed members can be made to our own Wade-Myles Bursary managed by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. Details are found later in the newsletter.





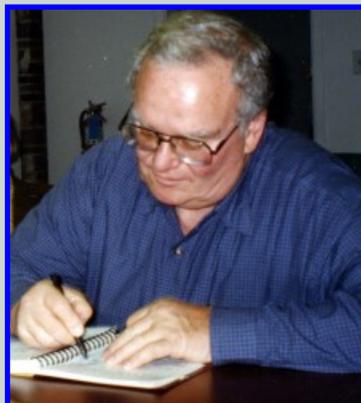
Frank Gale, Ev McQuinn, Bernard Hargrove

Fredericton Meeting October 2019

Our meeting was held at the York Care Centre on Sunset Drive on 19 October. We had a large turnout of both members and residents of the nursing home. This was Bruce Atkinson's final residence. This meeting was to pay tribute to our two founding members, Pierre Vachon and Pierre Atkinson. The obituaries of both members, and of the third founder, Don McClure, was presented in our Fall 2019 newsletter. This is a very brief summary of the presentations.

Christianne and Suzanne Vachon spoke about their father Pierre (Member #1). They gave a most heartfelt and loving picture of not only their père, but also of his parents who instilled in Pierre a love of family, country and aviation. Pierre served his community and our Chapter with distinction. He had a long and distinguished career in the civil service in Ottawa and Fredericton. As a founding member of Turnbull he served in many executive positions. Pierre was also a member of the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society and the Canadian Aviation Artists Association. They spoke lovingly of how much respect and affection Pierre had for his father Roméo, a man who had an outstanding aviation career and paved the way for Pierre's own contributions to the preservation of aviation heritage.

Roméo Vachon was a pilot and airline executive, flying for Laurentide Air Service, the Ontario Provincial Air Service and Canadian Airways. He received the McKee Trophy in 1937. The following year Roméo joined Trans Canada Airlines and in 1944 he was made a member of the federal Air Transport Commission. Big shoes to follow and Pierre did that with distinction. Pierre's loss to the Turnbull Chapter is still being felt today.



Peter Atkinson spoke about his father Bruce (Member #0). He was joined at the meeting with his wife Gina and his brother Jamie. He began by saying that the common thread in his presentation was that Bruce was personally or coincidentally connected with all of these events.

Bruce was born in Prince William, NB in 1930. His father Robert, was a blacksmith and a veteran of the First Great War. Robert died from lingering war injuries when Bruce was just 3 years old. That same year, Dad had his first encounter with airplanes, an event that he never forgot, and one that shaped his life. This event was the visit of Italian General Italo Balbo and an armada of seaplanes to Shediac Bay. Their route after crossing the Atlantic from Ireland was to Cartwright, Labrador, down to Shediac and onward to Montreal. On this stretch they partially followed the St. John River Valley, past Prince William. Peter painted for us the image of three year old Bruce, watching from up on the hill as these huge aircraft flew past. He was captivated and it led to his lifelong interest in airplanes and the art of flying.

The Atkinson family eventually moved to Fredericton and later they met Frank Pridham, the owner of Harvey Studios. Bruce and his two brothers Hubert and Ted, all worked for Harveys. Hubert had photographed a crashed Lysander at Barkers Point during the war which undoubtedly piqued an interest in Bruce. Hubert joined the RCAF.

Bruce joined 333 Air Cadet Squadron and at summer camp in 1946 he had his first flight, a Canso, at RCAF Station Sydney, NS. To say Bruce was hooked would be an understatement. One was Pilot Officer Harold Mitchell, a bomber pilot who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Peter also deftly tied together Bruce's personal life with his aviation interests.

Bruce met Carolyn Crawford from Blackville, at the Young Peoples Group at Wilmot United Church. They were married in July 1956, and after renting an apartment for about a year, decided to have a house built in the new Skyline Acres Subdivision up off the old Forest Hill Road. They moved in the late summer of 1958, just across the street from the original Stan Cassidy Rehabilitation Centre. We moved into the first house to be completed on Woodbridge Street.

Peter was fascinated by the old house at the bottom of the street. It was the Woodbridge Farm One of the out buildings was covered in scallop shells, nailed onto the outside walls and painted in

decorative patterns. This was the old workshop of brothers Howard and Norman Woodbridge. It turns out that in 1903, the brothers in their teenage years, were experimenting with flight and engines.

Bruce's work at Harvey Studios also involved aerial photography and portraits of pilots and others involved with aviation as well as Air Cadets. For his aerial work Bruce would hire a pilot and plane, a Cessna 172 with overhead wings. With the passenger door removed, Dad would belt in and, after a noisy and often cold flight, would arrive at the destination. The pilot would circle in a banking turn and Bruce, trusting in the Lord, and even more in the seat belt, would lean out and take the shot.

This aerial photography also kept him in contact with the local pilots at the airport and he and Gilbert Carty were two of the founding members of the Fredericton Flying Club. Now the air plane bug was now too much for Bruce and he wanted to become a pilot. He was the first student of the Flying Club and received his license in 1969. He eventually became President of the Club.

But it was to Peter's mom, Charlotte, who began the chain of events which led to our Chapter being formed. She had a few aircraft photos from her friend Aida Flemming, wife of the late Premier Hugh John Flemming. Nobody knew the story behind the photos, which showed an aircraft which had a forced landing.

The long and short of that story is that Bruce, Pierre and Don McClure put their respective heads and research skills together and eventually identified the scene as the aircraft of Russian General Kokkinaki and his navigator, Major Gordienko, who made front line news when their plane forced landed at Miscou Island in 1939. The three of them, and others, had a meeting in Saint John in 1996 and formed the Turnbull (NB) Chapter. The Chapter dedicated a memorial plaque on Miscou Island in 2014.



Peter made it clear throughout his talk that friends and family were the glue which kept Bruce going, especially with his interest in aviation subjects. He recognized one of Bruce's closest friends, Graham Allen (Member #38).

The presentations were a fitting tribute to two of our founding members.



DeHaviland Mosquito KB110

Flying Officer Donald A. Willett and Sgt. Earl D. Bround

Per Ardua Ad Astra

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| <p>M. Moscou, Lt. Pilote Officier Donald Arthur Willett Sergent Earl Douglas Bround</p> <p>At 9:45, on November 11, 1944, the De Havilland Mosquito (serial # KB110) based at the Operational Training Unit (OTU) at Greenham, West Sussex, began a cross-country navigation training exercise. The aircraft was to return to the base at 10:00. The aircraft was piloted by 34-year-old Officer Willett, and 23-year-old Flying Sergeant Bround, Navigator Earl Douglas Bround.</p> <p>As the flight progressed, weather conditions deteriorated. The last radio transmission from the KB110 was at approximately 10:20 AM. By 10:30 AM, the KB110 was still not on the ground. At the time, the KB110 was thought to be returning to base.</p> <p>The KB110 was later seen on the ground by a fisherman in the vicinity of Black River at approximately 10:30 AM, flying low along the May of Fundy Coast and heading in an easterly direction.</p> <p>The Coast of Inquiry determined that the aircraft was in high ground obscured by clouds shortly thereafter at this location, taking the form of dark rain clouds.</p> | <p>A. Moscou, Lt. Lieutenant d'Aviation Donald Arthur Willett Sergent Earl Douglas Bround</p> <p>À 9 h 45, le 11 novembre 1944, un De Havilland Mosquito (numéro de série KB110) basé à l'OTU (Opérationnel Training Unit) de Greenham, West Sussex, a commencé une mission de formation de navigation croisière. L'avion devait retourner à la base à 10 heures. L'avion était piloté par l'officier Donald Arthur Willett, âgé de 34 ans, et le sergent Earl Douglas Bround, âgé de 23 ans, navigateur.</p> <p>Pendant le vol, les conditions météorologiques se détériorèrent. À environ 10 h 20, le KB110 n'était toujours pas sur le terrain. À ce moment, on pensait que l'avion était en route de retour à la base.</p> <p>Plus tard, vers 10 h 30, le KB110 fut aperçu au-dessus d'un îlot rocheux dans les environs de Black River. L'avion volait bas, le long de la côte de la baie de Fundy, et se dirigeait vers l'est.</p> <p>La Coast of Inquiry a déterminé que l'avion était en haute altitude, caché par les nuages, peu de temps après, l'avion a été vu sous la forme de nuages sombres, prenant la forme de nuages sombres.</p> |
| <p>This area is a significant historic aviation archaeological site. Zone de recherche Do not disturb any aircraft wreckage</p> | <p>Ce lieu est un site archéologique historique important de l'aviation. S.V.P. avant respectueux Veuillez donc ne pas retirer les débris de l'avion</p> |
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This crash plaque will be placed at the crash site east of Saint John this spring. We want to thank John Belding of Manchester Enterprises Ltd. for this, as well as the property owners for permission to place the plaque at the crash site. We also thank J.D. Irving, Limited for their support.

1943 Harvard Crash

Bruce Estabrooks of Riverview, who is now becoming a member, provided information on this crash. He has found a relative of one of the crew. Bruce is currently confirming the exact site of the crash. If the site is found, we will consider placing one of our plaques later this year.

WRECKED PLANE WITH SKELETONS FOUND

June 3/46 — The wreckage of an R.C.A.F. Harvard training plane containing the skeletons of two airmen was discovered last Thursday afternoon in the heavy timberland between Anderson Settlement and the St. Andre Road, eighteen miles from Sackville. The remains of the two airmen were identified as those of LAC. John Kenneth Murphy of Montreal and FO. Joseph McMorris of Saskatchewan. The plane was identified as the one that left the former No. 8 Service Flying Training School at Moncton early on the afternoon of Dec. 1, 1943, and was presumed to have crashed as it had carried only sufficient fuel to last until 4 p.m. that afternoon.

The discovery of the wreckage was made at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon by Seward Babcock, well known lumber cruiser, accompanied by J.L. Black of Middle Sackville and Howard Wells while cruising a 500 acre lumber lot owned by J.L. Black and Sons.

The plane had evidently landed after a nose dive. The propellor was buried in the ground and the one engine and the front part of the plane were burned. The wings and tail were intact.

The remains were removed from the plane on Saturday by George Campbell & Sons, undertakers of Middle Sackville, and will be forwarded to their kin.

SACKVILLE TRIBUNE AND TIMES

Lauriet's 1840 Balloon Flight - Heritage Fair 2019

In May 2019 grade 5 student Sophia Del Valle won first prize for her heritage fair project.



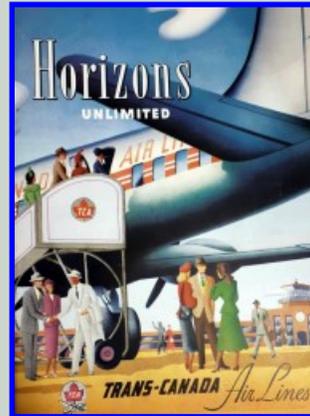
In the fall her family visited the air space museum in San Diego, California. Sophia was very happy to see a plaque of the Montgolfier brothers who she wrote about in her heritage fair project.



Don McClure Gallery

The Chapter established this Gallery at the Romeo LeBlanc International Airport at Moncton in the early years of this century. Recently we have been offered the following items to add to our exhibits:

1. Brochure, TCA "Horizons Unlimited"
2. Dinner knife, TCA
3. Book of Matches, Air Canada DC9
4. Lighter, TCA "The Maple Leaf Route"
5. Maple Leaf pin, TCA
6. Wing pin, TCA



Wade-Myles Bursary

The Chapter established our own Bursary Fund with the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. The Executive have decided at this time not to draw out any funds from the interest earned but to invest that into the Fund. The Wade-Myles Bursary will assist any New Brunswick student whose family has a connection with aviation. That is a very broad field and we wanted to make our Bursary as inclusive as possible. If you make Charitable Donations as part of your Tax Planning, or in memory of a friend or family member, please consider our own Bursary. Details at the end of the newsletter.

As of 2018, the last audit date for the Foundation, the Bursary balance was 19,777.84.

YSJ History Wall

A few years ago management at YSJ asked Saint John Historian (and your newsletter editor) for help in providing information and images for a history wall. Harold is working on an aviation history called 'Wings in the Fog, Jimmy Wade, KC Irving and Saint John Aviation'. He provided his history time line and over 100 photos. If you make it to YSJ make sure you learn about Canada's birthplace of aviation, 1840 to 2018.



Congratulations

We extend congratulations to two members of the Chapter who recently received recognition.

Captain Tom White, CD, (Member #283) was presented with a Certificate of Honour by the Honourable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. This was on behalf of the Royal United Services Institute for his contribution to the Canadian Forces through the air cadet program.



Tom is a past National President of the Air Cadet League and also continues to serve on the Provincial Committee. Tom works on many committees including fund-raising, screening, and also selection for six-week courses.

Lewie Kernighan (Member #276) was awarded a Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship. This is a UNB entrance scholarship valued at \$40,000, of which only six are awarded. Selections are made on a basis of scholastic attainment, moral character, industrious habits, and financial need. Lewie will be attending UNBSJ this fall, studying Engineering. He will be joining the RCN (Reserve) at HMCS Brunswicker. Lewie has also agreed to join our Turnbull Board of Directors for the coming year. Lewie is the Student Council President for Simonds High School where he graduated this year.



Air Cadets

The Commander of Cadets Canada has cancelled all cadet training activities until 31 August 2020. This cancellation decision will affect all local training, Squadron trips, summer camps and training, Flying Scholarships and activities and in-person training for Cadet Instructors Cadre officers.

There are currently 21 Squadrons in the Province. The oldest is 101 Moncton, followed by 161 (C.K. Beveridge) in Saint John. The newest is 877 Nequac.

For more information on what the Squadrons are doing around the province, visit their web site:

[www.http://aircadetleaguenb.ca/](http://aircadetleaguenb.ca/)

Your Editor recently purchased a large collection of early Air Cadet documents, dating to the formation of the League in 1941. One of the founding members of the League was First World War ace Squadron Leader Wendell Rogers, an Executive with K.C. Irving in Saint John.

This is a 1946 recruiting pamphlet.



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The Company began in the Moncton area, and now has offices in Saint John, Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and Kolkata, India.

Jeff Kitchen Real Estate, and its partner Vantage Build, is located in Rothesay. Their team is part of the Re/MAX team of professional realtors.

Vantage Build’s was moulded around the philosophy is for interesting homes that are affordable with purposeful layouts.

Both Companies are co-located with the Garden Grove Café just off the Rothesay Commons.

Jeff Kitchen’s grandfather was Squadron Leader Don McIntyre, DFC, AFC, MID, DFC (US). Don’s story was told in CONTACT #1 Spring 2019.



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Membership

Do you have a friend who has an interest in aviation? Yes? Good, then why don't you give them a gift membership.

Annual membership dues are \$20.00

We can now accept internet email transfers for membership. Send to turnbullnbchapter@gmail.com

Members 2020 - Have you renewed yet?

Some related Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John Organizations

250 (Saint John) Wing, RCAF Association.

Royal United Services Institute, Saint John.

Friends of the N.B. Military Museum, Base Gagetown.

Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Fredericton.

Riverview Veterans & Armed Forces Association.

Airforce Veterans Club of Moncton.

Royal Canadian Legion, Provincial Command.

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Artifact

Director Peter Hanlon (Member #231) did some research on a ships "compass," which was presented to Group Captain Ken Patrick, OBE, CD in 1953. It is in fact a Waltham Chronometer. Peter did some minor maintenance to the unit and it is running about four minutes off a week.



Ken Patrick and four brothers were from Saint John and all served in the RCAF during the Second World War. After the war Ken started a company in Montreal, well known in aviation circles as CAE (<https://www.cae.com/>).



Canadian Aviation Historical Society

The Society's National Conference which was scheduled for Vancouver this year has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be rescheduled for the Greater Vancouver area for 2021. Like the Turnbull (NB) Chapter, we have had to rely on the internet and emails to relay information to our Executive and members.

The Manitoba Chapter will be hosting an online presentation via Zoom at 7 pm CDT on Thursday 30 April and all CAHS members across the country are invited! Their topic this month will be the development and technical aspects of what is likely to be the last Canadian-designed jet airliner, the Bombardier C Series. The speaker is Manitoba Chapter president Jim Bell, an Air Canada aircraft maintenance engineer who spent most of November and December learning the A220's systems in detail.

Using Zoom or some other online format may be the future for Turnbull presentations.

We receive many of the newsletters from the other Chapters and it has been our policy to forward these to members. That will continue with future newsletters. If you know someone who has an interest in aviation heritage, please forward those newsletters, as well as our own newsletter to them. Also encourage them to join our Chapter if in the Maritimes, or another Chapter across the country (and National of course!)

There are nine chapters of the Society. They are Montreal Chapter, Ottawa Chapter, Toronto Chapter, Manitoba Chapter, Roland Groome Chapter in Regina, Calgary Chapter, Medicine Hat Chapter, and Vancouver Chapter.

Our own Chapter is named for W. Rupert Turnbull, the builder of Canada's first wind tunnel and who patented a modification to the variable pitch propeller.

For further information about CAHS National, visit their web site: <https://www.cahs.ca/>



Various Nuts & Bolts



Municipal Park
Riverview



Fredericton Flying Club opening with Gilbert Carty and Bruce Atkinson.



Pierre Vachon and Ernie Jones at the Saint John Flying Club looking at F/L Jack Myles' escape maps silk.



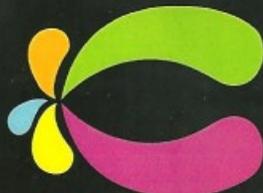
Who are these two men with Bruce Atkinson? Don Henry at the right.



Pierre Vachon, Don McClure, Edward Hart, Bruce Atkinson. Edward was the brother of Squadron Leader John Hart, DFC.



Our Wade Myles Bursary - Consider A Donation



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The Turnbull (NB) Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society Fund

Since its beginnings in the early 1800s, aviation has evolved a great deal in Canada. In fact, Saint John played a significant role in the growth of Canada's aviation heritage. Canada's first manned balloon aircraft flight took place in Saint John in 1840. As manned flight continued to grow, Saint John remained at the forefront. New Brunswick's first airplane flight also happened in Saint John in 1912.

As the industry began to change and grow, the innovation from the Greater Saint John area continued – with the inventor of the electric variable pitch propeller, the late W. Rupert Turnbull, hailing from Rothesay, and the founder of Canada's largest aircraft flight simulator company, the late Wing Commander (ret'd) Ken Patrick, from Saint John.

It is because of this connection to the aviation community that the Turnbull (NB) Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society established The Turnbull (NB) Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society Fund with The Community Foundation.

The Turnbull Chapter plans to use monies raised from this Fund for its own educational awards.

In 2013, the Turnbull (NB) Chapter created the Wade-Myles Bursary. Named for two prominent members of the Saint John aviation community; Captain Jimmy Wade, BEM (British Empire Medal) and Flight Lieutenant Jack Myles, DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross).

One award will recognize the 410 City of Saint John Squadron, RCAF. The Squadron was adopted by the City of Saint John in 1944. In 2012, the City of Saint John renewed its affiliation with our Squadron and granted it the Freedom of the City of Saint John. This Squadron is nicknamed "The Cougars."

As the Fund grows, the Turnbull (NB) Chapter will give other awards; one for former students of the M. Gerald Teed Memorial

School as well as an award named for the late Don McClure. McClure served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War, and later operated the Moncton Flying Club. He was one of the founders of the Turnbull (NB) Chapter and a long-time advocate for the Royal Canadian Air Cadet movement in New Brunswick.

The Fund has been established by the members and supporters of the Turnbull (NB) Chapter, and will support the educational work of the Chapter, as well as interest in the aviation industry in Greater Saint John, and throughout New Brunswick, for years to come.



Captain Jimmy Wade, BEM



F/Lt Jack Myles, DFC, RCAF



410 (City of Saint John) Squadron CF-18 Hornet

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