

CAHS MONTRÉAL 2025 CHAPTER REPORT

Our 8-chapter luncheon meetings continued to attract a wide variety of local and out of town speakers presenting Canadian commercial, military and human-interest historical topics. Paid-up membership was 62, with Legion meeting attendance from 24-41 participants. 2 new members joined; however, we regret the passing of long-term member Fred Deveaux.

2025 CHAPTER EVENTS:

- MAY:** Despite the rain, 33 members and guests attended our summer BBQ at the Montreal Aviation Museum. After the usual “delectable delights” were served up by Christian & Alain, the MAM volunteers again provided guided tours of the museum expansion and new exhibits. A donation was presented by our chapter executive.
- JUNE:** 6 members attended the Ottawa CAHS National convention, one who was a speaker.
- JULY:** A field trip to the Airbus A220 production factory at Mirabel Airport was arranged by chapter member Vis Tata.
CAHS members Diana Trafford and Keith Meredith co-ordinated final transfers of the George Fuller and Paddy Gardiner collections to the MAM with their new librarian Rachel Olivier. Our chapter was represented by the executive and other members at the celebration of life for member Mark Roe, who passed away last December.
- OCT:** I voiced a eulogy to long-term member, personal friend and mentor Fred Deveaux at his celebration of life.

CAHS Montréal Luncheon Meetings:

- JAN:** Clint Ward: “The Golden Age of Commercial Aviation: A Personal Journey “
- FEB:** André Berdais: “Canadians Flying Over Malta”
- MAR:** Bob Grant: “Melons & Maggots” Canadian North DH3 flying with the OMNR
- APR:** Peter Usher: “Battle of Britain Spitfire Ace” FL William Henry Nelson DFC
- MAY:** John Lawson: “In Life (and Aircraft Sales) It’s All About People”
- SEP:** Diana Trafford: “Anticosti’s Unknown Aviation History”
- OCT:** John David: “Flying the Starfighter”
- NOV:** Rick Stojak/Michael Whitby: “RCN Fixed Wing, Carrier Borne ASW Force”

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