



## Canadian Aviation Historical Society

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### President's Annual Report, 2025

This year marked the return to in-person meetings for the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS). As of September 2025, the Chapter began meeting in Room 1B of the Nepean CentrepoinTE Ottawa Public Library. Unfortunately, Room 1B is not free like the theatre at the Canada and Aviation Space Museum was and does cost approximately \$60 per meeting. Prior to September, the Chapter had been meeting virtually over Zoom. The plan going forward is to hold majority of our meetings in-person, with virtual meetings being held in January and February to address issues such as driving at night and in poor winter weather.

The breakdown of the 2025 speakers and their topics are noted below:

**30 January** - Still More Aeronautical Treasures, Chris Terry

**27 February** - Reflections on Flying Warbirds at the American Airpower Museum, David Wigley

**27 March** - Life as a Special Duties Bomber Pilot, Chris Clackett

**24 April** - The Rise and Fall of the Supersonic Transport, Martin Keenan

**28 May** - Too Wet, Too Steep, and Covered with Sand, Adam Coombs

**26 September** - Helicopter Nose Art - Task Force Gander - Afghanistan, Ed Storey

**30 October** - Canadian Airmen and the Japanese Attacks on Ceylon, Rob Stuart

**28 November** - A Brief History of Remotely Piloted Air Systems in the Canadian Forces, Terry Leversedge

With our speakers' permission we continue to add many of the virtual presentations to the [CAHS YouTube channel](#), which continues to grow in subscribers, viewership, and videos.

The Research and Projects Group (prayer group) did not meet this past year, as there was little to no interest in meeting virtually.

On 18 October 2025, CAHS Ottawa had a vendor's table at the International Plastic Modellers Society (IPMS) Ottawa CAPCON model show at the Canadian War Museum. Don MacNeil, Bill Clark, and I spent the day selling CAHS Journals, CAHS calendars, models, and books, as well as handing out copies of the *Observair*, and promoting our meetings and membership in the Chapter. Overall, the Chapter spent \$100 to attend, renting the table and sponsoring the *Aircraft theme – Commemorative Aircraft* award category, and made \$79 in sales; meaning the final cost to the Chapter was only \$21. In the end, it was a great opportunity to promote the Chapter and attracted several new members.

The Program Convenor and Refreshments positions on the Chapter Executive continue to be vacant with myself taking on the responsibilities of the Program Convenor to arrange speakers. This has proved challenging with the return to in-person meetings and I would like to remind Chapter members that, in order to continue operating successfully, CAHS Ottawa does need new volunteers on the Executive, so please consider volunteering. That said, if you are unable to volunteer for the Executive, you could still assist the Chapter by sharing your input, ideas, and contacts for potential presenters or topics. Additionally, material is always welcome for the *Observair* newsletter.

On behalf of the Chapter Executive, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support CAHS Ottawa, especially the donors for their financial contributions (we were overwhelmed by the generosity of donors this year) and the presenters and writers for sharing their research and stories with us. Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to Bill Clark and Hugh Halliday for their work on the Chapter Executive. We could not have had a successful 2025 season without all of you!

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