



Mosquito Bytes

www.calgarymosquitosociety.com

Important info about donations:

- You will receive a tax receipt for any donation over \$20.
- Every dollar raised is matched one-for-one by the City of Calgary.
- Donations for services or materials also contribute to our fundraising, plus they're eligible for tax receipts too.

Will Cinderella's carriage turn into a pumpkin?

Let's hope not, but according to our contract with the City, we need to have our half of the money necessary to restore the Mosquito and Hurricane in the bank by August 1, 2014. If we don't, the deal is off and the City can reclaim both airplanes.

Who do you know who has the means and the interest to help support our cause? You? Your company? A friend? A friend of a friend? Our funding advisors tell us that the kind of money we are after will come from those whom we already know. Please bounce back with contact information if someone comes to mind.

A very large 'Thank You' to all who have renewed their membership and especially those who added a donation to their renewal. Look for your tax receipts at the end of the year. If you have not yet renewed, please do so shortly or this may be your last Byte! We're on the road to the success that we have all worked for. Please stick with us.

Great news from the City! With the

A moment of silence

It's with sadness that we report the passing of two long-time CMS supporters in March, beginning with Lloyd Haffey. Lloyd was never afraid to roll up his sleeves and lend a hand building storage crates, or lifting airplane parts.

first phase of the Mosquito project complete, the City has review our report and just this past week authorized us to begin the next phase, which is the restoration of the fuselage. Time to get down to some real hands on work!

Jack and I attended the annual Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums conference organized by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and hosted this year by the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Four amazing days with aviation museum people from around the world. Look for photos and a report at our general meeting this Wednesday, May 8th.

Check this newsletter for other upcoming events. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!

As always, let me close with my thanks for your interest, support, membership, ideas, donations and good will. It all adds to our success.

Richard de Boer
President •

Next Public Meeting:

The next CMS general meeting will be **May 8** at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

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Who's up for a challenge?

Chal-lenge: difficulty in a job or undertaking that is stimulating to one engaged in it.



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Scott McTavish

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Ask anyone on the Board of Directors just how far the Calgary Mosquito Society has come and you'll get the same list of achievements; keeping our beloved airplanes in Calgary, becoming their stewards, and raising a pile of money and donated services towards their restorations. Considering that we're a start up, grass roots organization those achievements are nothing short of miraculous.

One of the CMS's biggest coups was convincing Calgary City Council that we were serious enough, and determined enough to see the restorations through. We were so successful that the City of Calgary offered up \$800,000 in fund matching monies. That we're in a recession and that the new Mayor was elected only months before on the platform of curtailing unnecessary spending, you can see just how amazing this offering was to our organization. Unfortunately it comes with a catch.

The CMS does not have years, or even decades to raise the money that's needed to finance the Mosquito and Hurri-

cane restorations. The catch for the City of Calgary's money is that it has to be in the bank before August 1, 2014.

Thanks to the hundreds of small donations we've received, and a number of substantial cash and donations-in-kind, the CMS has already raised about \$300,000 - an impressive figure but still \$500,000 short of our goal.

"So what's the big deal?" you might be asking. "What if we don't raise all that money? What's the worst that could happen?" Unfortunately it means that our contract with the City of Calgary is null and the city can either find another partner, or, once again consider selling one, or both of the airplanes. Neither option is as beneficial for Canadians as what the CMS has been offering, and quite frankly, we're not prepared to entertain either option.

So here it is, for the next 15 months, the CMS needs everyone - old member or new member - to hit the streets in search of \$500,000.

The Board of Directors is already working with our fundraising partner Nine Lions to find prospective donors, contact businesses and track down various government and philanthropic grants. But they're only nine people and they all have day jobs. We're in desperate need of volunteers to mail the letters, to follow up with phone calls, and to see if there are people within our own circles that might bless our cause with a donation.

Look around your own work environment. Many large corporations offer some kind of employee/charity program. Some companies will match an employee's donations, others will offer goods or services which the charity can auction or raffle off. If your employer will match your donation, turn that \$500 into \$1,000, and then double it with City of Calgary matching - where else can you quadruple your money?

One of the biggest challenges the Board of Directors has faced was obtaining charitable status for the CMS. Sure, meant filling in a bunch of gov-

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ernment forms, but the three-year challenge came because Revenue Canada was re-evaluating all charities. The CMS was awarded charitable status when many others were losing theirs.

This year, we have the opportunity to aim our fundraising directly at aviation enthusiasts during five events at the Bomber Command Museum of

Canada where thousands will be visiting Nanton. In mid-July the CMS will also be present at the Airdrie Air Show. This two day event was very successful for us back in 2011 and we expect to see another 20,000 spectators. We need volunteers at all of these events. Experience has shown that the more informed a person is the more they will donate.

So, in a nutshell, we have a little over a year to raise \$500,000. We're a registered charity, but we need everyone to help search their social circles and help with our efforts to find corporate support. •

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Northwestern Ontario Aviation Heritage Centre

Certainly every province in Canada can make some claim to adding to Canada's aviation history, but Ontario holds a unique place as the home of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Ontario Provincial Air Service, AVRO Canada, De Havilland Canada, Fleet Aircraft, and countless flying companies - both past and present.

So it should come as no surprise that a group of enthusiasts wanted to preserve the history of their local region, and with that, the Northwestern Ontario Aviation Heritage Centre was born.

Established in 2007 to initially preserve the aviation history of Canadian Car and Foundry, the organization quickly

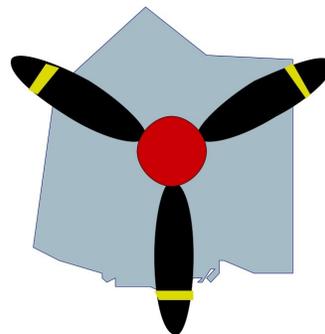
evolved to include all aspects of aviation from the Manitoba border, north to Hudson Bay, east to Fort Albany and south to Wawa - more than one half of a million square kilometres of land!

Today, the members of the NOAHC is promoting aviation from its office in Thunder Bay. Displays include a traveling sign board, numerous photographs from CCF, and a collection of scale models. Most interesting however, is the wingtip of a Hawker Hurricane that crashed in 1941 - an appropriate artefact from an airplane that was after all, built right there in town.

If you're passing through Thunder Bay, drop in and pay the

centre a visit.

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Richard de Boer

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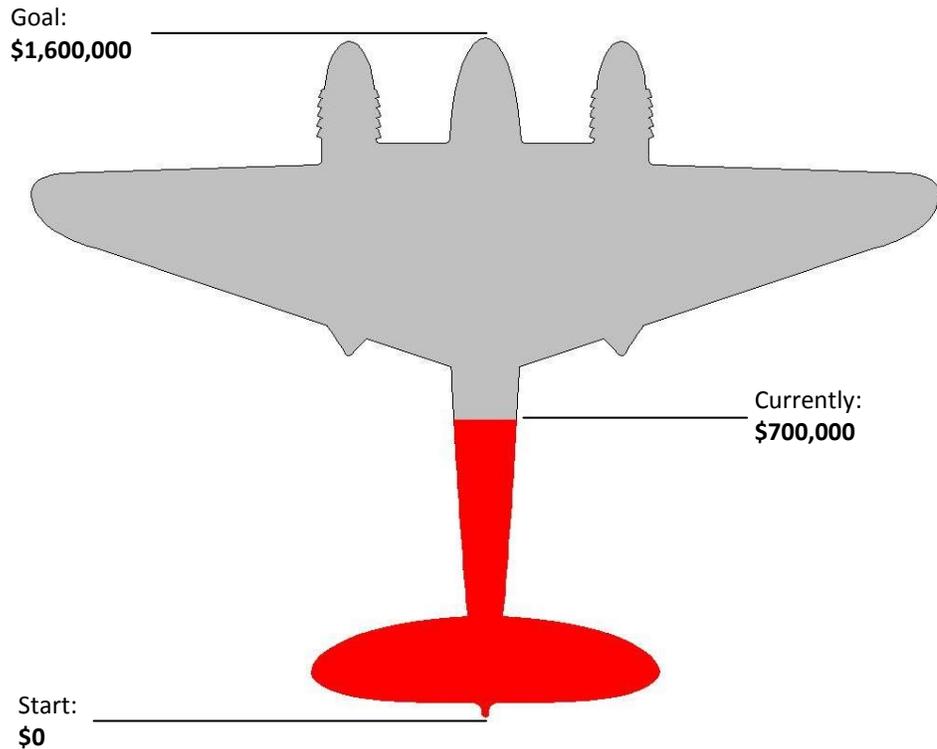
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2013 CMS events

May 11 - Nanton

70th Anniversary of the Dams Raid and Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoc website](#) for details.

June 1 - Nanton

The annual Planes, Trains and Elevators event. Includes Lancaster engine runs and a model contest. See the [BCMoc](#) or [WCRMC](#) websites for details.

July 6 - Nanton

Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoc website](#) for details.

July 13 & 14 - Airdrie

The CMS roadshow returns with a booth at the [Airdrie Airshow](#).

August 24 - Nanton

Salute to the Royal Canadian Legion and Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoc website](#) for details.

September 21 - Nanton

Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoc website](#) for details.

Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Please contact us if you're able to spare some time.

Check the [website](#) for an up to date listing of all CMS events. •