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www.calgarymosquitosociety.com

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- 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.

Get your raffle tickets

We're looking for some helpers July 6 in Nanton for their big "Bikes and Bombers" event and July 13 & 14 for the Airdrie Air Show. Drop us a line if you can put in some hours. No experience necessary. Lead with your passion and the rest will follow.

A BIG thank you to all who have renewed their membership and especially those who have tossed in some extra money by way of donation. We are pleased to report that almost 60% of people renewing also made a donation. Acknowledgments and receipts to follow shortly. Thank you to all.

Some stunning news came past us last weekend with an article in the latest issue of AEROPLANE magazine that the owner and operator of the world's only flying Mosquito, Canadian built KA114, has his entire collection up for sale! This just a week after it was the star of the Canadian Warplane Heritage airshow in Hamilton. In addition to the Mosquito, the Virginia based Military Aircraft Museum flies and displays over 70 vintage aircraft. No clear word yet on the motivation to sell, but if you ever wanted your own flying Mosquito, ME262 or FW190...

www.militaryaviationmuseum.org/

As is mentioned elsewhere, our next general members meeting will be Wednesday, August 14. The Hamilton Air Show was attended by three of our board members. Come see their pictures and hear their experience of seeing the Mosquito fly solo and in formation with 8 other Merlin engines.

Keep eyes on our website for a story I have promised about owning some significant chunks of what is currently the world's only flying Mosquito, KA114.

We are also keeping our eyes and ears open to the west as Victoria Air Maintenance nears completion of Bob Jen's Mosquito, also a former Spartan B.35 airplane and sister ship to ours. Word is that it will emerge from the shop painted as 'F for Freddie', but exactly when it will be ready to take to air has not yet been announced.

Thank you again for sticking with us and supporting our success.

Richard de Boer
President •

Next Public Meeting:

The next CMS general meeting will be **Aug 14** at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

Be sure to attend in order to pick up your WestJet raffle tickets!

...if you ever wanted your own flying Mosquito...

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A call for immediate assistance



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We simply cannot wait until after summer vacation, or for things to settle down after Thanksgiving or Christmas...

For the last year the CMS Board of Directors has been busy identifying various government grants, foundations, community investment opportunities and businesses for the CMS to investigate. What's become clear is that most of these organizations are looking for the same information, but they want them presented in different ways. We have all the information, what we're lacking is the time for the Board to contact every one of

them.

Most of these organizations have application deadlines in order to fit their selections into their 2014 budgets. We simply cannot wait until after summer vacation, or for things to settle down after Thanksgiving or Christmas to get around to sending these letters out.

So here's the perfect opportunity to help us reach our goal of \$500,000 before next

August. We need volunteers to find what everyone wants and put a personalized package together, then follow up with a simple telephone call during regular business hours.

Remember too that volunteering during fundraising will be matched by The City of Calgary, so your time counts just as much as it would if you were working on the airplanes. •

What can your work do for you?

You might not realize it but your employer might have the potential to become a major source of funding to the CMS. While many large companies support some very big charities – cancer foundations, children's hospitals, etc. – they also support smaller charities that are brought forward by their employees.

Each company is different so we encourage you to investigate what your employer offers, but here are three examples of what we've found:

WestJet Airlines – Donates airline flights to be used in raffles or auctions. Last year's CMS/WestJet raffle earned nearly \$10,000, which the City of Calgary then doubled.

Canadian Pacific - Matches their employees' contributions with a 50% contribution to a maximum of \$1,500.

Telus – Matches an employee's donations with as much as \$10,000 per year, per individual. That's a mind blowing offer, under the CMS's fund-matching arrangement -

\$10,000 would become an amazing \$45,000!

To find this information you might have to do an internet search, so try starting your search by typing something like "Canadian Pacific charitable giving" into your internet search engine. Search the web and discover if your employer can help us reach our goal.

The Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Preservation Society is a CRA charity: **813195658RR0001**. •

Nanton - a very busy town

In case you weren't there, our friends and partners at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada marked a major milestone during Nanton Celebrates History day on June 1. The third Merlin engine on their Lancaster chugged to life for the first time since the early 1960s.



What a wonderful sight (and sound) - three Merlin engines. (S. Bathy)

For those who'd grown accustomed to the sound of multiple Merlins singing their symphony, Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) had a Bristol Hercules engine running on the stand. Compared to the smooth-running Merlin, the radial Hercules with its sleeved cylinders is nothing short of a cataclysmic calliope of noise! It pops, it burps, it roars, and it'll shake you to the core.

The fourth engine on the Lancaster is expected to fire up later this summer and thoughts are now turning to trying to make the Lancaster taxi. Halifax 57 is continuing its global search for Halifax parts and working towards their eventual goal of finding and recovering a Halifax from the sea floor. To say Nanton is a

busy place would be an understatement.

Earlier this year representatives from the Calgary Mosquito Society participated in the Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums conference. This is a bi-annual gathering of aerospace museums and collections, where they network and work together to share ideas on pressing issues. One of the presenters this year pointed to the Nanton Lancaster Society (now the Bomber Command Museum of Canada) as the ideal example of a successful museum created, managed and run by volunteers. This was a major kudos to the BCMoC, especially since it came from the likes of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

A quarter of a century ago, a couple Nantonites became interested in preserving the warplane that had been a roadside landmark. They knew nothing about museums or old airplanes, but they had a goal and they had the determination to see it through. Today, not only have they put a roof over their Lancaster but they've assembled a collection of training airplanes, vintage jets and a garage full of RCAF support vehicles.

Nanton doesn't have rich patrons, only thousands of people walking through the doors and dropping a donation in the bucket. They're leading by example and showing museums the world over how things should be done to get the greatest impact from a shoe-string budget. •

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A moment of silence

Unfortunately for the third newsletter in a row, its with sadness that we announce the passing of CMS member Weldon Stacey on May 8th. Weldon served in an RAF Communications flight in the Middle East during WW2, flying all

sorts of obsolete airplane types, including a very war-weary Hawker Hurricane. He returned to Canada and flew Lockheed Hudsons specially modified for air-sea rescue on the East Coast. After the war, Weldon bounced between

various careers, but landed at Air Canada where he worked in ground operations and as a customer service agent. Weldon was also a member of the Air Crew Association of Southern Alberta. •

Richard de Boer

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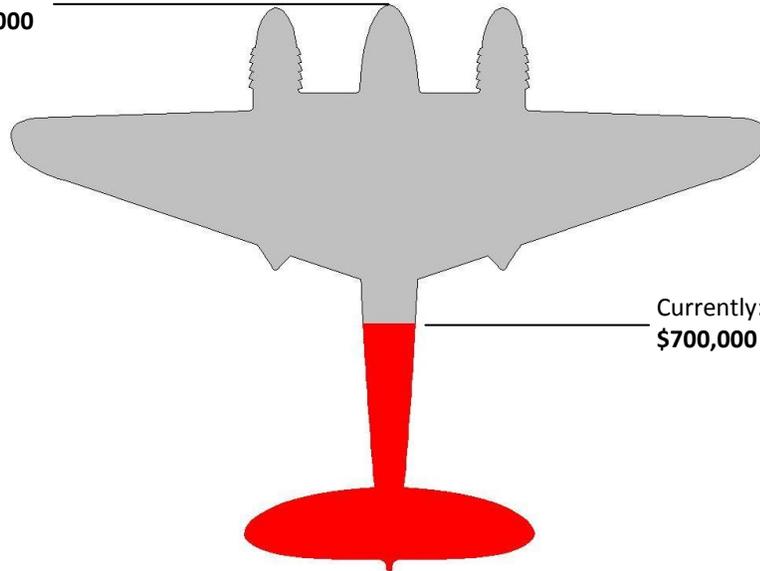
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A special welcome to our latest Wings sponsor - WestJet Airlines. For the second year in a row, WestJet has donated two confirmed tickets anywhere they fly to the CMS as a prize in our summer raffle. Thank

you WestJet, and thank you to our other Wings sponsors; Rangeland Truck and Crane Ltd., Scott McTavish, Aero Propeller of Calgary Ltd. and Richard de Boer.

A minimum \$5,000 tax-deductible donation is all it takes to become a Wings sponsor and ensure lasting recognition of your support to restoring both airplanes. •



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2013 CMS events

July 6 - Nanton
"Bikes and Bombers" and 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.

October 1 - Calgary
WestJet raffle draw.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact us if you're able to spare some time.

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