



Mosquito Bytes

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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.
- Those made through the [ATB website](#) will be matched with an additional 15%.

Mosquito Bytes is the official newsletter of the Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Preservation Society.

If you have an interesting story or news items relevant to our organization, please contact the society at:

calgarymosquitosociety@hotmail.com

Thank you. We did it! We are fully funded!!!

VICTORY!

Board member David Simms has been focusing on video production and fundraising since he joined our ranks last year. We found out on June 20 that his application to the Calgary Foundation for \$60,000 to fund the educational and display components of our project was approved, putting our fund raising efforts over the top and in fact exceeding our goal of needing to raise \$800,000, by over \$40,000 and a full six weeks before the deadline of August 1.

Also key to our funding success this year was our direct appeal to members, new and old. And you came through in spades. A big thanks to our renewing members, 77% of whom added a donation averaging \$105 per person to their renewal this year. Take a bow, pat yourself on the back and plan to attend our celebratory party on August 9th. Details to follow. Individual

thank you notes are on the way to all of you who contributed online through the ATB Cares program (They are slow to supply that info to us).

With the City's guaranteed match of whatever we raise, we now have more than the full \$1,600,000 needed to restore both airplanes.

Richard de Boer

President •

Next Public Meeting:

The next CMS general meetings will be held on **August 13 and November 12** at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

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Video #2



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Check out www.youtube.com for the latest video production by Dave Simms, highlighting the move of the Mosquito fuselage at the end of March.

It was a great day with over 20 society volunteers in attendance to support this critical event in the restoration. Congrats also to Mosquito restora-

tion manager Jack McWilliam for a year's worth of planning and execution leading up to this day. (Roger: put the coffee cup down!). •



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To see all CMS videos visit www.youtube.com and search Calgary Mosquito Society, or simply click <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMvwQfjhUSYDt7v9r-64q1g> and visit our own channel.

Want to be a film producer?



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You may have caught on the national news a couple of weeks ago a story about the discovery of a wartime Anson crash that was just discovered on Vancouver Island. Mosquito Society member and author of the upcoming book on Spartan Air Services, Robert Stitt, is eyeball deep in the co-

production of a documentary about the airplane and its crew, and you can help. Go to Kickstarter at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1917898040/the-loss-and-discovery-of-avro-anson-17056> to be a part of it. Contribute to the financing of the film and you can get a Produc-

er credit, an invitation to the film's premier and more. Hurry, they are almost fully funded. •

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Donations and memberships

Normally this space would be full of the names of members and supporters who have provided the CMS with donations. Thanks to our Sprint for the Finish efforts these last couple months, we're facing a bit of a backlog. Please be patient, as we'll be getting your tax receipts to you as quickly as we can.

We'll also be sorting the list of sponsors names, dividing them into their respective levels and preparing permanent signage for display next to our workspace.

The CMS will continue to welcome donations, so don't worry if you weren't able to get

your contributions in.

Sprint for the Finish has also caused a slowdown in our efforts to mail out memberships cards. Again, please be patient—you will receive yours soon. •



The City of Calgary visits Nanton

Saturday May 24 saw the first onsite inspection by City of Calgary representative Kevin Forster of our progress on the Mosquito. Kevin was escorted by two advisors with experience in vintage aircraft restoration. The group was ably toured by Jack McWilliam who proudly detailed our work to date and the challenges we yet face on the project. Our considerable thanks goes to the many CMS members who helped clean up and prepare for the visit. The tour was held

in conjunction with the Bomber Command Museum's special events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the VC winning flight by Ian Bazalgette. Our inspectors were treated to sight of hundreds of museum visitors as well as a four-engine Lanc run before heading back to Calgary.

As much as we provide a mountain of information in the way of quarterly reports to the City, Kevin admitted that

getting a firsthand look at our work gave him a whole new appreciation of our significant accomplishments and that he wanted to come back to show our work to other City staff and managers. The face to face meeting was also a good opportunity to start the direct conversation about the timeline to complete the Mosquito as City direction to have it finished in five years was never realistic. •



Time to get dirty

Now that the CMS has conquered its fundraising challenge, its time for our members to get dirty with all sorts of hands-on restoration work.

For insurance purposes volunteers must be current CMS members. Work bees usually take place on Saturdays at the Bomber Command Museum of

Canada in Nanton. Carpooling can be arranged from South Calgary. •



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2014 CMS events calendar

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July 5 - Nanton

Bikes and Bombers with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoC website](#) for details.

July 12 -

Draw for two WestJet raffle tickets.

August 4 - Nanton

Ian Bazalgette VC 70th anniversary commemoration with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoC website](#) for details.

August 9 - Calgary

CMS celebratory party - details to follow.

August 13 - Calgary

CMS general meeting at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

August 22 - Nanton

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

August 23 - Nanton

The Great Escape 70th anniversary: A Canadian Story with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMoC website](#) for details.

September 19 - Nanton

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

September 20 - Nanton

Sinking of the Tirpitz 70th anniversary with Lancaster engine night run. See the [BCMoC website](#) for details.

November 12 - Calgary

CMS general meeting at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

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

Work parties take place in Nanton **almost every Saturday**. Drop in and lend a hand, but remember, for insurance reasons you must be a current member of the Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Preservation Society to work on the aircraft.

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



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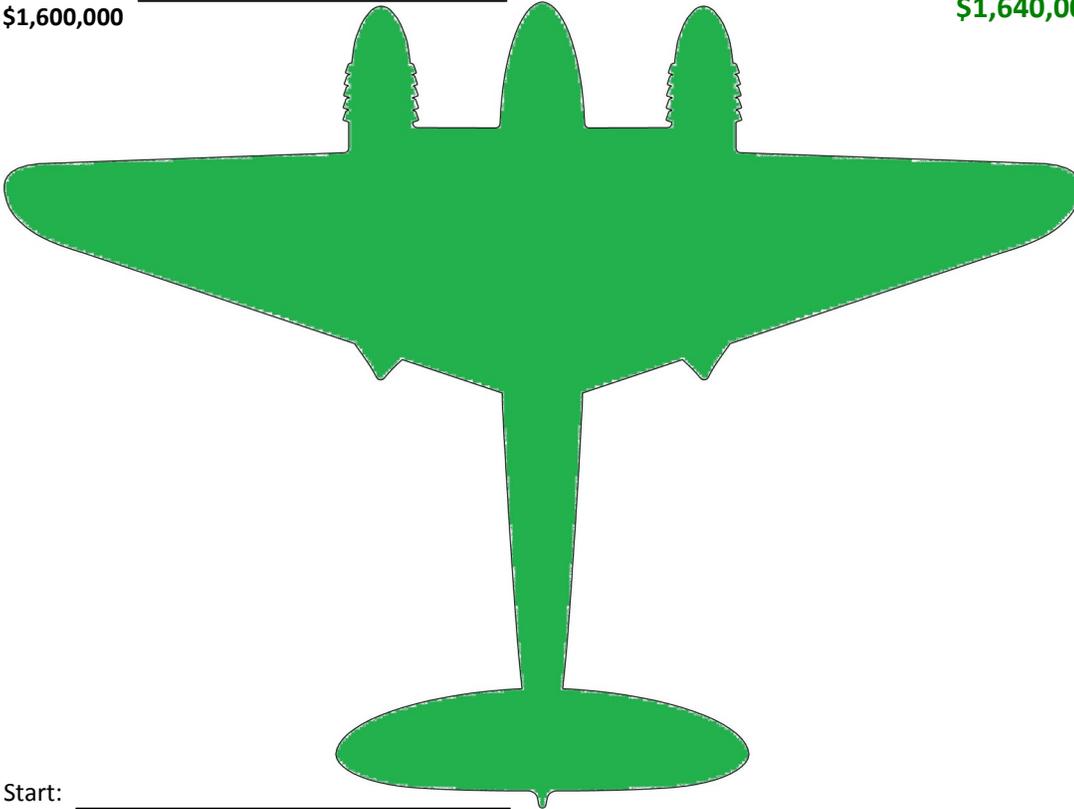
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