Glidepath

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From This...



To This..

The quarterly newsletter of The Canadian Museum of Flight

Season's greetings to all

We finished the year once again in a strong position. So I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who have put so many hours in to make the museum what it is today.

We have had so many projects over the last seven years, so we thought we would go through our archives of photographs and come up with some images from the past to the present of individuals that help to make the Canadian Museum of Flight a success. Some valued members and volunteers have passed on, but we hope you'll look on these images with fond memories.

We wish you all a very special Christmas and New Years.

Terry, CMF General Manager

Thank you to Trish McAuley for standing in for our regular editor Bruce Friesen. Bruce is otherwise occupied sunning himself in Arizona.



Yes, I want to support the Canadian Museum of Flight!



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I understand I can cancel my monthly contributions at any time by contacting the Museum at 604–532–0035.



CMF Radio Fundraiser

Our Waco INF, S.E.5 replica and Fleet 80 Canuck are in the process of being restored to operational standards. However, the last time these aircraft flew there have been changes to requirements for all aircraft operating in and out of controlled airspace. In order to meet current standards we need to equip these three CMF aircraft with a radio, transponder/encoder and an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT).

The cost to equip all three aircraft (including installation) is close to \$14,000.

Please help the Museum meet this goal. You can donate to the CMF Radio Fundraiser either <u>online</u>, by phone (604-532-0035), by mail (cheque or money order)

Canadian Museum of Flight Hangar #3 5333, 216th Street Langley, BC. V2Y 2N3

or the next time you visit the Museum.

As the Waco INF is nearly complete and will be the first in line to be radio equipped. The S.E.5 Replica and Fleet Canuck will follow respectively (subject to the restoration progress of the aircraft(s), safety and regulation standards and meeting our donation goals).

Note: <u>Donations</u> of \$50 or more are eligible for a tax deductible receipt (upon request).

The first of many planned Pancake Breakfasts held on December 1st by the Runway Café with seating in the hanger...Thanks to Dan, Amanda, Straun and Lora for a terrific breakfast. The breakfast raised \$ 1000.00 for the Museum



Canadian Museum of Flight Volunteers

If there's one thing I learned quickly about the Aviation Museum it's that none of it runs without Volunteer power. These are the folks who come from all over to give their time and energy in an effort to help the Museum maintain what it is and strive towards what it wants to be. Volunteering means you donate your time without monetary compensation. It means you might put in an 8 hour day, go home tired and your payment for this is the feeling of a job well done and the satisfaction that you've helped make a difference.

I keep the Volunteers in mind with everything I attempt to do for the Museum because they deserve that level of effort along with a good measure of thanks for the work they do and that's why I decided to write about them here.

With my local Aviation Museum (The Canadian Museum of Flight), the Volunteers are absolutely essential, without them the doors won't open and the Museum would simply cease to exist. It doesn't have a financial backer with deep pockets and like most, it has bills to pay. They can raise money by doing things like renting out the hangar for events a number of times a year which is a terrific way to generate extra revenue but it won't happen if the Volunteers don't come in on one afternoon, haul the planes outside, tie them all down, setup tables and chairs in the hangar and then come back the next morning to put them all away and bring the planes back in....and hey, don't forget to mop the hangar floor by the way!

The Volunteers I spend most of my time with come from all walks of life. Some were in the Armed Forces, some the Commercial Aviation industry (some from both). A number of them have been involved with General Aviation and others hadn't been near an airplane at all until they first came to the Museum. They come in the door with some sort of skill to offer, time to give and a desire to help. Welcome!

I watch the Volunteers work outside in the rain because there's no hangar space for them to use and all the static aircraft have to be kept outdoors. They put in a hard days work trying to fix or improve something that's exposed to the Pacific Northwest elements all year round and hope it's not all for nothing come the springtime. I watch them try to restore an airplane in a space barely big enough to fit your Honda Civic and I hear drops of water hit the hangar floor around them because the roof is in dire need of repairs the Museum simply can't afford to make. That doesn't mean they don't spend days on the roof on the hottest days of the year trying to patch it though because they did! They did it because they wanted to and they believe in it. They're a team and maybe for some this is something they haven't felt for a good number of years. A sense of real belonging and camaraderie. We can give them that.

The aircraft are flown to various events and perform for a chance to gain some publicity for the Museum but unlike most others, they are not paid above the fuel and oil they use for the performances and still, every year those aircraft have to pass inspection while hoping there's nothing needed that can't be afforded. Cue the Volunteers again, they'll get it done! The pilots go from flight suits to coveralls and back again several times a year. The air show and appearance schedule dictates what kind of summer they (and the crew) are going to have with their families. Please don't think they don't enjoy it though, they do. They're proud to fly our aircraft and do an incredible job showing off our little flying Museum.

The Volunteers are why I want a new Museum hangar and they are why I want a better land lease for that new hangar. They're the reason I want to do what needs to be done to get more people in the doors so the work they do can be seen and better appreciated. They've more than earned it. The Museum deserves to grow because of the Volunteers who've been putting in their time all these years trying to make it happen. For as much as they give (and they give a lot) they need a reason to believe like they do.

The most important thing in all of this is that these people are my friends and I'm beyond grateful and honored to know them all....

Mike Luedey

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Museum Hours

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

HOLIDAY HOURS:

December 24th - 10am - 1pm

December 25th - **January 3rd** - CLOSED **January 4th, 2014** - Museum is open

Membership Benefits!

Partnerships! Members are entitled to visit, free of charge: Flight Museum, Seattle West Coast Rail Museum, Squamish Military Education Centre, Chilliwack

and a Gift Shop Discount of 15% at CMF

Front Cover: 1937 Waco AQ6 cabin biplane in the Museum's Collection. Donated by Doctor Jack Pickup to the Museum in 1992



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Volunteers Welcome!

The Canadian Museum of Flight is always looking for new volunteers. We are always in need of history and aviation enthusiasts of all kinds for aircraft restoration, gift shop operations, facility maintenance and many other tasks. No experience is necessary. We invite everyone from students to retirees to join the team. If interested please contact the Museum General Manager, Terry Brunner 604-532-0035

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