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JUNE 20-22, 2014


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Steak BBQ June 21

Steak BBQ tickets are now available for \$30.00 each call Pat Hanna at 519 212-6021 to reserve. Deadline June 16 p_hanna@harvards.com.

BBQ is Saturday June 21 at 6 PM, Guest Speaker LCol Allan DeQuetteville, RCAF (ret'd)

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Upcoming Events & Meetings 2014

- Tues June 17,— Monthly member's meeting ---
- Fri, Sat, Sun June 20, 21, 22 -- A Gathering of Harvards and Heroes--
- Tues July 15,— Monthly member's meeting —
- Tues Aug 19,— Monthly member's meeting —
- Tues Sept 16, -- Monthly member's meeting --
- Sat Oct 18, 2014— Member's monthly meeting --
- Sat Nov 15, 2014 — Member's monthly meeting --
- Sat Dec 20, -- Monthly member's meeting --
- Sat Jan 17, 2015 -- Member's monthly meeting --
- Sat Feb 21, 2015 -- Monthly member's meeting—

Announcing the 'Sign Bessy' Campaign



**Autograph our Beloved 'Bessy' for a Minimum Donation of \$20
All Donations Go Directly Towards the CF-UFZ Repainting Fund**



Stay Tuned for Further Details!

CF-UFZ better known as “Bessy” now sports several signatures with plenty of room for yours. Next time you are at the hangar or if you see “Bessy” at an event, stop by and sign your name or that of a loved one. It will take many signatures to get her painted.

Take a Crew Flight in 2014

CHAA has a new Crew Flight Coordinator this year and plenty of backseat time available to CHAA members. Melanie Burden has taken on this important role and is in charge of seeing that any CHAA member wishing to experience a backseat thrill of a lifetime can do so.

With our usual open house events every month, a member could arrange a flight at that time. Our Gathering of Harvards and Heroes event in June will have limited possibilities for crew flights which open up back seats that may only be available at certain times of day.

E-Mail Melanie to get all of the dates, times and information for your crew flight. Melanie has all the details and can get you into a Harvard to experience what so many have only dreamed of.>

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Harvard Happenings

Sandra Sparkes

For those of you who have normally received Harvard Happenings by email each month, due to tech problems on my end (and until that situation can be fixed), February's edition of Harvard Happenings will be the last one sent directly to your email account. Beginning in March, Harvard Happenings will be posted on our website www.harvards.com under Newsletters subtitle Harvard Happenings. Please note: the date of posting will be approximately one week prior to the next members meeting, and will be there for you to read; an email reminder will not be sent. It is my pleasure to "talk to you" each month through

these emails; I will continue to compile Harvard Happenings and post them to our website. Hopefully you find these monthly updates helpful and will continue to read them online. As always, anyone who has CHAA related questions, feel free to send them and I will attempt to get answers for you.> sandspar@rogers.com

Articles and Information Needed

If you have an article or information you think would be of interest to the members of CHAA please submit it for publication in the "Roar". Photographs are also welcomed. Email any articles to Vic, be sure to include "for Roar" in the subject line. If I don't know who the sender is I may not open it unless it is clearly marked for Roar.>

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Flying Low

Watch for Carl Clayton's service van along the roads of Southwestern Ontario. CHAA is being well advertised. Thanks Carl!



CHAA Gets New Member

Willem Kees van Dyke born on Sep 11, 2013. We renewed our membership this year as a family and noted Willem's desire to be active in CHAA! I'm just waiting on kid's t shirts! At time of printing it just may be that Willem is the newest, smallest and youngest member of CHAA. The editor reserves the right to alter aircraft colours from brown to yellow as noted on Willem's shirt.



Maintenance crews ready planes for flight



Looking Back

Article and Photos by Gord McNulty

Canadian Forces last two Dakotas retired in 1989, 25 years ago now.

The first four attached photos show the arrival of Dakota 12963 at the original Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at Mount Hope on a frigid day, March 19, 1989. Dakota 12963 was one of two Dakotas from Winnipeg-based No. 402 Squadron that went on a national farewell tour to mark the retirement of the 'Dak' from the Canadian Forces. As you can see, a throng of aviation fans, news media and a politician or two greeted the aircraft. The picture showing the crowd was published by The Hamilton Spectator in March of this year, marking 25 years that have elapsed.

Dakota 12963 was painted for the occasion in the "Canucks Unlimited" colours of RCAF No. 435 and 436 squadrons that served in the Burma campaign in support of the British Army during 1944 and 1945, dropping supplies to the British troops fighting the Japanese in the jungle. After its retirement, the aircraft went to the National Air Force Museum of Canada at CFB Trenton, where it has been on outside display at the RCAF Memorial Air Park since 1989. The fifth attached photo, that I took last fall, shows the aircraft as it looks now. It's one of 25 aircraft that are outside and a number of them, including the Dakota, are clearly showing the effects of exposure to the elements. The museum is exploring the possibility of providing a sprung-shelter type of hangar, large enough to park and protect the aircraft that are outside. It would cost about \$2 million and the museum is actively exploring fundraising possibilities.

While Dakota 12963 toured eastern Canada for the farewell, Dakota 12944 went on a tour of western Canada. It was painted in the European Theatre colours of RCAF No. 437 Squadron and eventually went to the Comox Air Force Museum in B.C. where it remains part of their collection.>





Visitors Tour CHAA

Dave Gibbons took time out of a regular Tuesday restoration session to conduct an impromptu tour of CHAA. A local Tillsonburg resident hosted a group of family and friends for the east coast who wanted to check out the Harvards.>



CHAA takes flight for a busy 2014

Jeff Tribe
Tillsonburg News

Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association Chief Pilot Greg Burnard knows his way around vintage aircraft.

And while it certainly wasn't nervousness, it was with heightened respect that he took CHAA Yale 3399 to the air for its maiden flight of 2014.

"It's like borrowing dad's car the first time," he explained on the runway Saturday at Tillsonburg's Regional Airport after a gentle touchdown that elicited positive comment from his CHAA compatriots. "The guys have put so much labour into this over the past 20 years, I'm afraid to scratch it."

CHAA Yale 3399 was a flight training aircraft, which as an aside, appeared in the 1942 Warner Brothers movie Captains of the Clouds starring James Cagney. Purchased in the Ernie Simmons estate sale in 1970 by Don Goddard of Waterloo, it was obtained by CHAA in 1987. Its restoration to airworthy condition began under the direction of late ex-RCAF Wing Commander Lou J. Hill, and its registration (C-GLJH) bears his initials to honour that fact.

Its restoration garnered one of two Canadian Aeronautical Preservation Association (CAPA) Excellence in Restoration awards presented in 2013, 'for completion or significant progress toward completion of an aircraft with special significance to the history of aviation in Canada.'

The Yale is an earlier training aircraft leading up to the Harvard, which formed the backbone of World War II's British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP). Externally, a Yale may look the similar to its more-famous relative, but closer inspection reveals few, if any parts are interchangeable, and the fact a Yale's 450-horsepower engine (compared to 600 HP for a Harvard) and different design translate into distinct aeronautical characteristics.

"When it stalls, it decides to flip over on its back in a hurry," explained CHAA historian Shane Clayton. "If you fly it like a Harvard, you're going to be in trouble."

"If you fly it like a (Piper) Cub with a radial engine in it, you're fine."

Yale 3399's first post-restoration flight on May 20, 2010, ended with an unscheduled touchdown in a nearby cornfield.

"A forced landing is the technical term," explained Clayton.

Subsequent work led to a successful flights in August and October, 2013, limited air time due in part to inclement weather and pilot availability.

"The Harvards take priority," said Clayton. "But it needs a chance to fly and prove itself."

Following additional 'tweaking' over the winter with a goal of flying in a BCATP commemorative event this May 31 in Hamilton, Yale 3399 completed a near-flawless flight Saturday as a highlight of CHAA's first fly day for 2014, with what Clayton described as an 'excellent' landing.

“A good landing is one you walk away from,” he clarified with a smile. “An excellent landing is when you can use the airplane again.”

This year is shaping up as a busy one for CHAA, with subsequent open house/fly days scheduled for Saturday, June 7, Saturday, July 12, Saturday, August 2, and Saturday, September 13 (Wings and Wheels). In addition, the association’s Harvards will be participating in the BCATP Fly-In in Hamilton, the Waterloo Air Show, Thunder Over Michigan, the Ontario South Coast International Air Show at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport Saturday, August 23; and hosting ‘A Gathering of Harvards and Heroes’ June 20-22nd, celebrating 75 years of Harvards in Canada. Those seeking additional information on the organization or its events are welcome to visit the website: www.harvards.com.

Burnard has made the Yale a personal priority for 2014, in part for the enjoyment of flying a different ‘bird’, and also in large part to honour the restoration work on the long path back to airworthiness.

“Flies straight, engine ran well, still learning a little bit about it, that’s all,” Burnard summed up. “Its little idiosyncrasies are different than the Harvard.”

“Even though they look the same, they don’t act the same.”>



Photo by Shane Clayton

Formation Practice from two aircraft and two cameras



Photo by Shane Clayton



Photo by Ken Mist

President's Report

by Pat Hanna

The flying season has kicked into high gear and we are just waiting for the weather to catch up! The next several weeks are very busy as a number of significant events are planned for the month of June. Our biggest event in several years will take place from Friday, June 20th to Sunday, June 22 and is being promoted nationwide as "**A Gathering of Harvards and Heroes**". It is a grand celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Harvard in Canadian skies and CHAA is inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate the men and women who flew and serviced these aircraft while active in the RCAF from 1939-1965. The Harvard has continued to entertain and delight large crowds in the 49 years since it retired from active duty, by dedicated individuals and groups who love the Harvard. Please come and celebrate with us!

On Saturday May 3, we had our first open house/flyday of the season. Those able to attend enjoyed a cool and breezy day but the sun shone all day and the Harvards roared! Part way through the day, a very different sound interrupted our goings on as past CHAA president Bill Shepard fired up the Packard Merlin powered V-12 engine on the Red Tail P-51C Mustang and took to the skies. You will have several opportunities to see Bill and the Mustang over the next few weeks as he will be keeping the aircraft in CHAA's hangar between air shows.

Another different sound came from our Wright powered NA-64 Yale as Chief Pilot Greg Burnard did a complete engine run-up before taking it to the skies! It was a successful day all around!

The next day, a team of enthusiastic volunteers arrived to clean out the north side of the hangar in preparation for a hangar/museum display. We found things in that hangar that were put there before team leader Shane Clayton was even born! At the end of the day, the results were astounding! The last Sunday in May is a workday where new plywood walls will be constructed around the perimeter and displays will be set up in time for "The Gathering"!

On June 14 and 15, the Tillsonburg Regional Airport will be "Home" for the RCAF Snowbirds and CF-18! They will be flying a two day show and CHAA will be doing backseat crew rides both days in the mornings. We also plan to be selling CHAA merchandise and clothing, so please come out and support CHAA by volunteering for a few hours!

"A Gathering of Harvards and Heroes" follows the next weekend, followed by the Waterloo Air Show! A steak BBQ is being planned for Saturday June 21st and all are welcome to attend. There will be a guest speaker, LCol Allan Dequetteville, former Harvard pilot (flew Harvard #20436) and the Tutors, Starfighters, the CF-18 and then became Chief of the Air Staff, before retiring to become a Boeing Canada Vice President.

Tickets are available now for \$30.00 each and the final deadline for ordering tickets is **June 16th**. Please call or write me with your ticket requests.

Back seat coordinator Melanie Burden has been working alongside COpsO Bjarni Tryggvason and together they have developed a spreadsheet for riders. Please check the website often for availability of backseat opportunities!

I am pleased to announce that **Krista Whitcroft** has assumed the role of "bookkeeper" and over the next few months will likely be asking many questions. She is taking over from Ila Fallowfield who is retiring...deservedly so!

Stop by the north hangar and witness a transformation! Carl Clayton and a team of constructors are preparing the walls to be a museum/display area. This is a welcome change and a stepping stone to having an actual museum. Many thanks to everyone who is lending a helping hand.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Waugh family in Waterloo. Long time volunteer, Mancel Waugh passed away in mid-May and a missing man formation of Harvards was done at the graveside service in his honour

CHAA is a very healthy and successful association and is totally supported by you, the volunteer! Please come out to one of our many events and get involved as together, we keep those Harvards flying!>

Lighting in the Desert

By **Pete Whittemore**

This was taken at the Lightning in the Desert Air Show at Luke Air Force Base on March 14, 2014. It was a great show with Mustangs, Sabres, etc. There was close to a quarter of a million people at this free show.>





Harvards going to KW for a missing man memorial fly past to honour Mancel Waugh Pat Hanna photo

Before & After



Clean up has begun on the north hangar in preparation for CHAA's museum to house the many artifacts and displays CHAA has acquired over its twenty nine years. Watch for the full story in the Sept issue of The Roar of the Harvard.

From the Camera of Shane Clayton

