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President's Report

By Pat Hanna

It's hard to believe that the summer of 2016 is coming to a close already -- a summer that has seen times of elation and times of discouragement!

The elation was mostly enjoyed in the early days of summer. A last minute opportunity to participate in the Great Lakes International Air Show in St. Thomas was a huge booster! After weeks of dedicated practice, the formation pilots made their first public demonstration at St. Thomas and really did us proud! Saturday's demonstration even included an unplanned emergency landing after Bjarni Tryggvason's Harvard had a prop overspeed problem and he immediately landed before the situation developed into a serious incident. It happened right in front of the crowd and the Harvard screamed past with the engine revving to nearly 2700 RPM and sounding like a Reno racer! The screaming sound had a very "expensive" ring tone to it! The problems with the propeller originated with a very less than satisfactory prop overhaul last winter that has resulted in sending the prop back to the prop shop in Toronto several times. At this time, Kerry Wilkinson and Shane Clayton are closely monitoring the engine oil samples for any signs of extra wear. Stores sales for the weekend were also very good and overall the weekend was a huge success for CHAA! There was a special bonus to the event, too! We were able to have a photo shoot on the ground using our Harvard MK II and the BCTAP painted CF-18 demonstration jet!

The Quinte International Airshow at CFB Trenton was held the following weekend and this was a big highlight of the summer! Our now "experienced" air show demonstration pilots did a great job in front of the largest air show crowd in Canada this year...over 65,000 during the two day show! Stores sales over the two day period were exceptional and we moved a lot of inventory. Carl Clayton had graciously let us use his "Yellow Peril" truck to transport stores and when air show legend Kent Pietsch spotted the truck in the



parking lot, he had a great idea...land his airplane on the CHAA truck! After a conversation with Carl, approval was received and Shane and I had the thrill of driving the truck during the show while Kent landed on it! Kent's instructions were simple..."When I say "Go! Go! Go!" you drive in a straight line down the runway as fast as you can"! Terry Scott assisted with the radio and spotting. A YouTube video that was released by London, England based newspaper "The Telegraph" has had well over a million viewers so far! Check it out at the following site: <https://www.facebook.com/TELEGRAPH.CO.UK/videos/10154524203399749/>. By the time you read this, a repeat performance will have taken place at Brantford with Carl driving the "Yellow Peril" for Kent Pietsch!

Two weeks later, we attended the Owen Sound Rotary "Wings and Wheels" fly-in with three Harvards and Stores. It was an outstanding day for CHAA! Our pilots gave seventeen backseat flight experiences! Stores sales were also very strong for this well attended one day annual event.

Then our summer plans made a turn for the worse! We received a much anticipated notice from Transport Canada advising us that they knew about our "backseat flight experience" program and pointed out that by continuing with this program, we were in violation of several CARs (Civil Aviation Regulations). They reminded us of the monetary penalties to both the individual pilots (\$5000) and the organization (\$25000) for future offenses. The rules have always been in effect, but rarely enforced by Transport Canada until now. It is my understanding that many warbird operators are continuing this practice, but at CHAA, we have suspended all "PAID" backseat flight experiences in our aircraft until this is resolved. Unfortunately, and because of this letter, we had to cancel our appearance at the Edenvale "Gathering of Classics" show in early

August. This has been a good weekend for backseat rides in past years.

There is an exemption process that Bjarni has applied for that would allow us to reinstate the flight experience program. Many hours of discussion has taken place in this regard. CHAA's flight ops meet most of the criteria spelled out in their letter and almost all our line pilots are now commercially licensed. The biggest area of concern is regarding maintenance and servicing of the Harvards. They require us to be an "Aircraft Maintenance Organization" (AMO) or have our aircraft maintained by a registered AMO. This would greatly reduce the CHAA volunteer participation in maintaining the Harvards and cause us great expense. It makes no sense to us to take away years of experience in maintaining our fleet of Harvards and giving the responsibility to an AMO with little or no Harvard or round engine experience! In our letter to TC we have asked for an "exception" to the exemption based on CHAA's exemplary history of maintaining our Harvards to the original RCAF repair manuals. We are hopeful that they will grant our request.

In the meantime...the CHAA Board has reviewed the risk factor involved in knowingly disregarding the letter from Transport Canada and the CARs and continuing to offer backseat flight experiences. This type of action would put the directors and the organization at very high financial and criminal risk in case of an accident and we decided to protect our integrity by abiding by the regulations until such time as an exemption is granted. We trust that will be soon! The Directors are confident that with exemption in hand, we can advertise and sell our backseat rides with no fear of reprisal or penalty and we should see a large increase in flight experience revenues!

Flight Ops can continue to demonstrate and display the Harvard as usual. The only part that is affected is our backseat flight experience program. Many pilots are using this time to practice their formation flying skills and taking advantage of other opportunities as they occur.

Looking forward, we have our own Wings and Wheels Family Fun Day on September 10th. It will include a 1944 Sherman tank! At our member's briefing on Saturday, September 17th, RCAF and air show veteran Gord Price will share his life adventure at a presentation you don't want to miss!

Working together, we must and WILL keep those Harvards FLYING!

Remembering Our Friends

The airshow community has lost several friends in recent weeks. The most recent loss was 61-year-old Marcus Paine, who you may recall seeing in the "Airshow" television series. Marcus died August 28 at the Airshow of The Cascades in Madras, Oregon when his Stearman failed to complete a low altitude loop.



On July 17, Bruce Evans was killed when his T-28 Trojan crashed at the Cold Lake Air Show in Alberta. According to his air show bio, the 59-year-old Evans went to Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. and would commute from his hometown of North Bay in a Cessna 192. He purchased his T-28 in 2007.



And on May 14th, Greg Connell of South Carolina, an experienced aerobatic pilot, died during an air show at the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport near Atlanta.



CHAA 2016 Flight Ops Calendar – (As of Aug. 29)
Be sure to check www.harvards.com for updates!

Sept 10	Tillsonburg	Wings & Wheels Fly Day	All
Sept 17	Guelph	Tiger Boys Fly-In	1 Harvard
Oct 1	London	JAM – Doors Open London	2 Harvards
Oct 8	Rockton	Rockton Fair and Veteran's Fly Past	4 Harvards
Oct 16	Ohsweken	Six Nations Remembrance Day Fly Past	4 Harvards
Nov 6	Shedden	Tom Hawkins Remembrance Day Fly Past	4 Harvards
Nov 11	Toronto	Remembrance Day Fly Past	4 Harvards

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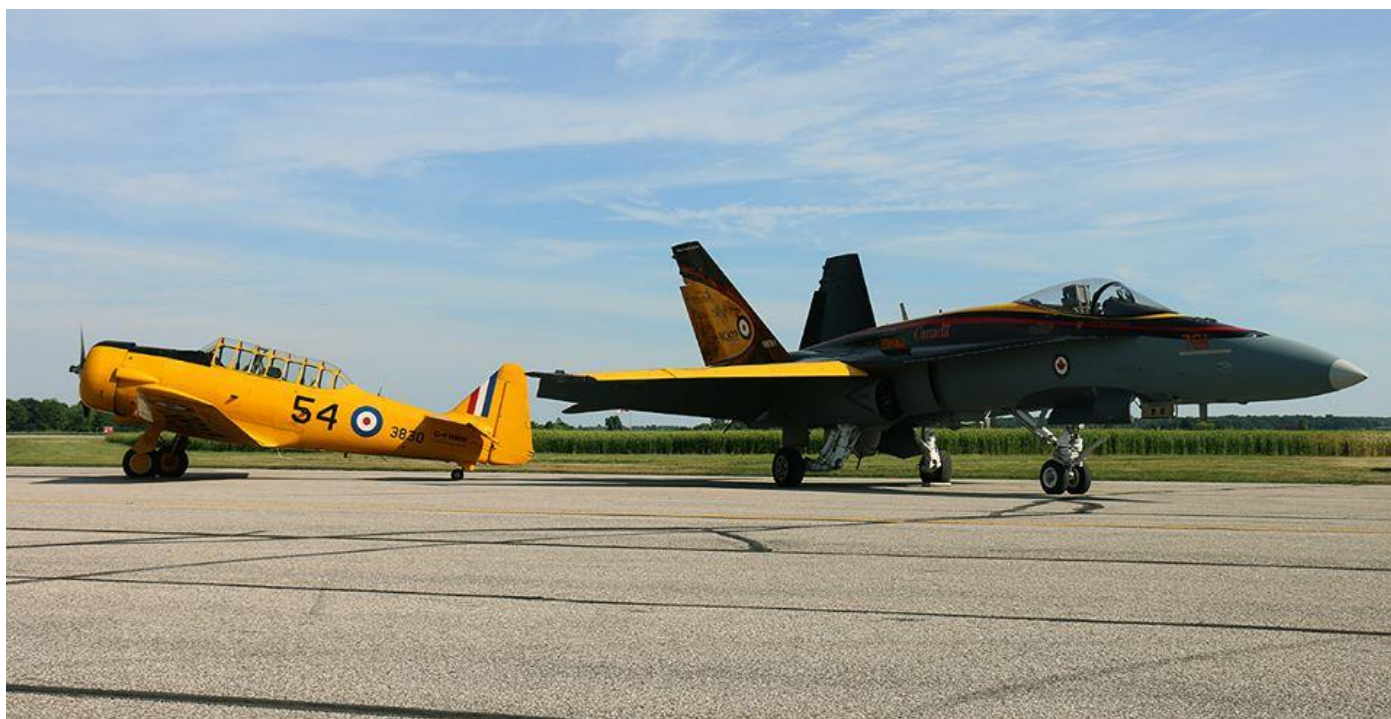
Images from the Summer of 2016

At the Great Lakes International Air Show (GLIAS) in St. Thomas June 18-19, Harvard WPK caught up with an old friend. **Bob Church** of Orangeville, Ontario returned to the cockpit for the first time in about 60 years. He was in the University Reserve Training Plan and spent the summers of 1955 and 1956 at Claresholm, Alberta where WPK served. Bob says... "It was a pleasure to sit in the old bird again, although the instrument panel has been beaten up since I flew it!"



CHAA's booth and static Harvard at the GLIAS in St. Thomas.
(Photo courtesy of Kevin W. Moore)

Below, brothers on the tarmac!
RWN posing with the CF-18 Demo Team aircraft painted in the BCATP colour scheme





Our own 3830 on display at the VIP Gala for the Great Lakes International Air Show on Friday, June 17.

Dave Martin leading the goose formation on the ground prior to the CHAA routine at the Quinte International Air Show in Trenton, June 25 & 26. Behind Dave are **Scott McMaster**, **Percy Contractor** and **Bjarni Tryggvason**.



CHAA was delighted to take part in something “extra” at the Quinte International Air Show. **Kent Pietsch** asked us if he could land his Jelly Belly Interstate Cadet on the CHAA truck owned by **Carl Clayton**. With Carl’s permission we said yes! So, with Pat Hanna in the driver’s seat and Terry Scott riding shotgun with the radio, we did three practice runs on Friday. Pat and **Shane Clayton** were at the controls on Saturday while Shane drove on Sunday with Terry manning the radio again. If you think the photo by **Eric Dumigan** is great, you’ll want to check out the rooftop GOPRO video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7kKAug0xoY>.



CHAA's **Jeannette Rooke** receives a certificate of appreciation from **Bob Jones** of the Optimist Club of East Williams for hosting riders from their Canada Day charity ride. CHAA was the second stop for the ride which was in support of the Children's Hospital of Southwestern Ontario's Bravery Beads Program.

At our July 23rd Fly Day, we were delighted to show our appreciation to Heart FM Woodstock morning man **Paul Laing** for the all the radio station has done for us. Here, Paul (on right) poses with **Bjarni Tryggvason** following Paul's first ever ride in a Harvard. (Photos by Gus Corujo)



Below, **James Hanna** reminds us why we do what we do – to educate everyone, especially the younger generation, of the sacrifices that were made in order to preserve our freedom.



CHAA Wants Your Returnables!



Go green and help CHAA at the same time!

If you live in the Tillsonburg/Woodstock region, please remember that CHAA collects recyclable/**returnable** beverage cans and bottles as another fundraising initiative. These include aluminum beer cans and beer, liquor and wine bottles that carry a deposit. We do not want plastic water bottles or other items that are recyclable only.

Bring them down any Tuesday or Saturday to the Restorations hangar. Your support is much appreciated!

More CHAA photos

CHAA members Gus Corujo and Eric Dummigan are amazing photographers whose love of all things aviation shines through in their work. Be sure to check out their fantastic shots from various events this summer. Gus displays the fruits of his labour at www.gusair.com. Eric's work is at www.airic.ca. Here are a few examples of their talents!



The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association's

Wings & Wheels Family Fun Day

9th Annual!



Saturday, September 10th, 2016

(Rain Date September 11th)

Tillsonburg Regional Airport

244411 Airport Road, Tillsonburg, Ontario

9 AM - 4 PM - Admission by Donation

**Vintage Car Attendees are Entered into a
Draw for a Harvard Flight Experience!**

Activities Include:

- Hangar Tours and Static Displays
- Food truck
- Informative announcing & background music
- Silent Auction

- Door Prizes

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***** THIS JUST IN ... A 1944 Sherman Tank is scheduled to join us for Wings & Wheels! One more reason to join us for this great annual event!**