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President's Report

By Pat Hanna

As I sit here in Southern Ontario and write the Winter Report in late February, the temperature outside is a balmy 17 degrees Celcius! It releases a fresh burst of enthusiasm that Spring might be just around the corner!



The winter season is always a busy time for CHAA volunteers, especially in the maintenance department. The aircraft undergo their annual inspections and detail work to the insignia and aircraft markings is always a task that crew members enjoy. Although the aircraft are maintained so well throughout the flying season, there are often little surprises (or even some big ones!) that these 65-75 year old Harvards reveal when they are "undressed" in front of **Shane Clayton** and **Kerry Wilkinson** (AME). Batteries and tires seem to be the big ticket items on Shanes's shopping list this year. New radios make the list every year! Of course, we have two Harvards that need their P & W R1340's overhauled at an estimated cost of \$50,000 USD each! The Yale sits forlornly in the corner desperately wanting to "prove" herself, but corrosion in the wing attach angles prevents us from a flying program until that extensive repair work is completed. Since there are no new attach angles in existence, the new angles have to be manufactured at considerable expense (of course!). The Tiger Moth is nearly completed after a couple of years of major maintenance and we expect it to return to active duty on the flight line sometime this spring.

In late January, I attended the annual NECAS (North East Council of Air Shows) Conference in Niagara Falls, NY, along with Public Relations Director **Terry Scott**, COpsO **Bjarni Trygvasson** and Chief Pilot **Scott McMaster**. It was a good weekend for networking with producers and performers in the air show business. Surprisingly there are not as many air shows planned in Canada in 2017 as was expected, being that it is Canada's 150th Anniversary. London, Brantford and Toronto are the only full air shows being planned at this time. There are several one day events that we hope CHAA will have some opportunity to participate in. 2018 promises to be a much bigger year and we have been talking with several show producers from

Quebec, the Maritimes and the US Northeast. CFB Trenton, St. Thomas and possibly CFB Borden are all planning events for next year. There is an overall optimism in the air show industry, although I sensed that many producers are leaning towards smaller shows with lower budgets and less risk. This is where CHAA fits in great

because we can offer a pretty significant package at a reasonable cost to events within 250 miles of Tillsonburg.

Melanie Burden has been appointed as "Air Displays Coordinator" and will be working directly with Bjarni and Scott in Flight Operations. **William McDowell** and **Stephen Smith** have been appointed as "Co-Flight Experience Coordinators" and will be arranging ALL backseat rides. **Andrew Muhtar** and **Terry Scott** have been spearheading a rejuvenation of the website and noticeable improvements have been made to the site. Special thanks!

The **Annual Business Meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 AM** in the meeting room at Tillsonburg. Committee chairs and Directors are working on budgets for 2017. Director **Mel Blundell** has assumed the position of bookkeeper and the transition from the past bookkeeper has taken longer than expected. After the books are completed, they need to go to the accountant for preparation of the 2016 Annual Business Report. Typically the report is presented to the membership at the ABM, but it may be delayed until the April Members Briefing. Vacancies on the Board have been filled by **Michael Lawrence** and **John Follows**. They were appointed to the Board of Directors in February for two year terms. Other candidates are also being considered.

The mailout fund raising effort this year was short of our anticipated amounts, but we must continue looking forward. We hope that there will be a significant increase in flight experiences this season, as we plan to be in full compliance with the Transport Canada Exemption that came into effect last summer.

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The Annual Awards and Fund Raising Banquet will be held at the Tillsonburg Legion on Saturday, April 22 from 4:00 PM until approximately 10:00 PM. As in past years, there will be several auctions, with the main event being a live auction (John Picone acting as auctioneer!). Please see a notification for the Banquet elsewhere in this ROAR. There is also a special opportunity for fund raising! CHAA member and internationally recognized photojournalist **Eric Dumigan** will be the featured speaker and will be showing a portfolio of amazing photographs...don't miss it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and help over the past sixteen years as a Director of CHAA. After careful thought and consideration (and encouragement from my wife Ruth!), I have decided not to seek a position on the Board of Directors for another term. It is time for me to step back a bit and let someone else lead this amazing volunteer organization. I will still be very active in my other roles within CHAA. Working together....we MUST keep those Harvards FLYING!

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(Subject to change after March 18th Annual Business Meeting)

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CHAA MEMBERS' BRIEFING

January 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by President **Pat Hanna** at 1000 hrs.

Ken Mist read the minutes from the November 2016 briefing as the meeting in December was cancelled due to inclement weather. **Bruce Tapp** moved that the minutes be accepted, **Bill Long** seconded. Motion carried.

Pat updated the status of fundraising and expressed disappointment with the present status. Another appeal has been sent and encouraged everyone to give. Approximately \$20,000 is needed to get the Yale back in the air and \$70,000 each for the 2 engine rebuilds required on Harvards. Ken provided an update of the current fundraising result – approximately \$4,000.

Pat talked about CHAA's upcoming presentation at the NECAS meetings in Niagara Falls, NY. NECAS is the North East Council of Air Shows and brings together performers, organizers and service providers for the area. **Terry Scott** showed the 3-minute presentation that we will be bringing to the event. Pat, Terry and Bjarni will be representing the group.

The goal of the year is to be able to receive the exemption from Transport Canada to sell rides. Pat said selling rides is our best opportunity to gain revenue and exposure.

Shane updated the group on the status of the aircraft. Annual Harvard inspections underway without any major issues found so far. The Tiger Moth is getting closer to flying again soon. Yale attach angles show corrosion and need replacement. Shane is working with the warbird community to see if other Yale owners want to work together on sourcing these items economically.

Calendar sales resulted in a \$600 donation given by Shane to the fundraising effort.

Canadian aerobatic legend **Gerry Younger** of Guelph was the guest speaker at the January 21st Members' Briefing. His love affair with flying began as an air cadet in England. He became interested in competitive aerobatics and won the Canadian championship several times. Gerry told CHAA members of a career highlight – qualifying for the world aerobatics championships in Kiev in 1976. Wardair agreed to fly Gerry and his Pitts Special to Frankfurt, Germany which was a story in itself. But the real tricky part was getting from Germany to Russia. Gerry, along with American, British and European pilots followed a Russian pilot in an Antonov! Back home, he did the air show circuit and was a solo act at the CNE for a few years. For about 15 years, Gerry ran an aerobatic training school at the Region of Waterloo International Airport.



The question was asked why we are not having the engine overhauls done in Canada. **Shane Clayton** feels that the quality of the Canadian outfit qualified to perform the work is far below that of the US firm that has done work for us in the past. Even with the current exchange rate, the economics and expected life suggest the US is still the best option.

Pat mentioned the changes at Vintage Wings of Canada and Ken provided an update from messages he has received as a member.

Jeanette is handling membership duties during this meeting. **Ralph Labusch** of Labusch Skywear gave Pat a large number of t-shirts and hats as a donation. They will be sold during meetings and events as long as stock remains.

Gord McNulty spoke to the group. CAHS will hold its Annual General Meeting in London June 8 to 11. Go to cahs.ca for more information. Breitling will be bringing its DC-3 to Canada on the way to Oshkosh. Details to follow. Vintage Wings is working on a Mk IX Spitfire.

Leonard Fallowfield, Bruce Tapp, Kip Davis and **Bill Long** were singled out as 4 of our "vintage" Harvard pilots in attendance.

Terry introduced an opportunity to have prints by **Trish McNorgan** from Winnipeg who is offering paintings of Harvards and she will put you in the painting. Contact Terry for details.

Andy Armstrong is working on a unique item for our upcoming fundraising – a specially designed graphic on a propeller blade. See <http://propellerart.ca> for examples of his work.

Guest speaker **Gerry Younger**, 8-time Canadian Aerobatic Champion from Guelph, was introduced and he presented an interesting slide show.

Meeting adjourned at 1145 hrs.

Here is a Toronto Star picture of Gerry from 1976 -- http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMDC-TSPA_0003396F&R=DC-TSPA_0003396F

CHAA at NECAS 2017

Once again this year, CHAA was well represented at the annual North East Council of Air Shows conference at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York. The conference, January 27 to 29, was the second best attended event in the 25 year history of NECAS.



Pat Hanna, left and Terry Scott look rather dapper as they represent CHAA at NECAS 2017.

The agenda included three-minute (max) presentations by 24 performers and, as luck would have it, CHAA was the very first out of the gate on Saturday morning. President **Pat Hanna** introduced our team including **Bjarni Tryggvason**, **Scott McMaster** and **Terry Scott** and then we ran the video produced by Terry. You can check it out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjFxfGk0P4>. It was well received and made for some good discussion points through the weekend.

Among the presenters was **Mike Wiskus** of Minneapolis. You can see more info on Mike at <https://www.lucasoilairshows.com/lucas-oil-aerobatics>. He spoke of helping the airshow industry survive and thrive. The guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner was Retired U.S. Colonel **Bill Goldfein** whose son, **David Goldfein**, is a General in the USAF and currently serves as the Air Force Chief of Staff. Col. Goldfein said when he graduated high school in 1949 he joined the Navy, but soon switched to the Air Force. He had taken a flight in an SNJ (the Navy version of the Air Force T-6) and he was so impressed with flying that he knew he had to become a pilot. His 33-year Air Force career took him

to the Vietnam War, Korea, Japan, France, Germany, Thailand, England, Spain and back to the U.S. where he retired. Col. Goldfein's service included flying the F-4 with the 555th Fighter Squadron, accumulating more than 2,000 hours of flight. For an informative and entertaining interview from 2014, visit <http://video.flyingheritage.com/v/116145867/colonel-william-goldfein.htm>.



HARVARD GROUND SCHOOL – March 25 & 26

CHAA's annual Harvard Ground School is set for later this month. It's a requirement for the limited number of Harvard conversion training spots available for this flying season. Plus, it's open to anyone who wants to learn more about the aircraft. Spots fill up quickly so reserve today! RSVP to Chief Pilot Scott McMaster at scott@mcmaster.ca to sign up and/or request more information.

CAHS holds National Conference in London in June

The Canadian Aviation Historical Society will hold its 54th National Convention and AGM June 8-11 at London, at the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn and Conference Centre, conveniently located on Highway 401 at Highway 4. This is the first time the CAHS has chosen London. Join authors, historians, pilots, engineers and enthusiasts for four days of speakers, films, tours of local aviation attractions and a banquet. For more information, go to www.cahs.ca, or call [204 293-5402](tel:2042935402).

CAHS held its monthly meeting on Saturday, February 4th in Toronto and several CHAA members were there including **Gus Corujo**, **Gord McNulty** and **Paul Hayes**. Here are some shots that Gus took at the event:

<http://gusair.com/htdocs/Airshows/2017/17-MIA-International/17Eric/17Cahs/17cahs.html>

(Eds note: CHAA has reached out to the CAHS convention organizers in order to do a presentation during the conference. Plus, we hope to host a visit by some of the CAHS delegates on Saturday, June 10.)

CHAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

It's Renewal Season once again! Renew your 2017 membership in order to remain current! In order to best serve you, our regular three options to renew are:

1. Fill out the membership renewal form below, input your credit card information or include a cheque (made out to Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association) and mail to: **CHAA Membership, P.O. Box 175, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4H5**
2. Visit our website at <http://www.harvards.com/product-category/memberships/> select membership option of your choice and make a payment online using PayPal.
3. Should you not feel comfortable with paying online through PayPal the final option is by phone, providing your credit card information and we will manually process the payment to your credit card. Should this option best suit you please let me know the best time to call you and we can proceed.

Until then, if you have any question please feel free to email membership@harvards.com or call me, Tracy Reddy, at [519-404-4843](tel:519-404-4843). Thank you for your support!

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____
NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ (HARVARD HAWKS ONLY)
STREET OR R. R. _____ APT. NUMBER _____
CITY _____ PROV _____ POSTAL/ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____
TELEPHONE (Res.) (____) _____ - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE (Bus) (____) _____ - _____ FAX (____) _____ - _____

1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$50.00
2. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$75.00 (NAME OF PRIMARY MEMBER _____)
3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$500.00
4. SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP \$1000.00
5. HARVARD HAWKS (to last day of 18th year) \$15.00

CHEQUE / CASH / VISA/ MASTERCARD/ AMEX (PLEASE CIRCLE)
CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRY DATE ____/____
PRINT NAME AS ON CREDIT CARD _____
DONATION _____ TOTAL AMOUNT _____

SIGNATURE _____ (ALL RECEIPTS ARE ISSUED AFTER December 31)

Once payment has been received your renewal will be processed and a renewal sticker will be sent by mail.

Until then, if you have any question please feel free to email or give me call Tracy Reddy 519-404-4843.

It will be great to have you back!

All the best,

Tracy Reddy
Membership Chair

Get your tickets for the 2017 Awards & Fundraising Banquet !!!

The 2017 edition of CHAA's Annual Fundraising & Awards Banquet will be on **Saturday, April 22, 2017** at the Royal Canadian Legion #153 at 16 Durham St. in Tillsonburg. The guest speaker will be renowned aviation photographer **Eric Dumigan**.

Attitude Adjustment 4:00 PM -- Buffet Style Dinner 5:00 PM

Tickets MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE!!! They are \$35.00 each and available from Jeannette Rooke via e-mail at j_rooke@harvards.com, by calling 519-539-2762, or through our website at www.harvards.com/event/chaas-annual-fundraising-awards-banquet. Tickets will not be mailed, but will be picked up at the door. Payment for pre-ordered tickets can also be made at the door – cash, cheque or credit card!

We are accepting donations of auction items at this time. Linda Brimson is the London area contact for auction item donations. If you have items to donate, please contact Linda at 519-659-0628 or linda.brimson@yahoo.com. For all other donations, please contact Pat Hanna for pickup or drop off arrangements. We are still looking for people to assist with various tasks during the auction. If you can help out it would be much appreciated.

Special Donation to the live auction! Andy Armstrong (Leading Edge Propeller Design) from Oshawa has created this one-of-a-kind propeller blade to celebrate the "Harvard". Since there is so much interest in this amazing piece of artwork, we are going to open bidding to everyone as only about 150 can attend the actual auction. This year we are going to offer "Proxy bidding" for this item only. **The value of the propeller is \$1200.**

All proxy votes must be received by **Thursday, April 20, 2017** to be included in the auction. Please send by email to p_hanna@harvards.com, FAX to 519-744-1563 or by mail to CHAA. Here are some images of this amazing creation!



Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association

Auction Proxy Bid Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Item: Propeller Blade created by Leading Edge Propeller Design

Value: \$1200.00 **Reserve Bid:** \$500.00

Maximum Proxy Bid Amount: \$ _____

I hereby authorize a representative of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association to bid up to the PROXY BID price on my behalf for this item only at the Annual Awards Banquet and Fund Raising Auction, and acknowledge my indebtedness for the same that may be made on my behalf. I will not hold the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association liable in any way whatsoever if my attempt to purchase is unsuccessful.

In the event I am notified of a successful PROXY BID, I agree to make payment in full to the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association within ten (10) days.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

A New Way to Support Your Favourite Yellow Birds – By Mike Lawrence

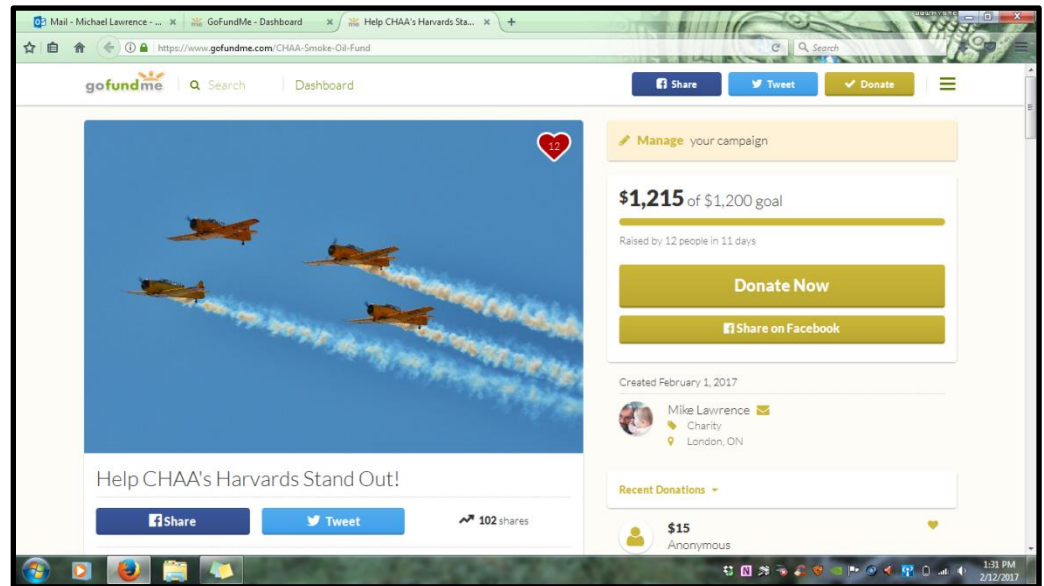
Raising funds for a charity or organization has always been a difficult and perennial issue. Sure, we all know about selling cookies door to door, lemonade stands on the front lawn and whose kids haven't brought home boxes of chocolates, order forms for magazines or "Guaranteed 100% Florida Oranges!" order forms for fundraising activities?

As a member of the Service Crew, I noticed immediately the difference in the smoke our Harvards produced when, at the 2015 GLIAS (the St. Thomas Airshow) we used some high quality smoke oil that was supplied by the organizers. This was the same smoke oil used by both the Snowbirds and also by local performer and air race pilot Pete McLeod at the show! I wanted to be able to have our Harvards use the same high quality oil for all of our performances, flypasts and shows regardless of whether the organizers were able to provide it. Unfortunately, this high quality smoke oil is expensive! I certainly couldn't afford to purchase and donate on my own, a full barrel of smoke oil.

Gofundme is a service and website that allows individuals, groups and organizations to raise funds for almost any purpose. Although I'd heard of the site before, and had in fact donated to another cause through the site, I'd never researched it for myself. Once I did though, I found it to be extremely easy to upload some of my own photos and create a fundraiser using their template. It really couldn't have been easier! Write a few enthusiastic lines about what I wanted to support, set a goal, add a few photos and voila! A new fundraiser was born. I'm fairly active on the Social Media site Facebook, and I published an open call to all my friends for support and shared it to a number of organization pages, including our own CHAA Facebook page.

In less than a half hour from going "live", my campaign had its first donation! As it turned out, in less than four days, we had reached our goal of raising enough money to purchase a barrel of smoke oil! This is, to me, an amazing accomplishment and shows just how generous people within our organization (and some from outside of it too) can be. All that remains now, is to have our smoke delivered before the beginning of the season, and we will all be able to see the fruits of our efforts and generosity when our beautiful yellow ladies take to the skies again!

If anyone wishes to contribute but feels they've missed the active campaign, the fund remains open and will still accept donations. Visit the campaign's secure site at: <https://www.gofundme.com/CHAA-Smoke-Oil-Fund> to donate whatever amount you are comfortable with. We will continue to purchase smoke oil (albeit in smaller quantities) as funds continue to come in. If you wish to simply donate cash, please see me at the airfield or you can email me at



mlawrence4457@hotmail.com to arrange your donation. Any and all unused funds will be donated to CHAA as an unspecified donation, so you can be sure your donation will support our association and its goals.

A huge "Thank You!" goes out to all those who have contributed their hard earned dollars to the cause, to those who've supported the campaign by sharing it on their own Social Media pages and sites, and finally to those who supported me in getting the campaign started. WE are the ones who did it!

Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association - Notice of 2017 Annual Business Meeting

Take notice, the Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association will be held at Tillsonburg, Ontario on the 18th day of March, 2017 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. local time to:

- Confirm acts of the Directors and Officers
- Receive the Annual Report of the Association including the financial statements
- Receive reports of committee chairs
- Appoint auditors for the upcoming fiscal year
- Elect Directors

We hope to see you there!

CHAA Fundraising

Greetings to all CHAA members,

In 1985, way back in CHAA's early days, I don't think we ever imagined the Harvards still flying in thirty years (except for Bob Hewitt!). For thirty-one years now, we have faithfully kept to our commitment to acquire, restore, preserve, maintain, display and demonstrate our aircraft in honour of the brave aircrews of the Royal Canadian Air Force. In that regard, it is fitting our November 11th Remembrance Day flights typically close out the flying season for us.

To continue flying into 2017 and beyond, it will require a tremendous amount of funding. The Mark IV Harvards are approaching sixty-five years in service and the Mark II Harvards are now over seventy-five years old, so they require copious amounts of "TLC" to keep flying them safely. Time has caught up to two of the Harvards and they require engine overhauls, at a cost of nearly \$75,000 CDN each. Based on historical values, a freshly overhauled engine would give us over twenty-five more years of service! In essence, you are making an investment in the future by donating today!

At the same time, our day-to-day operating expenses continue to rise. On behalf of your Board of Directors, may I please appeal to you for your support in meeting the needs of our mandate.

For your convenience, there are three methods of donating:

- 1) Cheque, VISA or MasterCard info mailed to "CHAA Fundraising Committee", Box 175, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4H5. Please use the form below.
- 2) Please go to the CHAA website and donate here <http://www.harvards.com/product-category/donations/>
- 3) Cash, cheque or credit card at the next CHAA Member's Briefing

I urge you to make an investment in CHAA's future by giving generously today! THANK YOU!

Together we MUST keep the Harvards FLYING so that future generations will hear that marvellous ROAR and understand the heritage it represents!

Sincerely,

Pat Hanna
CHAA President

Here is my gift to support CHAA

Name: _____

Address: _____

My donation: ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$500 ___\$1000 ___\$2000 _____Other

___ Enclosed is my cheque made payable to CHAA

___ I authorize CHAA to charge my ___VISA ___MasterCard

Card #: _____ Expiry Date: ____/____

Signature: _____

CHAA is a registered Canadian Charity. Registration # BN12944 5961 RR0001

Thank You! A 2017 tax receipt will be issued for donations received by December 31st, 2017.

CHAA MEMBERS' BRIEFING – February 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Pat Hanna at 1001 hrs.

Ken Mist read the minutes **Diane Lawrence** moved acceptance, **Cathy Cowan** seconded. Motion carried.

Pat announced that 3 new Directors have been appointed. **Mike Lawrence**, **John Follows** and **John Picone**. Pat will be stepping down after 16 years on the Board. *(Note: Due to a communication mix up, John Picone has since advised he is not available to serve on the board at this time.)*

Annual Banquet – **Eric Dumigan** was here and announced as our guest speaker. Signs are pointing to a full house at this year's banquet as ticket sales are going well. Andy Armstrong's beautiful propeller blade will be the highlight of the live auction. He has donated it to us so that all funds raised can go to CHAA. Pat is investigating allowing proxy and live remote bidding. Banquet date: April 22.

NECAS – Pat, Bjarni, Terry and Scott represented CHAA. A 3-minute video presentation was well received. The number of airshows in Canada is limited this year but there are some possibilities on the horizon. The focus needs to be on small fly-ins and opportunities to sell rides after April 1st.

Transport Canada exemption – Pat has asked for some clarification from TC to see if we can pre-sell rides now to be redeemed after April 1st. Still waiting to hear back from them.

Back seat coordinator **Melanie Burden** will be transitioning to Air Displays Coordinator assisting Bjarni and Scott. **Stephen Smith** and **William McDowell** will be taking over the back-seat coordination role.

Mel Blundell has been taking over the bookkeeping duties and is working on gathering the financial information. Ken provided a fundraising update. Approximately \$4,400.

Shane provided a quick update. Inspections and maintenance continue with the goal to hit the April 1st target.

We still have Labusch Skywear product available at \$5 a unit and new CHAA product is available which **Bruce Tapp** is selling after the meeting.

No new business.

Lisa Bishop (pictured at right) of the 99's gave an informative presentation on the history and activities of the group. She is Governor for Eastern Canada and showed several pictures and videos of the group.

Pat reminded that the March 18th meeting will be the Annual Business Meeting with presentation of budgets and handing out of tax receipts. **Sandra Sparkes** reminded that the membership is asked to submit nominations for the volunteer who has contributed the most to CHAA in the last year.

Mike Lawrence spoke about his crowdfunding campaign that raised over \$1,200 for a barrel of smoke oil for the 2017 season.

The 50-50 draw was won by **Tom Szoldatits** who donated his winnings back to CHAA.

Meeting adjourned at 1140 hrs.



(Photo courtesy of Eric Dumigan)

Nominations needed for CHAA Award

One of the highlights of the annual Awards and Fundraising Banquet on April 22 will be the presentation of the **Bob Hewitt Award** named after one of our founding fathers. The award honours the member who contributed most significantly to the overall success of CHAA in 2016 as chosen by the membership. Last year's award went to **Melanie Burden**.

Please send your nomination by March 18 to harvardhappenings@gmail.com or via mail to Sandra Sparkes, c/o CHAA.