



# Mosquito Bytes

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## Important info about donations:

- 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.

## From the President

Check out the new look for the Mosquito Bytes! For over four years now it's been just me, my computer and a Sunday afternoon project to sit down and let you know what is going on. Our Communications Director, Trevor McTavish, decided we need a more professional look. I have been a part of not-for-profit and volunteer organizations since I was seventeen and have discovered that one of the most valuable commodities in these operations is initiative by members and people willing to take charge of things. My least favourite phrase? Someone pointing and saying 'You know what you should do....!?' Thankfully we have far more of the former at work. Thank you Trevor.

### Volunteers:

And on that note, for those of you wishing to get involved, please do not sit back and wait to be invited. Come to our Annual General Meeting on Feb 13, sign up on our website, or get hold of a director. You need not be an aircraft mechanic to contribute. It takes an organization to support the restoration efforts and there are many ways in which you can help out. But for any and all, it takes you stepping up to get involved.

## A moment of silence

Sadly, we just learned that Allan (Al) MacNutt passed away in Abbotsford, BC on January 29.

A WW2 fighter pilot, Al flew with Spartan Air Services before moving

### Meetings:

Now that we have transitioned from a 'Save our Airplanes!' role into active fundraising and restoration mode, our need to hold regular meetings has changed. We will likely shift to quarterly meetings, with this newsletter being our regular form of communicating with members. And you are always free and welcome to drop us an email or give us a call if you have a question about what is going on. My direct contact information has been on every Mosquito Bytes since Volume 1 back in October 2008 (*its still there, see the top of page 4 - Ed*).

We hope to see you at the AGM, at the many events planned by the Bomber Command Museum in Nan-ton this year, or just in the north hangar working on our beautiful bird. It wouldn't be there without your support. Thank you.

Richard de Boer  
President

p.s. Look for a special PowerPoint presentation at the AGM on the prototype Mosquito, created by Bob Gladsby of the Mosquito Museum at Hatfield, England. •

on to Survair, Conair Aviation and Air Spray (among many others).

I hope you'll join us in expressing our deepest sympathies to the MacNutt family and all of their friends. •

## Next Public Meeting:

The next CMS general meeting will be **Feb 13** at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

## February 13 marks the 2013 Annual General Meeting

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## Great new look



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Christmas time marked the competition of a much needed face lift to the society's tri-fold information brochures.

Some of you may recall the rather wordy brochure we were using in 2011. "That one presented our war face, and it did what we needed it to do," says CMS board member, Trevor McTavish. "We had so much information to give people; to correct misinformation in the media, to explain who we were, what we were doing, and why these planes are important. Now that we've succeeded in

retaining the airplanes, we need a less aggressive information package."

Working with Paul Gary of Formwerk Design, and using the custom-made profiles from Claveworks Graphics, we've created two very flashy brochures that describe the Mosquito and the Hurricane.

President, Richard de Boer, has used the new brochures at several public speaking engagements and reports they're extremely popular. •



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## Tiered levels of recognition

There's no secret that we have a big challenge on our hands, because we have to raise \$800,000 in cash and donations-in-kind before August 2014. While we've had a lot of support from our members, we still have a long way to go before we reach our goal.

This month, we're introducing a tiered level of recognition

for our donors.

We're excited to recognize our first Wings level donors; Richard de Boer, Rangeland Truck and Crane Ltd., Scott McTavish, and Aero Propeller of Calgary Ltd..

If you, your company, or someone you know is interested in sponsoring the restora-

tions, please [contact us](#), or [make a donation online](#).

Remember that every dollar that's donated is matched by the City of Calgary, and eligible for a tax receipt.

\$1 donated = \$2.00 when matched, and you get 50¢ back. •

**Scott McTavish**

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CMS Donation Levels	
\$200,000+	Platinum Wings
\$100,000 - \$199,999	Gold Wings
\$50,000 - \$99,999	Silver Wings
\$25,000 - \$49,999	Bronze Wings
\$5,000 - \$24,999	Wooden Wings

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## Membership message

We're getting close to March, when the 2013 membership renewal drive will be kicking off.

As much as we love your enthusiasm, please don't rush to send in your renewals.

We'll begin by sending out batches of email notifications. This keeps things organized and allows our membership and money people to keep

track of who's renewed, who's paid what, who's added an extra donation, and who's set up on the email mailing lists.

*Remember:*

- Membership is \$20.
- Membership for 2012 was 328 people.
- It is very important to keep us up to date on

changes to your home address or email. Every dollar spent mailing letters to track you down is a dollar not going towards the airplanes. •

## Modeler's workbench - mini Mosquitoes

Each of us will have a different reason to be excited about the Mosquito and Hurricane projects that lay ahead for the society. For me personally, it stems from a family passion for aviation, and a lifetime spent building scale models. This is a hobby that fuels a keen desire for accuracy and attention to the minutest of details. You'll be glad to know that many of the CMS Directors are modelers, and share this focus on accuracy.

As we switch up formats for the newsletter, I will be hosting a section that will share how to accurately build both our Mosquito and Hurricane in various scales. This will hopefully be of interest to our members, and help inspire

others to enter the hobby.

Those who are familiar with trying to model equipment used by the Canadian military will appreciate that yet again this will not be a task of simply picking an existing model kit off the shelf and being 100% set to go. No matter which of the popular plastic model scales you choose to build in, aftermarket items will be required, and may take some effort to source out.

I've been collecting many of these parts in order to build models for the displays that will go along with our restored aircraft. Over coming issues I will focus on one scale for either craft and will generally only suggest model kits that

are either still available or were the best option released. In some cases you will have to scrounge around for both the starting kit and the parts required to update it.

The PR.35 version of the Mosquito was the culmination of the Air Ministry's efforts to perfect a photo reconnaissance platform. This was achieved by consistently modifying the engines and some aspects of the fuselage.

### 1/72 Scale:

There are 2 great choices to start with in this common small scale. The original factory modifications started with the early Bomber Mk.IV and so

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**Richard de Boer**

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will our modeling projects.

Hasegawa kit 51217: Mosquito B Mk. IV or Tamiya kit 60753: Mosquito B/PR Mk. IV

The most obvious upgrade to the airframe was with the nacelles. Up-rated power developments to the Merlin engines required a 6" extension to the cowlings and the addition of intakes for the superchargers. We can look to the Czech Republic for our solution by using either CMK

set 7105 or Pavla's set 7262.

There will be some other small changes required in order to complete our build as Spartan's CF-HMS, but I will expand upon those in the future during my actual build sequence.

Scott McTavish

(Scott McTavish is a life-long modeler and owner of Calgary's [Invader Hobbies](#). You can [email](#) or visit the store at 1116 - 55th Avenue, NE) •



Above: Tamiya kit 60753



Above: Hasegawa kit 51217

## 2013 CMS events

### April 20 - Nanton

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

### May 11 - Nanton

70th Anniversary of the Dams Raid and Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

### June 1 - Nanton

The annual Planes, Trains and Elevators event. Includes Lancaster engine runs and a model contest. See the [BCMOC](#) or [WCRM](#) websites for details.

### July 6 - Nanton

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

### July 13 & 14 - Airdrie

The CMS roadshow returns with a booth at the [Airdrie Airshow](#).

### August 24 - Nanton

Salute to the Royal Canadian Legion and Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

### September 21 - Nanton

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

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

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