



Mosquito Bytes

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Mosquito Bytes is the official newsletter of the Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Preservation Society.

If you have an interesting story or news items relevant to our organization, please contact the society at: calgarymosquitosociety@hotmail.com

The Money Edition: Will Cinderella's Carriage turn into a Pumpkin?

Money and politics; two of my least favourite topics, but they need to be addressed. First the good news. With the help of our funding consultants Nine Lions, we were successful in getting a Community Initiatives Grant from Alberta Culture to the tune of \$50,000! Big thanks to Minister Heather Klimchuk for the approval and to Calgary Cross MLA Yvonne Fritz who met with us on November 1 to express her congratulations and to do the official cheque handover.

Now for some cold water: We need to put another \$400,000 in the bank by August 1, 2014, or by the terms of our contract with the City, the deal is off and they can reclaim both airplanes. Anything that we may have planned to earn after that date, such as future casinos and raffles does not count. Its all or nothing.

Does that sound like a lot? It's a matter of perspective and scale. It's more than I have, but did you catch this headline last week? **"\$25 Million Donation to newly named Werklund**

School of Education at the University of Calgary." There is likely no better place on earth right now to look for what we need than right here in Calgary and in Alberta. We need to identify those with an interest in our cause and the means to cover what we need. Know someone that wants this kind of headline?

What are we doing to meet this need? We have further engaged our funding consultants Nine Lions to develop a list of potential financial supporters from local foundations, corporations and individuals within and outside of our membership. They tell us that the kind of money we need will most likely come from those whom we already know. Now is the time.

We are very fortunate in having a new member who has also stepped up to be a very active part of our funding team. Newly retired business reporter Dave Simms jumped in to do some direct appeal and application work and has already turned up

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Next Public Meeting:

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

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a nice \$7,500 contribution from the Calgary Airport Authority.

Dave further discovered that any contributions made to a registered charity, such as us, through the Alberta Treasury Branch gets 15% added to the donation. So the CAA donation becomes \$8,625, which is then matched by the City to be worth \$17,250 to us! Now if **you** make a donation you also get a tax receipt from us which would see you getting about half of your donation back as a tax refund. In other words, if you donate a \$1 through the ATB, it actually costs you .50 cents and is worth \$2.30 to us. Great numbers, thanks Dave.

Board member Trevor McTavish completed two grant

applications under Alberta Historical Resources. These have the potential to be worth as much as \$25,000 per airplane. We will find out in January if our applications were successful.

Our recent WestJet raffle netted us almost \$10,000 and we will be eligible for another next spring.

We are also working on a 'sponsor a piece of airplane' program to be released on December 1. Stay tuned.

Six years ago this month we first heard rumours of the possible sale of the Mosquito to England. Since then we have cleared every hurdle, won every fight, accomplished every goal and earned the support of City Hall, the Mayor, the pro-

vincial government, museum professionals in Canada and around the world and most importantly you. I don't know where the money will come from. I know that it must, and on time in order for us to live up to our mandate. We have one more hurdle to clear. Thank you.

Richard de Boer
President •

Putting our fundraising into perspective

Lets do some simple math to show just how we can reach our fundraising goal before next August's deadline.

Just like the restoration, lets

break this down into smaller phases as it were.

There are approximately 400 CMS members and we need to raise \$400,000.

That works out to every member raising a far more manageable \$1,000.

What can you do to raise \$1,000? •

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Soon to Fly: Freddie 2.0

What someone recently identified as the world's longest continuous aircraft restoration will soon take to the air; a former Spartan sister ship to our Mosquito, VB796 now with Victoria Air Maintenance. As many of

you know owner Bob Jens has decided to finish his Mosquito as WWII's most accomplished bomber, the famous 'F for Freddie'. The propellers are now mounted, the nose art is painted on it, the gear has

been swung, the radiators have been pressure tested. As chief engineer on the project Mel Johnstone said this week, "can see the end of the tun-

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Isn't she beautiful? Now in the final days of a decades-long restoration, former CF-HML (now CF-HMJ) is seen wearing her 'F for Freddie' nose art. (Mel Johnstone via Richard de Boer)



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Alan donated this lovely matted and framed piece for us to use as we see fit...

Scott McTavish

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More Mosquito Art

Our thanks to Alan J. Buckham of Courtenay, BC for the donation of a giclee print on canvas of his original artwork entitled "The Hunter" which depicts Mosquito NFXIII, HK429 of 410 Squadron RCAF of Castle Camps on 13 February 1944. Alan painted the piece as what he calls a "small tribute to F/O R.D. "Joe" Shultz (13 Feb 1944) N-RA . His Navigator that day

was F/L Williams. He was OC 413 Squadron - CF100's when I was just a wee rigger starting my 38 year career. He passed away several years ago after a great career retiring as a G/C and contributing so much to the aviation world. I did not appreciate the gratitude I owed to his era as an 18 year old strapping in this giant of a man into the Martin Baker

ejection seat."

Alan donated this lovely matted and framed piece for us to use as we see fit, perhaps as an auction item at a fundraiser. Thank you Alan.

(P.S. It can be yours for just \$400,000!) •



Alan Buckham has graciously donated this beautiful print of an original painting he created of a 410 Squadron Mosquito. (Alan Buckham)

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Mossie Docs

Looking to add to your personal collection of Mosquito information and documents, and perhaps give loved ones some gift ideas for yourself? The Haynes Manual people have just released their Owner's Workshop Manual for our favourite airplane. Check online at: www.haynes.co.uk

Also long awaited is the Flying Zone Direct CD set of what they call the "Ultimate Mosquito Reference" with over

1800 internal and external photos and over three hundred and fifty colour Air Minis-

try diagrams. Available at: www.flyingzonedirect.com •

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These venues are always a good place to share ideas, successes and options when facing challenges.

Off to the CAPA Conference

In mid November we'll be off to the annual conference of Canadian aviation museums, hosted this year by the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton. It will be the third conference this year attended by

our president on our behalf. This one features government supported aviation museums such as our national in Ottawa, small community museums such as our partners in Nanton and any of the many military

museums with aviation collections such as the base in Winnipeg. These venues are always a good place to share ideas, successes and options when facing challenges. •

Richard de Boer

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nel" for an airplane that has been under restoration since it was bought from Spartan by Don Campbell of Kapuskasing, Ont. in 1966.

Vancouver, where this airplane will be based after its test flights, was to have been the last stop for the original 'F for Freddie' back in May 1945.

Pilot Maurice Briggs and navigator John Baker were to have taken two weeks leave there before returning to England. It is more than poignant that 'Freddie 2.0' will be based there. •

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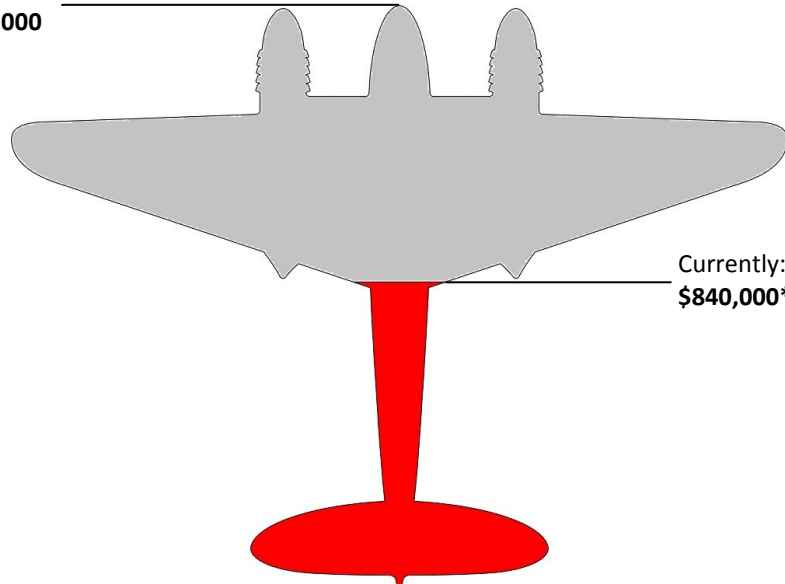
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We're also excited to use ATB's Cares program, which matches all donations made through their website with an additional 15%.

Goal:
\$1,600,000



Currently:
\$840,000*

Start:
\$0

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Please welcome the **Calgary Airport Authority** as our latest Wooden Wings sponsor. We also have our second Silver Wings sponsor; **Alberta Culture**.

Thank you to all of our Wings program sponsors; **The City of Calgary, Rangeland Truck and Crane Ltd., Aero Aviation Ltd., Scott McTavish, Aero Propeller of Calgary Ltd., Richard de Boer and WestJet Airlines**.

A minimum \$5,000 tax-deductible donation is all it takes to become a Wings sponsor and ensure lasting recognition of your support restoring both airplanes. Plus, every dollar donated is doubled by our partners at The City of Calgary.

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Visit the [website](#) for an up to date listing of all sponsors and supporters.

Contact us if your interested in volunteering, either with the airplanes or in support of the society, especially in the area of fundraising. •