



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:

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Let's sprint across the finish line!

In our last Mosquito Bytes, we reported that the amount of money we yet need to raise by the August 1, 2014 deadline was \$115,000. Thanks to our Communications Director Trevor McTavish, our application to Alberta Historic Resources for \$25,000 per aircraft was successful for a total of \$50,000! Yea! Between that and other efforts, our cash requirement is down to less than \$30,000.

In the mail this week is your membership renewal form and a donor form. Last year 65% of people renewing their membership added an additional donation. Let's get this done! If you contribute through ATBCares, they add 15% to your donation, which the city then matches 1-1. That means a \$100 donation is automatically worth \$230 to us. And you qualify for a tax receipt that is worth up to 50% of your original donation, cutting the cost of your contribution in half. That is great math! As the title says, let's sprint across the finish line and get our money stuff behind us before the deadline.

We're on YouTube!

Thanks to new board member Dave Simms who exercised his former CBC skills to shoot and edit our very first YouTube video. Find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V52axt4hMUc> Look for more videos in the near future as we have set up our own channel.

We're Planning a Party

Why? To celebrate meeting our funding goal of raising \$800,000 in cash and kind as per our contract with the City of Calgary and to thank all of those who made it happen.

When and Where? Early August. Stay tuned for exact date and place.

Two Tickets On WestJet

We owe another big thanks to supporters WestJet for supplying two fly anywhere tickets (yes, they are return) which we are raffling again this year for just \$5 each. Buy a ticket or ten. Sell a book or ten. Get hold of a board member; see us at any of

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Next Public Meeting:

The next CMS general meeting will be **May 14** at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

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Escape to paradise and save an airplane



In 2013 WestJet donated 18,346 flights to charities, community groups and organizations ...

Wouldn't you pay \$5 for the chance to escape to somewhere tropical? If hot and tropical isn't to your liking there are other destinations with names like Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto or St. John's.

As I write this, snow covers my yard, ice on the roads makes my commute dangerous, and I consider myself a contender for the 100-metre dash as I run between car and office to avoid the balmy daytime temperature of -20°C. On a day like this I can't help but day-dream – of lying on a sandy beach, soaking up the sun and sipping a tropical beverage. Who wouldn't like to escape to such a paradise?

Starting in 2012, our Wooden Wings sponsor, WestJet, began offering employees return flights for two to organizations they volunteered with. They're good for any destination the airline flies to and could be used to raise funds or meet their own travel needs. In 2013 WestJet donated 18,346 flights to charities, community groups and organizations all across Canada.

Thanks to WestJet the CMS has already held raffles in 2012 and 2013, and thanks to their continuing generosity we'll do it again in 2014. That sounds nice, but what has it actually meant to the CMS?

WestJet's tickets are given to the CMS free of charge, meaning that every dollar we earn, we keep. The Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission makes it easy to hold raffles

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but as the money you raise goes up, so does the need for significant financial reporting. We have limited ourselves to earning less than \$10,000 - a fantastic return on some free tickets. In 2012 we earned \$7,500 and increased that to \$9,995 in 2013. When negotiating with the City of Calgary

we were also able to count the value of the tickets because they were in-kind donations.

This year we are able to start selling our tickets earlier, which means it should be easier for us to sell-out our raffle for the third year in a row.

With the fundraising deadline rapidly approaching make sure you pick up your tickets – you might just buy, or sell, the ticket that puts us over the \$800,000 goal line. •

Welcome our new and renewed members (Jan / Feb 2014)

Bernie Runstedler	Jerry Sacher	Blair Easthom
R. E. (Dick) Kermodé	Robert Evans	Kenneth Zdunich
Ron Matthews	Ralph Jorgensen	Philip Oldale
Vic Reese	James Baldwin	Thomas S. Yanota
Kenneth Burden	John Dane	Vanna Lees
Pat Hardigan	Todd Puzey	Patrick Lees
Roberto	Gary Toffelmire	Scott Lees •
Randy Oberholtzer	John Campbell	

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R. E. (Dick) Kermodé	Ann-Marie Erickson & William Hawley	Philip Oldale
Ron Matthews	Vanna Lees	Blair Easthom
Randy Oberholtzer	John Dane	Scott Hausberg
Jerry Sacher	Todd Puzey	James Lloyd, in memory of Brian Harris, 627 Sqd.
Robert Evans	Gary Toffelmire	Thomas S. Yanota •

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the upcoming open house events at Nanton, or at our next general members meeting May 14 at the Phoenix Foundation. Draw date is July 12. Help us sell out by then and earn another \$10,000 from our friends at WestJet.

Welcome New Board Members

At our annual general meeting in February, three new board members joined our ranks to help guide the direction and success of our society. They are long time aviation buff Bert Furlong, newly retired CBC man Dave Simms and AME Ken Pootz. Welcome aboard.

Miles and Miles of Tax Benefits

After a process that took almost three years, we finally gained our charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency, which allows us to issue tax receipts for people making a donation to our society. Tax receipts are issued not only for cash donations,

but can also be issued for any expenses incurred by members for which they can be reimbursed. If you are buying materials (ink cartridges, stamps, plywood, paint) that we need to fulfill our mandate we can reimburse you or you can take a tax receipt for the value of the goods donated. To complete the paper trail, we will repay you and you make out a cheque for the same amount to the society, after which you receive a tax receipt for the value of the donation.

The CRA allows us to reimburse people for their driving expenses as well. Driving down to Nanton can rack up the miles. Keep track of them and get a tax receipt for miles (sorry, kilometers) you travel in support of the society. Your record needs to look something like this:

Date: April 4, 2014

Destination: Nanton

Return distance: 196 km (or whatever is true for you)

Purpose: Working on Mosquito fuselage

At the end of the year, we will reimburse you at a rate of \$.50/km. Give us a copy of your travel log and we will write you a cheque at this rate. Write a cheque to the Mosquito Society for the same amount and you will get a tax receipt for that figure.

Haven't been keeping track? We have. Sort of. Using our log of volunteer hours, we can figure out who drove do Nanton on which dates since we gained our charitable status. Once we go through them all, we will let you know how many trips you made to Nanton. From now on (let's say from April 1 on) you need to keep track of your own trips and mileage. Let's add up the numbers at the end of this year, do a cheque swap and you gain some tax deductible credits for making a donation to a registered charitable organization.

Mosquito Airbourne (Almost)!

On Saturday, March 29, over 20 society volunteers joined us at the Bomber Command Museum for a significant milestone event: moving the Mosquito fuselage from its old

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...Mosquito CF-HML, is nearing completion under the loving and skilled hands of the folks at Victoria Air Maintenance.

A year in the planning - CMS volunteers carefully move the Mosquito fuselage from her make-shift carriage to a custom-made steel fixture that will make restoration of the fuselage a whole lot safer and easier. (Scott McTavish)

wooden cradle into a new steel fixture. It's the closest she has come to flying in 54 years. A year in the planning, this new fixture will allow us far better access to all areas of the fuselage and importantly, to tackle some of the needed structural repairs. For details and photos, see the new website story by project head Jack McWilliam.

Mosquito Airbourne 2.0

Spartan sister ship to ours, formerly Mosquito CF-HML, is nearing completion under the loving and skilled hands of the folks at Victoria Air Maintenance. Engine test runs are scheduled for mid April with its first flight since 1960 is to be conducted shortly thereafter. Unlike the first flight of Yagen's KA114 in September 2012, no public events are planned by

owner Bob Jens for this Mosquito's return to the skies.

On the good news side, Yagen's Mosquito is again booked to appear at the June 14-15 airshow at the Canadian Warplane Heritage in Hamilton.

Richard de Boer

President •

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Why is that Thunderbolt wearing a swastika?



Apparently Rolls-Royce wouldn't ship engine parts to Berlin!

Can you see it? I'll give you a hint - its in the back corner... (Chris Fraser via Facebook)

Between 1934 and 1945, the German Luftwaffe operated a secretive Battle Wing under the designation of Kampfgeschwader KG200. Officially the wing's role was defined as Special Operations, a generic term that encompassed reconnaissance and test flying, and evolved to include evaluating captured Allied aircraft, developing piloted and unpiloted flying bombs (Mistels) and infiltrating Allied bomber formations with captured "ghost" bombers.

When an aircraft couldn't be captured intact Luftwaffe me-

chanics repaired them by cannibalizing bits and pieces from assorted crash sites. In one dramatic example a Daimler Benz engine was attached to a Spitfire to make it flyable. Apparently Rolls-Royce wouldn't ship engine parts to Berlin!

If you look closely in this photograph of a captured Republic

P-47D you'll spot a disassembled North American P-51D and a De Havilland Mosquito. I've always said there's cool stuff in the background of many photographs.

If you know more about Germany's captured Mosquito please let us know – it sounds like an interesting story. •



2014 CMS events calendar

April 25 - Nanton

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

April 26 - Nanton

The RCAF's 90th anniversary with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

May 14 - Calgary

CMS general meeting at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

May 24 - Nanton

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

June 7 - Nanton

Nanton Celebrates History with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

July 5 - Nanton

Bikes and Bombers with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

July 12 -

Draw for two WestJet raffle tickets.

August 4 - Nanton

Ian Bazalgette VC 70th anniversary commemoration with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.



August 9 - Calgary

CMS celebratory party - details to follow.

August 13 - Calgary

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August 22 - Nanton

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

August 23 - Nanton

The Great Escape 70th anniversary: A Canadian Story with Lancaster engine run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

September 19 - Nanton

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

September 20 - Nanton

Sinking of the Tirpitz 70th anniversary with Lancaster en-

gine night run. See the [BCMOC website](#) for details.

November 12 - Calgary

CMS general meeting at the Phoenix Foundation, 320 - 19th Street SE. [Click here](#) to download a map.

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

Work parties take place in Nanton **almost every Saturday**. Drop in and lend a hand, but remember, for insurance reasons you must be a current member of the Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Preservation Society to work on the aircraft.

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

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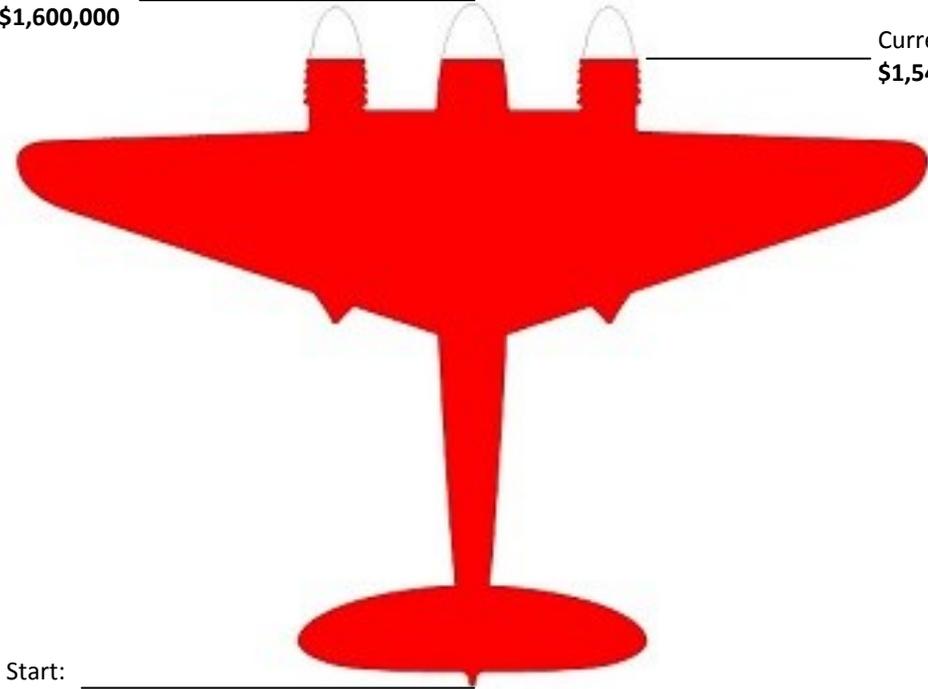
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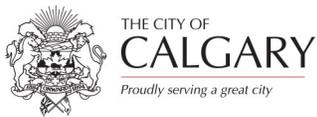
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