

CAHS CAAA Chapter 2023 Activity Report

In person activities were still curtailed by issues with travel and the dispersed nature of the membership. Once again, the chapter newsletter *AerialViews*, and our monthly Zoom meetings, serve to keep everyone in touch and engaged. The Zoom meetings have become a focal point for a cadre of the active members and are well attended.

AerialViews is published four times a year and is the main reason for a number of our members' belonging to the association. A wide variety of articles on subjects ranging from colour theory, composition, matting and framing, art history and materials, to aircraft construction, camouflage and markings, history and current events can be found in its pages. The editor, Layne Larsen, is the publication's primary contributor and is to be commended for the educational as well as aesthetic qualities it exhibits.

Our Zoom meetings are held on the last or second last Saturday of the month, depending on response to an email giving the optional dates. Attendance varies from six to twelve regular contributors. In 2023, most of the meetings took the form of hanger flying, show and tell sessions.

A number of projects to support the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the RCAF were discussed. Ultimately a banner project was chosen, and artwork was gathered while layout and text were mocked up. The concept was to make these available to interested parties at little to no charge. It was felt that the exposure for the CAAA and its artists would be adequate remuneration, and costs would be offset by sponsors. Quotes for printing were sought out but sponsorship proved to be a major stumbling block. Ultimately the project was dropped, and the focus turned to new virtual exhibits with the RCAF Foundation. I believe the first full scale exhibition is up for viewing or soon will be.

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