



Canadian Aviation Historical Society

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President's Annual Report, 2023

It was another year of virtual programming for the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS). The lack of access to the Mauril Bélanger Theatre at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum (CASM) meant that all our meetings were held through the Zoom video conferencing platform while we work to resume in-person meetings. Although they cannot fully replace in-person meetings, the virtual meetings have had the benefit of allowing speakers and guests from across the country to attend our meetings.

The breakdown of the 2023 speakers and their topics are noted below:

26 January - Bradley Air Services: From Flying School to Airline, and Everything in Between!, Robert Davis

23 February - Junius Lyman Edward Hokan: The RCAF's First Black Fighter Pilot, Mathias Joost

30 March - Elsie MacGill: The Queen of the Hurricanes and Beyond, Dr. Crystal Sissons

27 April - Restoration of Lancaster KB882, Kevin Windsor

25 May - Rendezvous with Destiny, David McNair

28 September - A Visit to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Robert Chisholm

26 October - The Para-belles: A more in-depth look at the RCAF's Para-Rescue Nursing Sisters, Mathias Joost

30 November - The Canadian Demonstration Tour of the Bristol Freighter, Kyle Huth

With our speakers' permission we continue to add many of the above presentations to the [CAHS YouTube channel](#), which continues to grow in subscribers, viewership, and videos.

The Research and Projects Group (prayer group) met sporadically this past year, depending on the availability and interest of group members. When they took place, the meetings were held on the second Tuesday of the month.

In October, the CAHS Ottawa had a vendor table at IPMS Ottawa's CAPCON 2023 model show selling new and used books and copies of the *CAHS Journal*. In addition, Bill Clark brought some of his old models to sell, with the Chapter receiving a portion of every kit sold. The Chapter also sponsored the award for best 1/72 scale Single Prop model aircraft. CAPCON 2023 was incredibly successful for us, as we made \$223 (\$173 after vendor table and award costs) in sales and attracted several new members to the Chapter. Thank you to everyone who helped out and stopped by.

The Program Convenor and Refreshments positions on the Chapter Executive continue to be vacant, with Mathias Joost, Hugh Halliday, and myself sharing the responsibilities of the Program Convenor to arrange speakers. Remember, in order to continue operating successfully, CAHS Ottawa does need new volunteers, so please consider volunteering to fill either of the open positions! That said, if you are unable to volunteer for the Executive, you could still assist the Chapter by sharing your input and ideas for potential presenters or topics.

On behalf of the Chapter Executive, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support CAHS Ottawa; the donors for their financial contributions, the presenters and writers for sharing their research and stories with us, and our members for their desire to share our rich aviation history. Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to Mathias Joost and Hugh Halliday for their continued work on the Chapter Executive. We could not have had a successful 2023 season without you both!

Kyle Huth

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