

CAHS MONTRÉAL CHAPTER 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

This year, the Montréal Chapter returned to full time luncheon meetings. Although our Legion venue does not have internet to facilitate hybrid Zoom presentations, we were still able to attract out of town speakers and new members that provided a good mix of relevant subjects to our 63 paid up members. Attendance varied from 24-35 for meetings. Financially, we were able to donate to the Montreal Aviation Museum (MAM) & Quebec Aerospace Museum (MAQ).

Unfortunately, we lost 5 members this year: Jim Bruce, John Barkwith, Don Baird, Brian Darling and Scott Price, as well as our Legion co-ordinator André Lalonde. As is a factor with all chapters, demographics plays a role in maintaining membership levels, so we were pleased to recruit 10 new members this year.

2023 CHAPTER EVENTS:

MAY: Our annual summer BBQ with our partners at the Montreal Aviation Museum was a huge success with a record 52 members and guests enjoying the 3 course delight cooked by Chef Christian Aubert and sous- chef Alain Diechtl. As well as helping with the set-up, the MAM volunteers provided tours of the new exhibits.

An application was made to induct aviation historian George Fuller into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

OCT: A field trip to visit the Nolinor Aviation operations at Mirabel Airport was hosted by CEO and Quebec aviation pioneer Jacques Prud'Homme. Exploring this unique charter airline and enjoying a complimentary bistro lunch was well received by our members attending.

Once again, our chapter represented the CAHS with a kiosk at the Journée du Patrimoine Aérospatial at St. Hubert Airport, attended by 836 visitors. Our presentation "La Rive Sud de Montréal – Sa Richesse dans L'Aviation et L'Aérospatial" also included samples of CAHS journals, newsletters, and calendars.

NOV: The above subject (in English) was presented at the US National Press Gallery to CAHS sponsoring member, the Washington Airline Society (WAS).

CAHS Montréal Luncheon Meetings:

JAN: Bob Davis. "From Dog Teams to Jet Airplanes". The story of Air Inuit

FEB: Nick Wolochatiuk. "How to get Free flights on 50 different A/C types."

MAR: Dave O'Malley. "Death came Knocking". The search for an Ottawa neighbourhood's fallen.

APR: Jacques Prud'Homme. "A Hell of a Ride". From bush pilot, aviation entrepreneur to Nolinor CEO.

MAY: Harvey Engelberg. "Trying to Repair a Wartime Injustice". D-Day downing of Dakota KG356

SEP: Dr. Robert Galway. "John Mack – The First Winter Sub-Arctic Flight".

OCT: Rick Stojak. "The Cuban Missile Crisis 1962". The role of the CP-107 Argus.

NOV: Diana Trafford. "Looking Backwards into the Future". Aviation Historian George A. Fuller

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