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Welcome to the Vintage Wings of Canada Foundation Newsletter.

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The 2018 season is well under way and we want to provide you an update of the activities of the organization. As you will see, it has been a busy time at the VWC Hangar, greatly supported by the members and volunteers of the Foundation. There is much more to come, including a busy flying season, fly-in breakfasts, tours, Aero GO 2018 air show in September, and future presentations.

We closed 2017 with an annual meeting in late November, followed by a family Christmas Party in December that included a special visit from Santa Claus in his Harvard. A potluck lunch was served, and children of all ages had their picture taken with Santa. It was a great get-together to reflect on a busy year and to extend best wishes. VWC would like to extend a special thank you to Santa's helper John Foster for getting good old Saint Nick to join us on that day!



On the evening of 24 November 2017, the Annual Meeting was held for all members. It was an opportunity for the Board to outline the activities of 2017 and the road ahead for 2018. The budget was presented, membership discussed, and the organizational structure of the Board and team leads highlighted. A question and answer session was followed with drinks and pizza.



VWC Foundation Board of Directors:

- Don Buchan..... Chair
- Mike Ruddick..... Director
- Steven Lucas..... Director
- Andy Wilson..... Director
- Alec Simpson..... Director

Communication is essential to any organization, and this also applies to Vintage Wings. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to discuss them with the Board. They are involved in many of the activities at the hangar and want to ensure that, as a member, you are heard and feel part of the Foundation. Please send any requests or questions to Lucie and she will forward them to the Board.

Volunteer Recruitment Day

On 21 April 2018, Vintage Wings hosted a Volunteer Recruitment Day and BBQ lunch. It was an opportunity for all members to come out and learn about VWC's various teams and meet with the team leaders and members. Volunteerism is very important to the function of the Foundation, but it is also a great way to meet others with a passion for aviation and be part of an exciting adventure.

As the saying goes, you only get out what you put in. Updates on events, memberships and the new members' website were presented by Kathryn Buchan. Presentations on the roles and responsibilities were made by the team leads:



Marshalling	Jim McGregor
Tour Guiding	Michael Virr
Crowd Safety	Mike Clark
Aircraft Towing	Dave McColl
Safety & Security	Daniel Malépart, Alec Simpson
Aircraft Grooming	John Longair
Technical Ground Support	Jim Luffman
Communications & Aero GO 2018	Stephan King

Please do not hesitate to contact the leads about your interest in the teams. You can always lend your support to various groups, and learn the operations of these wonderful aircraft.

RAF100 Presentations



Commemorate, Celebrate and Inspire – that is the RAF100 program's mission. Pretty close to VWC's mission statement: Commemorate, Educate and Inspire! To celebrate 100 years of the Royal Air Force (RAF), the UK's Naval and Air Attaché to Canada, Commander Neil Marriott (Royal Navy), called on Ottawa-based RAF Exchange Officers, Squadron Leader Drew Anderson and Squadron Leader Andy Wilson, to offer a series of presentations about the RAF and the BCATP (British Commonwealth Air Training Plan). They partnered with Vintage Wings of Canada to include a visit of the collection.

So far, school groups from Carleton Place High School, Notre-Dame High School, Lisgar Collegiate Institute, Algonquin College, and Air Cadet Squadrons from the Cornwall area, have enjoyed the presentations.

To learn more, please read this [article](#) from the British High Commission in Ottawa, or visit [RAF100's](#) website.

We would like to thank the following for making these events possible: Squadron Leader Drew Anderson and his wife Melanie, Squadron Leader Andy Wilson, Commander Neil Marriott, as well as VWC volunteers Don Buchan and Alec Simpson (VWC Board of Directors), Jonathan Edwards (photographer), Dave McColl and his Tow Crew, Paul Tremblay and the Vintech Aero team (for ensuring aircraft movement), and Michael Virr and his team of tour guides (Claude Brunette, George Mayer, Steve McKenzie, John Crook, Glyn (Taff) Williams, Doug Zahody, Pierre Lapprand, Gavin Milo, Alan Hunt, Paul Gibb and Michael Harrison).



Modelling Kit Building Workshop



On 20 January 2018, VWC, in collaboration with a local modelling club, IPMS Ottawa, organized a half-day modelling seminar at the hangar. Three modellers from IPMS, Michael Virr, Wayne Giles and Benoit Bonnier, led the discussion on the hangar floor, with the vintage warbirds as the backdrop. Fifteen participants attended and brought with them one or more model kits, works in progress. Participants

included new people to the hobby as well as older modellers who were interested in improving their skills. The group learned about the basics of assembling, painting and decaling plastic models. The presenters brought along completed models as well as their own works in progress to demonstrate how simple techniques can produce a realistic model.

The event was well received, and consideration is being given to holding another session next year.

The next time you're visiting the VWC hangar, take a look at the showcase in the lobby for some great models from IPMS Ottawa.



Roy Brown Presentation



On 2 February 2018, Vintage Wings hosted the Roy Brown Society for a presentation on Captain Roy Brown, a Carleton Place resident who shot down Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace commonly known as the Red Baron. April 21st marked the centenary of this momentous event. The presenters provided an overview of the events that occurred, the life of Roy Brown and that of Baron von Richthofen, and added a personal and human perspective of both pilots. It was an opportunity for members to learn of the life of a World War 1 pilot, and the courage it took flyers on both sides to survive the horrors of aerial combat.

The excellent presentation, which was followed with drinks and food, was a great way to spend a snowy night at the hangar.

Vintage Wings would like to thank Rob Probert, Jeff Maguire, Don McKay, Ross Beck, Russell Holmes and Dave Harris of the Roy Brown Society of Carleton Place who provided an interesting and entertaining evening.

Please visit the Roy Brown Society at www.captroybrown.ca to learn more on this great Canadian.



Warbird U

What a great year this has been for the Vintage Wings Warbird University series of events! Since June of 2017, we have held four WarbirdU events covering the Mustang, Spitfire, Hurricane, and most recently, the F-18 Hornet. Attendance, while starting a bit slow with the Mustang event (15 people), has been incredible (Spitfire: 49, Hurricane: 53, F-18: 75). The last two events were sold out with people on a wait list. We even went out and purchased more chairs to accommodate a larger group!



During the Spitfire and Hurricane events, we were privileged to have family members from Arnold Roseland and Donald McLarty (to whom the aircraft are dedicated) in attendance. In both cases, the families brought in personal memorabilia and stories to share with the rest of the attendees, a wonderful personal touch that humanizes the aircraft and commemorates their memories.

Our last event was something a bit different. Instead of featuring an aircraft from the collection, we decided to feature an active military aircraft. We had great help

from current members of the RCAF in organizing and instructing the event, which was a huge success. We would also like to make note that Vintage Wings specifically reserved 15 of the 75 sold out seats for youth. These seats were filled by regional Air Cadets who were graciously sponsored by the RAF100. What a great way to inspire the next generation into a career path involving aviation!

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make these events happen.



WarbirdU will be taking the summer off, but we are already planning out the next season. Look for the Corsair to be featured by WarbirdU in October. Current plans also include the P-40 and the De Havilland Beaver. While not a Warbird in the same sense as other aircraft in the Michael Potter collection, it did see military service, and it is a Canadian aviation icon which deserves its moment in the spotlight. We are anxiously awaiting the return of the Beaver in the collection from its extensive restoration.

Vintage Wings Calendar of Upcoming Events

(* below are tentative dates)

6 June	Team Leads meeting – 9 a.m.
16 June	Second Annual Pre-Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast
7 July	Flying Open House Day
*23 to 29 July	B-29 "FiFi" Visit
*8 to 12 August	B-25 Visit
11 August	Fly-In Breakfast and Open House Day
8 September	Flying Open House Day
15 September	Aero Gatineau-Ottawa 2018
November	Remember RAF 100

Yellow Wings program



The Yellow Wings program was established in 2011 as a commemoration of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP). As a cross-Canada outreach program, Yellow Wings toured from western Canada through to Québec during the 2011 season, and the Maritime provinces during the 2012 season.

In 2013, an ambitious program was undertaken to fly Air Cadets aboard Yellow Wings aircraft at summer training camps across Canada. To date, this donor-funded program, which works in cooperation with the RCAF, has given 850 young Canadians the opportunity to experience living history and learn about the contributions of those who served in earlier generations, and the legacy of the BCATP.

The 2018 season is still in the works.

The program is led by Mike Ruddick, and pilots include Peter Ashwood-Smith, Rob Barbe, Don Buchan, Kathryn Buchan, Doug Erlandson, Dave Hadfield, George King, Terry Peters, Pete Podebry, Jon Rotondo, and Ed Soye.

Remember RAF 100

As a member of the RAF Family, and with the collaboration and support of both Vintage Wings of Canada (VWC) and the Remember RAF 100 team in the UK, Melanie Anderson is starting a simple, poignant project called Remember RAF 100. She will run it alongside the current RAF 100 program at VWC and beyond to 11 November 2018. The Remember RAF 100 Project aims to 'Discover - Remember - Share the story of the air service'.

The project permits access to a Remember RAF 100 database designed to help research and remember air service personnel who lost their lives in World War One and who are buried or commemorated in the UK. Melanie will set up the database (computer and hard copy) at VWC. The database contains records of members of the RAF, Royal Flying Corps, Women's Royal Air Force, the Royal Naval Air Service and International Air Forces.

Melanie would welcome every visitor to VWC and invite interested members of Canadian society to research a name and place it on an aeroplane template. She would like to display a few of the templates on rotation at VWC until the 11 November 2018 and then see if there is a possibility to place some of them on graves in the UK.

There are 4805 names on the database, and Melanie would like to aim for the commemoration of 100 air service personnel, with a particular focus on remembering women and Canadians at a small memorial service to be held at Vintage Wings of Canada in November 2018.



Outreach

The Foundation is administered by Lucie Lacroix. Lucie provides us with the necessary leadership for the day-to-day operations, and is available to the public and members for any questions or concerns. You will also find her very involved in the planning and conducting of the various events.

We have also widened our outreach by joining both the Ottawa Board of Tourism (www.ottawatourism.ca) and Tourisme Outaouais (www.tourismeoutaouais.com). Both organizations are linked to our website, and provide the latest local, national, and international coverage. We are open for business, and want others to know who we are, hoping that those visiting Ottawa and the Outaouais region will see our collection as a highlight of their trip plans.

It is important to note that our website is updated regularly with upcoming events. We encourage you to visit the Foundation's website at www.vintagewings.ca as well as the members' site.

We encourage you to renew your membership and to invite others to be part of our Foundation. For further information, please follow this link: <https://foundation.vintagewings.ca/collections/memberships>, or contact Lucie at llacroix@vintagewings.ca or by phone at 819-669-9603.

The Vintage Wings of Canada Foundation has updated the official tour guide for the collection of aircraft at the hangar. The tour guide, available only to the volunteer tour guides, provides the background and personal stories related to each aircraft. We would like to thank Sarah Anne Virr for taking the lead on this update, and her team of Claude Brunette, Michael Virr, George Mayer and Lucie Lacroix. To receive the updated version, please contact Lucie Lacroix.

Help Wanted

We would need a team of volunteers in charge of the gardening around the hangar, and to do so, we need someone who would take the lead of this group. This team would take care of the weeding and landscaping, as the grass is being mowed by a contractor. If you are interested in being part of this team, contact Lucie.

Recognition

VWC would like to recognize the dedicated support of many people in its activities:

- Peter Handley, Jonathan Edwards and Pierre Lapprand, three of our long-time volunteers, for their nice images of the aircraft collection and events;
- Dave O'Malley, another one of our long-time volunteers, for his wonderful work on graphic designs and his fabulous stories, [Vintage News](#), on VWC's main website;
- Kathryn Buchan and her husband, Eli Marshall, for their great work on the new members website;
- Annie Carreau, for her colossal work in listing and categorizing the books in the library;
- Tim Timmins, for listing the magazines in the library;
- John Longair and the Grooming team, for their tireless work on keeping the hangar floors spotless and the aircraft the shiniest and most detailed in Canada!
- Jim McGregor and his team of Marshallers, for representing VWC when participating in these events:
 - Mo's Fly-in, in February;
 - Girls Take Flight event, from Women in Aviation, in April;
 - Westport Spring Fly-in, in May;
 - Maniwaki Fly-in, in June; and
 - VWC Fly-in Breakfast, in June.

We would also like to thank each and every one of our volunteers for their assistance in supporting our various activities.

Vintage Wings of Canada would like to thank Wayne Foy for his many years of displaying his models representing all eras of aviation. Wayne always ensured that his exhibits were unique and interesting, and for this VWC is most grateful. We wish Wayne all the best, and look forward to seeing him at the hangar.

VWC would like to thank Pierre Lapprand and Joanne Martel for their help in translating this newsletter, as well as other published articles in the past. We would also like to give thanks to Richard Lacroix and Lucie Lacroix for proofreading this newsletter and some translations as well.