



WINGS & TAILS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

Telling the stories of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, and the RCAF Veterans, to the Communities of Canada.

COVID Update

The Museum remains closed to visitors until further notice. Monthly general membership meetings are suspended until further notice. Members will be notified when Museum operation and meetings resume.

Membership Alert

If you have not renewed your membership for 2021, please consider doing it now (\$50/person). Your Membership dues is important to keep the Museum operating in these difficult times. If you are not sure if you have renewed, please call the Museum and leave a message. A volunteer will check on your membership status and call you back.

Mail your cheque to:

No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum
P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

Renewal receipts will be sent by mail.

“Super Draw 100” Reminder

Only 100 tickets can be sold for this special raffle and they are going fast! If you have an application for a ticket and have not returned it with your cheque, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to buy a ticket, see the information and application accompanying this newsletter.

Museum Website Gets a Facelift & More

Next time you access the Museum website, check out the changes! The site has been completely redesigned.

The Home Page now features rotating photographs. Text below the photographs invites the website visitor to “Discover a *gem* of *aviation* history in Dunnville, Ontario,” “Come visit our *impressive* hangar filled with *history*,” “Immerse yourself in *history* with our *awe-inspiring* displays,” and “Walk amongst *heroes* in our beautiful *memorial garden*.”

All of the photographs and text from the former website were transferred to the newly designed site. They were supplemented with the new rotating photographs on the Home Page and additional photographs of the inside of the hangar. The design uses the dark orange and medium blue of the Museum crest as accent colours.

CMS Intelligence, Inc., St. Catharines, the company that hosts our website, created the new design. The design takes advantage of shifts and developments in technology that the old site could not accommodate. The site is also easier for us to manage. And the changes serve a marketing function—helping the Museum connect with visitors who would be interested in what the Museum has to offer.

www.rcafmuseum.org is at your fingertips.

Letter from the President

I decided to look back at my previous letters and discovered that I was very optimistic (as I think most of us were) on the reopening our unique Museum. I'm sure none of us thought we would still be in a lockdown over a year later.

A lot of our volunteers have been working diligently behind the scenes upgrading, painting, unpacking donations for our annual yard sale, etc. We have been staggering our days and hours at the Museum and in the hangar so we can keep out of each other's hair and be able to keep our social distancing.

Hopefully, we will be able to resume monthly meetings in August and show off the excellent job our volunteers have done to improve our Museum and keep the grounds looking great.

We were hoping to have our annual yard sale on the Civic Holiday, Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1, and then have Elimination Night for our "Super Draw 100" on Saturday, August 21. But it is looking like we will probably have the yard sale on the Labour Day long weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5. We have never had so many items to offer for sale. We are running out of tables to display the many items that people have generously donated.

I want to thank the Executive Committee members who have also continued to do all the things that have to be done whether we are open to the public or not.

Most of all I want to thank our members who have renewed their memberships. We wouldn't exist without your support.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN AUGUST!

Your President, Carolyn Burrage



Volunteers Continue Working...



Since February and when COVID restrictions allowed, volunteers have taken opportunities to clean up, clear out, and spiff up the Museum, the Meeting Room, and the Memorial Garden.

In the Museum... Several new display cases were acquired and transported from the Toronto area. Three of them were installed in the Museum and some existing displays rearranged. Two new displays in progress feature memorabilia donated by the families of the late Marion Tait and Tom Murphy.

In the Meeting Room... After moving the tables, chairs, and filing cabinets out, the floors in the Meeting Room and the kitchen were repainted. The library, desk, and counter were removed, the library relocated upstairs in the hangar, and the exposed wall painted. The Meeting Room space is significantly increased by this change.

New tennis balls (400!) were purchased and cut, ready to be placed on the chair legs.

Six of the new display cases were assembled and placed in the former location of the library, and lighting added. They house a large donation from the estate of William Brimley (see next page).

For the Memorial Garden... In addition to ongoing maintenance, accent and border stones were repainted blue and yellow, and extraneous stones moved by front loader. Lawn care has continued around the Memorial Garden and the Museum.

Thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work!

Arnold Link, Tim Logan (and friend Dominic), John Van Luttikhuisen, John McKay, Steve McKay, Don Messner, Don Oatman, Stan Swayze, and Ross Watterworth. If anyone was missed, we apologize.

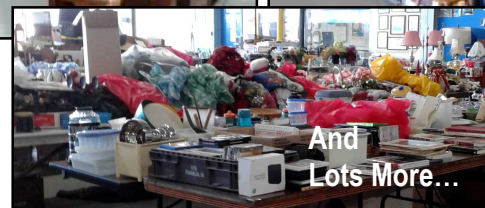
**Now shrouded
in Mystery...**



Yard Sale Magic

Preparations for the yard sale are ongoing. Donations continue to come in, are unpacked, checked, and organized on tables. So much more merchandise than usual has been donated that almost all the meeting room tables have been moved into the hangar to hold it! Thanks to Cathy Boyko, Carolyn Burrage, Anne Gallant, and Steve McKay. If anyone was missed, we apologize.

**...Soon All
Will Be Revealed!**



**And
Lots More...**

Brimley Collection Featured in Meeting Room

The No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum is proud to be the new home of almost 400 items received from Sheryll Brimley on behalf of her husband, the late William Brimley.

Brimley was born in North Bay, Ontario. He attended the University of Waterloo, and earned a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd. (AECL), SPAR Aerospace, Ryerson University, and Mohawk College, as well as teaching at universities and colleges across Canada. Most recently, he worked as an Aerospace Consultant.

He was twice a finalist for the Canadian Astronaut Program and served in critical roles for the Canadian

Space Station Program. Brimley was also the Director of the University Space Network from 1994-2004.

A private pilot, Brimley had a passion for aviation history and was an avid collector of memorabilia and model airplanes. He wanted his collection to go to the Museum.

The donation has been inventoried and items are now on display in the new cases installed in the Meeting Room. The display promises to be especially interesting to students.

The Museum is grateful to Sheryll Brimley for ensuring that we received this wonderful collection.



2020-2022 EXECUTIVE

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Carolyn Burrage, President Tim Logan, Secretary
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THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

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 (former Dunnville Airport)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

Phone: 905-701-7223

Website: www.rcafmuseum.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rcafdunnvillemuseum/

Hours: **Normal open hours are suspended.**

**Tours for small groups may be available.
 Please contact the Museum.**

Normal Hours: Victoria Day weekend through Labour Day weekend: Sat. & Holidays, noon-5 p.m., and Sun. 1-5 p.m. Tues. year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Remembrance Day, noon-4 p.m. To arrange a tour, send email through the website or call 905-701-7223.

Life at the No. 6 SFTS

Excerpts from *The Skywriter*



Saga of a Pig

Letters Home

The doldrum serenity of Welland Field was interrupted the other day when a young pig was seen nonchalantly picking his way across the aerodrome. The excitement started in the Control Tower, when the familiar voice of the Junior Control Officer was heard using terms and phrases of various colour—of no mean tempo and volume. Whether he was praying for the porker or the pilots who were landing and taking off in the vicinity of the pig, or whether he was regarding the piglet from a different angle will never be known. At any rate, the every-ready crash crew dashed to said porky's assistance. Never was a chase enjoyed more by the onlookers than the one that followed. Half a dozen airmen, with arms waving, chased the poor pig in and out of taxiing aircraft assisted by our ambulance periodically blocking the mad dash of the now fright-crazed and squealing animal. Luckily for the pig he was tackled and downed by a hefty medical orderly before our mascot, a husky English bulldog, arrived on the scene. Amid much threshing about and complaining on the part of the porker he was closely examined by the complete personnel, who apparently had never seen anything like this before. The excitement gradually died down and the piglet was forgotten until noon hour. Suddenly, bedlam let loose in the Officers' Quarters, pigs squealed, dogs barked and airmen came a-running. With such a row going on there must be at least half a dozen murders in progress! It wasn't until later we learned that Flying Officer Rogers, coming into his room, found the pig peacefully asleep in his bed, although we did wonder why the farmer-owner was summoned so hurriedly to take him away.

Dear Joe,

We arrived at Dunnville Monday morning, and were overwhelmed by the warmth of the greeting....

Ground school is swell, Jo. The instructors here are very versatile. Our Meteorology teacher not only teaches us about clouds, isobars and such, but he is also a bit of an ornithologist. He gave us a most interesting lecture the other day—all about the customs and habits of the key-bird (most interesting!)

Another outstanding member of the faculty is our Sr. Armament Officer (sometimes known as F|O Fumph). His teaching methods are revolutionary, but darned effective. (Vaudeville is not dead, Joe.)

Our navigation instructor is Flt. Lt. Maill, or is it Mile. Anyway, Joe, he is "miles" over my head. (Ouch.)

We started flying this week, Joe—and it is wonderful! I had heard a lot of talk about the "Automatic Pilot" before I came here. It is the greatest advancement in aviation in the last decade. I notice it is most effective during night circuits. It is positively uncanny the way it keeps you straight on the runway, keeps A|S constant on climb, and on the landing—say Joe—it shoots a better landing than I can. I am rather hurt about my instructor's attitude. The other night, after the automatic pilot had shot a perfect 3-point landing, he complimented ME. Just sarcasm, I guess.

This Link business is very confusing to me. After flying what I thought was considered a perfect test, my testing officer said that altho' it was perfect, there was no such thing in the Air Force, but in view of my stellar performance he gave me 80%. Boy, was I happy. This mark, he said, was subject to change by the powers that be. He wasn't kidding. My final mark was 65%--shrinkage, I guess.

Well, Joe, they say "Life CAN be beautiful," but what has that got to do with me? I am in the R.C.A.F. now.

Best Regards—Dunc.

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