



Don't delay. Act now. Join us on June 1st at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Renew old friendships over lunch. Then take a close-up look at the Lancaster heavy bomber above and many other vintage warplanes. (Photo from our June 8, 2017 Chapter gathering.)

SPRING THING

Thursday, June 1, 2023

9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope, Hamilton, Ont. L0R 1W0

11am Reception: coffee, tea, juice. Free parking. Accessible

12 noon Lunch, door prizes, brief presentation by a CWHM spokesperson, followed by a walk through the museum

TICKETS \$22 EACH

Tickets *must* be bought *in advance* by a CBC PNA member

Pick up your prepaid tickets when you arrive at Registration

Cut-off date - Thurs., May 18

Easy pay - payghchapter@gmail.com

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(Make cheques out to Golden Horseshoe Chapter CBC PNA)

Regardless of your mode of payment please advise Cindy of the names of guests for name tags - cbeatty7887@rogers.com

A look inside a national treasure, the 2 Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

Story by Marie Clarke-Davies

Photos by Bob Waller

As Ontario emerges from its darkest winter in 80 years, here's something bright and colourful to look forward to: the Golden Horseshoe Chapter's Spring Thing on June 1 at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

Located next door to Hamilton's John C. Munro Airport, the museum is home to more than 40 restored military aircraft, ranging from the diminutive De Havilland Canada Chipmunk, a basic trainer, to the enormous Consolidated PB5Y-5A Canso, a flying boat with a wingspan of 104 feet.

There's even a pair of Douglas Dakota transport planes. One, a DC-3 model built in 1939, served in Burma during the Second World War and has flown more than 12 million miles - the equivalent of 492 trips around the planet. The other, a C-47 model, served with distinction in the Normandy landings and the campaign to cross the Rhine. These, and many of the other aircraft in the museum's collection, are airworthy.

But the star of the collection is undoubtedly the Avro Lancaster heavy bomber, one of only two flying Lancasters in the world, and the only one that is open to flights by the public. The "Lanc" is officially dedicated to the memory of Pilot Officer and Victoria Cross winner Andrew Mynarski, but you could also say it's a memorial to the thousands of Canadians who flew and serviced them overseas and the thousands more who built them in Canada. The museum's collec-

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Lancaster undergoing engine maintenance



Douglas Dakota C-47 transport plane



Nose of the Lancaster heavy bomber

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tion is always evolving. In recent years, dedicated teams of volunteers have been lovingly restoring a Bristol Bolingbroke, a twin-engine light bomber, and a Grumman Avenger, an aircraft carrier-based bomber that served in the US Navy in the late 1940s.

Now the museum is planning to restore one of the most iconic fighters of World War II, a Supermarine Spitfire Mark XVI. The plane, for many years on loan from the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, is now officially owned by the CWHM, and aviation buffs can hardly wait to hear the deep rumble of its Merlin engine when it takes to the sky.

The Spring Thing event will feature the museum's "Harvard Sandwich and Salad Buffet," named for its Harvard training aircraft, and a basket of door prizes. A brief presentation on the museum's collection will follow the meal. Then it will be time to explore the numerous displays, with knowledgeable volunteers ready to answer any questions. Weather permitting, you'll be able to step outside the hangar doors or head to the observation deck to see living aviation history. Then you can visit the extensive gift shop to pick up keepsakes for the grandchildren - or maybe yourself.

And maybe you'll even be tempted to book a flight on one of the eleven aircraft that are available to take passengers on rides. These range from a \$200, 20-minute hop in a Beech Expeditor or Noorduyn Norseman to a one-hour journey in the Lancaster costing \$3,900. But if you want to take off in the Lanc, you'll have to wait till 2024. All seats in the big bomber are sold for this year.



Restoring the Bolingbroke medium bomber



Spitfire Mark XVI fighter



Consolidated PBY-5A Canso flying boat



Warplane Heritage Museum gift shop



Harvard Buffet Lunch

Salad

Garden salad

Sandwiches

Deli sandwiches and wraps including an assortment of grilled chicken, cold cuts, vegan/vegetarian

Sides

Cheese and cracker platter

Vegetable and dip platter

Dessert

Freshly carved fruit display

Decadent sweets platter

Beverages

Water, soft drinks, coffee and tea



De Havilland Tiger Moth Trainer



Fleet Fort



Grumman Avenger



De Havilland Chipmunk Trainer

The end is in sight

The fight over sharing the CBC pension fund surplus should be in the arbitrator's hands within weeks

By Dan Oldfield - PNA Rep,
Consultative Committee on
Staff Benefits

The process that began more than a year ago is finally nearing the end.

The arbitrator, Justice Dennis O'Connor, has directed the PNA/Unions and the CBC to submit final arguments in writing before April 12th. Then he will hold a final hearing so he can question legal counsel. After that he will render a decision as to whether CBC pensioners and employees will get a fair share of any declared pension plan surpluses, along with the Corporation.

Justice O'Connor will decide whether a Memorandum of Agreement reached in 2008 between the CBC, the PNA and its unions remains valid, and whether the conditions requiring the sharing of pension surpluses have been met.

The CBC has taken the position that the agreement expired on December 31, 2019, and is no longer in force. Even though the agreement



Dennis O'Connor
Arbitrator

contains no expiry date, the CBC seeks to have the arbitrator agree that it was within its rights to unilaterally terminate the deal.

The PNA and the Unions are asking the arbitrator to rule that the agreement remains in full force and to order the CBC to honour all the provisions.

The historic deal reached 15 years ago between the PNA, the CBC and its unions was meant to end decades of conflict over the sharing of pension plan surpluses. In order to achieve an agreement employees contributed more than 40 million dollars into a health care fund designed to

cushion CBC against unexpectedly high benefit costs.

At the same time, and after spending more than 400 thousand dollars on a class action lawsuit, the PNA withdrew its court action and entered into a good faith bargaining exercise.

The unions also withdrew more than 20 grievances and pending arbitrations, also with the goal of reaching an agreement in good faith.

So the end is in sight but sadly, CBC's challenge has meant a resolution will come too late for several hundred PNA members, who are no longer with us to celebrate and to share fully in the benefits of a surplus they spent a working lifetime to create.

We can reasonably expect a decision within the next few months. We believe we will win this arbitration because the facts, the arguments and the law are on our side.

IDENTITY THEFT

Don't become a victim

Sound advice from the Little Black Book of Scams

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/competition-bureau-canada/en/little-black-book-scams-2nd-edition>



Help ensure your identity remains yours alone

Scammers are always on the lookout to collect or reproduce your personal information to commit fraud. Thieves can make purchases using your accounts, obtain passports, receive government benefits, apply for loans, and more. This could turn your life upside down.

Fraudsters use techniques that range from unsophisticated to elaborate. Offline, they can go through trash bins or steal mail. Online, they can use spyware and viruses, as well as hacking and phishing.

They look for credit card information, bank account details, full name and signature, date of birth, social insurance number, full address, mother's maiden name, online usernames and passwords, driver's licence number, and passport number.

Identity theft is a serious crime!

Tips to protect yourself

Never provide your personal information over the phone, via text message, email or the internet.

Avoid public computers or Wi-Fi hotspots, such as in coffee shops, to access or provide personal information; they put you at risk.

Create strong and unique passwords for each of your online accounts. Password-protect your devices and home Wi-Fi network.

Use a secure and reputable payment service when buying online—look for a URL starting with "https" and a closed padlock symbol.

Avoid giving out personal information on social media. It can be used along with your pictures to commit fraud.

Always shield your PIN when using your card. If you hand it over to a cashier, never lose sight of it.

Shred and destroy documents with personal information.

What is an eSIM card?



Say goodbye to roaming charges when you travel outside Canada

By Marie Clarke-Davies

While my husband and I were preparing for an upcoming trip to Spain earlier this year, I stumbled upon an online article in The Savvy Backpacker with welcome news for travellers.

It pointed to an innovation called eSIMs. They can make cell-phone roaming charges, which can cost from \$12 a day or more, a distant memory.

I immediately shared the information with our travelling companions. Coincidentally, they had started investigating them too.

Before I go any further, let

me explain eSIMs.

You may have heard about travellers who purchase a new physical SIM card for use in a new country. They would remove the SIM card they use at home and replace it with a new physical SIM card that would allow them to use their phone with a local provider, thereby paying local rates.

But that comes with risks. You may need special equipment to remove the physical SIM card and there is always the chance you could damage or lose your regular SIM.

Thankfully, many newer phones allow for the installa-

tion of an eSIM card. Basically, you purchase a cell plan for the country in which you'll be travelling. And as long as your phone is unlocked you can install the eSIM plan and activate it once you get to your destination.

It sounds complicated, but it's not. I have an iPhone 12, and installing the eSIM was a matter of going to settings, going to cellular data and then scrolling down to a spot that said "Add eSIM" in blue lettering. Easy! Most newer phones make adding an eSIM fairly simple, as long as your

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WhatsApp

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phone is unlocked.

In our case, we opted for plans from a company called Airalo, which gave us 10GB of data for 30 days. Our friends know a flight attendant who uses Airalo, so that was a strong recommendation. Plus Airalo seems to get good reviews.

The cost for each of us was US\$18, reduced to US\$15 because we referred friends.

With the exchange rate, it came to CDN\$40 for my husband and me, and it covered us for three weeks of travel.

One point I should make clear. This plan was for data only. Phone calls and texts were not included. That turned out not to be a problem for us, since we had also downloaded WhatsApp.

If you aren't familiar with

WhatsApp, you should be. It's an internet-based service that allows free texting and phone calls internationally. We found that almost everyone in Europe uses WhatsApp, including tour guides and airport taxi services. We also have a Voice Over Internet Protocol phone through a service called Ooma, as our home line. It's tied to my cell, so I can use that to call to Canada and the United States at no charge, wherever I am in the world. Plus, Ooma costs only about \$6 a month.

If you really feel that you must have access to texting and phone calls, there are other companies in Europe that you can use. Orange Holiday Europe is one. It's more expensive than Airalo, but still cheaper than incurring daily roaming charges.

If you are planning to trav-

el in the United States, there are other companies to consider. I mentioned Airalo; Holafly is another. I would recommend spending some time looking on-line to find a plan that suits your needs.

It's important to feel comfortable with your choice. Maybe a data-only plan won't do the job for you. Maybe you want full-call-and-texting ability.

Whatever you choose, I know that I was happy to learn that there are options out there. And if maybe more of us start using eSIMS, we'll put some pressure on Canadian mobile suppliers to cut their fees. And wouldn't that be worth celebrating!

If you know of a CBC pensioner who is not a member of the PNA, please give them a copy of this enrolment form and encourage them to join.



**The CBC Pensioners
National Association**

Preserving our Future, Sharing our Past

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des retraités de la SRC**

Assurer notre avenir, partager notre passé

ENROLMENT FORM – RETIREE

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- I wish to join now** (please fill in the remaining sections of this form).
- I am uncertain about joining at this time. I understand that, with the information given above, a representative of Association may contact me and, upon request, provide assistance with the enrolment process.

I, _____, wish to join the CBC Pensioners National Association and hereby authorize the CBC to deduct monthly membership dues from my pension cheque and remit them to the Association. I also authorize the CBC to provide the Association with such personal information relating to me as the Association may require to facilitate the administration of dues and other services related to the welfare of pensioners.

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