

A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA BULLETIN

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Running Four Engines on the Lancaster

Our museum is pleased and proud to announce that our Lancaster is now one of four in the world with four running engines.



FIRING-UP FOUR –A 54 Year Odyssey

Please join us on September 20th and 21st as we celebrate this important milestone in the museum's history.

The Lancaster last ran with four engines on February 12, 1959 when it landed at the former Vulcan BCATP base to be scrapped. Thanks to a huge effort by hundreds of volunteers over the past 54 years we've not only saved her but brought Lancaster FM159 back to life.

FIRING-UP FOUR

-A 54 Year Odyssey-

Friday/Saturday, 20/21 September

Join us at the Bomber Command Museum as we celebrate the Running of all Four Engines on our Lancaster.

-Friday Evening "Night Run"

-Museum open 7:00 - 9:30

-“Night Run” at 8:30

-Saturday Program and Engine Runs

-Museum open 9:00 - 5:00

-11:00 Celebratory Program

-12:00 Lancaster Engine Run-up

-2:00 Bristol Hercules Engine Run-up
Lancaster Engine Run-up



**Towing the Lanc across the
Little Bow River en route to Nanton**



**Firing-up Four at the
Bomber Command Museum**

Flown to the UK in 1945, Canadian-built Lancaster FM159 was too late for the war. It was flown back, put in storage, flown by the RCAF during the fifties, and in 1959, flown to an old airfield 28 kilometres east of Nanton, Alberta. Its engines and propellers were removed as the aircraft was prepared to be scrapped. Three residents of Nanton bought the bomber, towed it home, and placed it on display next to Highway #2. It was badly vandalized before being mounted for display where it sat for the next thirty years.

In 1986, a society was formed from the Town's population of only 1600 and it audaciously announced that, not only would it build a museum to honour Canada's huge contribution to Bomber Command, but that the aircraft would be restored to taxiable status with all four engines run-able.

Today, Canada's Bomber Command Memorial stands on the front lawn of the Bomber Command Museum of Canada that is home to sixteen aircraft, associated displays, restoration shops, and archives.

And now. . . Lancaster FM159 has become one of only four in the world that is fully run-able. These accomplishments are the result of a huge volunteer effort by a group that receives no funding for its operation from any level of government.

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BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA - NANTON, ALBERTA

Additional information regarding our "FIRING-UP FOUR" event will be announced in future BCMC BULLETINS, via Facebook and Twitter, or visit <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/event2013firingupfour.html>.

SALUTE TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION –Saturday, August 24th

This very successful and well-attended event attracted Royal Canadian Legion members from far and wide including representatives from Vancouver and Terrace, BC, from as far north as Edmonton, as far west as Medicine Hat, and as far south as Pincher Creek.

A special thanks to Lt. Col. Jason Stark and Joe Brink for being guest speakers and to our friends in 408 Squadron for attending with their Griffon helicopter.



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