



**A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA**

**BULLETIN**

**THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY EVENT – SALUTE TO 419 SQUADRON**



**Bomber Command Museum**

***Celebrating 30 Years!***



**Friday, August 19, 2016**

10:00 p.m. Night Engines Run of the Lancaster FM159



**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

***Our Salute to 419 "Moose" Squadron***

**10:30 a.m.** 419 Squadron Commemoration at Memorial Wall, honouring 536 wartime casualties

**11:00 a.m.** *Two CT-155 Hawks Fly Past*, Lancaster Engines Run, Bristol Hercules Engine Run

**12:00 p.m.** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentations

**1:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker Dr. Stephane Guevremont, Honourary Coronal, 419 Squadron

**2:00 p.m.** Lancaster Engines Run (in memory of Wing Commander Clifford Black DFC CdeG), Bristol Hercules Engine Run



**10:00 – 4:00 p.m. Food Concession**

*hosted by High River Hospital Auxiliary*



-The Hawk (x2) Flypast will be spectacular, featuring the jet aircraft currently flown by 419 Sqn.

<http://www.rcf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/aircraft-current/ct-155.page>

-Hon. Col. Guevremont's presentation will focus on John "Moose" Fulton, 419's first C/O.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/s,moosefulton.html>

-A poppy will be placed next to each of the 536, No. 419 Sqn names that appear on Canada's Bomber

Command Memorial Wall.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/memorialgranite.html>

-We will be honouring our museum's good friend, Cliff Black, who passed away a few months ago.

Cliff served with 419 Sqn before becoming the C/O of 426 Sqn.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/fatherlardie2.html>

-Lancaster cockpit tours will be available.

### **THE MUSEUM'S FIRST FLYABLE AIRCRAFT DEBUTS**



Tiger Moth 1214 made its first official flight as part of the Bomber Command Museum of Canada's collection at our recent Fly-In.

A significant milestone for the museum as it's our first flyable aircraft.

1214 was donated to the museum by the late Gordon Jones.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/s,gordonjones.html>

## HALIFAX HR871 RECOVERY PROJECT IN SWEDEN

Our museum's good friend, Ted Barris, wrote a fine article about the project for the National Post.

<http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/ted-barris-bringing-the-hally-home>

Our diving team has spent several days on the site this summer, mapping the locations of major components and removing some of the sand.



Additional information:

[http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/project\\_halifax\\_hr871recovery.html](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/project_halifax_hr871recovery.html)

Check out updates and donate to the project via our partners, Halifax 57 Rescue at <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/417498>

## SALUTE TO THE HALIFAX -September 17th

Honouring this iconic aircraft and our museum's Halifax project, the event will feature a presentation regarding our current efforts to recover Halifax HR871 off the coast of Sweden.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/halifax.html>

Watch for event details soon at [www.bombercommandmuseum.ca](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca)

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE STATION HIGH RIVER COMMEMORATION

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HIGH RIVER**

**De Havilland D.H.4**

**Howland Air Force Personnel**

**High River Air Station in 1922. Note the radio mast at right.**

**No. 5 Elementary Flying Training School**

From 1921 until 1921 the Canadian Air Force received De Havilland D.H.4 aircraft from the site, primarily performing daily low patrols over the foothills and southeastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies. During its first summer High River was the most active air station in Canada, operating ten aircraft.

As well, pioneering work in the development of radio was carried out here. During 1922 the most powerful radio transmitter in North America was operated at the air station and when connections were made with Inuvik, it was hailed as a miraculous new step.

RCAF Station High River was also involved in air photography, the collection of air samples for botanical studies, and even dropped mailbags to the House of Wapiti when he was visiting the E.P. Beach west of High River. Early experimentation in the field of parachuting was undertaken at the base.

The station operated as an aircraft storage facility from 1931 until the beginning of the Second World War.

**RCAF Station High River** was a major participant in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. This huge, largely Canadian effort included hundreds of schools across Canada. 131,855 aircrew were trained during WW II.

Initially located at Lethbridge, No. 5 EFTS was moved to High River during June 1941 where a hangar, barracks, mess hall, and other facilities had been hastily erected. Initially the aircraft flew off the grass field but later runways were built. The school officially opened with a ceremony attended by 2500 people. It featured formation flying, aerobatics, and a parachute jump.

Tiger Moths were the first aircraft used at No. 5 EFTS. They were replaced by Comets in late 1942. During 1943, the size of the school was doubled, a second hangar constructed, and almost one hundred Comets were being flown. No. 5 EFTS had an orchestra, band, recreation hall, a stable to house the horses used by the riding club, and a recreation hall that was used regularly for concerts, dramatic productions, and movies.

Over 4000 pilots had been trained prior to the school closing in December, 1944. An amazing total of 214,803.5 hours had been flown at No. 5.

**No. 5 EFTS De Havilland Tiger Moths**

**No. 5 EFTS Fairchild Comets**

**Class 94 - Blue Flight**

Our museum has partnered with the High River Legion to commemorate the very significant RCAF

history at High River with the above signage and an RCAF flag that flies next to it.

A panel will be placed over the lower section that will show the museum's name and logo together

with those of others who are supporting the project.

An event will be held at the site on October 1<sup>st</sup> to officially open the display.

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/bcatphighriver.html>

## **RAF De WINTON COMMEMORATION RECOGNIZED BY THE RCAF**

Check out this fine article and photos posted on the RCAF website today. Our museum played a role in this.

The article was written by our museum author, Anne Gafiuk.

<http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/news-template-standard.page?doc=no-31-elementary-flying-training-school-commemorated/irhk4jm8>

## **FACEBOOK PAGES TO FOLLOW**

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Like <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421463138044802/> for updates regarding our Lancaster restoration.

Like <https://www.facebook.com/groups/229404577405876/?ref=hovercard> to follow our Anson restoration.

We tweet too -at <https://twitter.com/BCMofCanada>.

## **SUMMER OPENING HOURS**

Please note that the museum is currently open daily (9-5) until August 31, then 10-4 until October 15.

## **FACEBOOK**

Museum updates are best received via our FACEBOOK postings. You'll receive all our bulletins and more.

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