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A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA

BULLETIN

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- "LANCASTER NIGHT RUN" -Friday, September 16th

- "RESCUING A HALIFAX BOMBER" -Saturday, September 17th

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**LANCASTER
NIGHT RUN**

Friday, September 16 - 9:00 pm

- Tour the museum from 7:00 until 9:00
- Experience the power and sound of four Rolls-Royce Merlin V-12's
- Imagine setting off on a night-raid over occupied Europe during WW II
- Lancaster rear gun-turret demonstration
- Great photo/video opportunities
- Coffee and snacks available

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THE HALIFAX PROJECT

Saturday, Sept. 17 : 10:00 - 4:00

- Celebrating our Efforts to Build a Halifax for the Museum -

THE MALTA RECOVERY



BUILDING THE WING



REBUILDING THE 4 ENGINES



THE BALTIC SEA RECOVERY



**70% OF THE BOMBING OPERATIONS FLOWN BY
CANADIAN AIRCREW WERE ABOARD HALIFAXES**

- "The Halifax Project" Presentation (12:30)
- Halifax Hercules Engine Runs (11:30 & 2:30)
- Lancaster Engine Runs (11:00 & 2:00)
- Halifax Videos in the Museum Theatre
- Special Halifax Displays
- Flypast by the museum's Tiger Moth
- Halifax Aviation Art Display
- Meet our Swedish Diving Team
- Fleet Fawn Engine Run-ups
- Rear Gun Turret Demonstration
- Lancaster Cockpit Tours
- Lunch available on-site

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THE MUSEUM'S FIRST FLYABLE AIRCRAFT DEBUTS



Tiger Moth 1214 will make its first Fly-Past over the museum as part of our September 17th event.

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>

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 inherited 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 1st to officially open the display.

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

FACEBOOK PAGES TO FOLLOW

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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.

So please, "Like Us" on [Facebook](#) to keep up to date with all the happenings at the museum.

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