

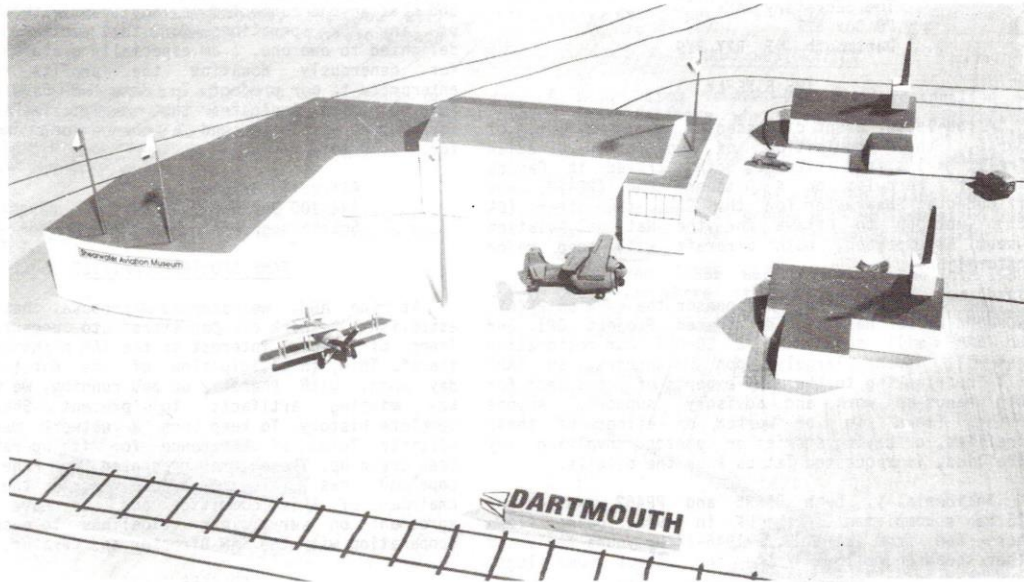
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**SAM
FOUNDATION NEWS**



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FINAL SAM DESIGN TAKING SHAPE



The model shown above illustrates one of several possible shapes of the new Shearwater Aviation Museum with Phase 2 added. Phase 2 will provide about 22,000 additional square feet. Its design takes advantage of the land contour which slopes upward at the left of the photo.

For readers not familiar with the museum plan, the building section immediately in back of the right-hand aircraft model is the renovated CANEX (Phase 1). It contains approximately 12,000 square feet including a spacious gallery deck.

Viewing the whole museum complex from without, visitors will see a low profile structure with an attractive exterior, highlighted with modern architectural features. The overall design will create a bright, inviting building inside and out.

The aircraft models are slightly larger than scale. They are positioned outside in the photo only to give a very rough idea of building dimensions.

Photography courtesy Paul Brunelle, model provided by Tom Copeland.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1993 SAMF Annual General Meeting was a very successful event, well attended by enthusiastic members who actively joined in our business discussions. With progress now moving along quicker than before, next year's AGM (17 Sep '94) promises to be of even greater interest. We have lots of space in our regular meeting place so, next year, why not plan to join us and bring along your families and friends. We try to schedule each AGM to coincide with the annual air show so everyone can take in both events on the one visit.

My report will touch only briefly upon AGM business and recent developments. A detailed AGM report is available from:

The Secretary SAMF
PO Box 577
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y9

THE FIREFLY

A red-letter event discussed at the AGM was, of course, the acquisition of two former Canadian Firefly Mk 1's from Eritrea. Both arrived in Canada via CF Hercules on 4 October. One (PP462) was offloaded at Shearwater for the SAM, the other (DK 535) went on to Ottawa for the National Aviation Museum. As expected, both aircraft will need major restoration.

The SAMF has agreed to sponsor the work on PP462. MWO John Webber has been designated Project OPI and the SAMF will soon name a CO-OPI. Our restoration task will depend largely upon volunteers, so SAMF will be looking to the many experts of years past for both hands-on work and advisory support. Anyone having flown in or worked on either of these Fireflies, or having stories or photos involving any Fireflies, is requested let us know the details.

Incidentally, both DK535 and PP462 were part of 825 Sqn's complement in the UK in 1946, being flown there and from WARRIOR in 1946-47 by yours truly and other squadron members of the day. Check your logs, guys, and let me know.

FUND RAISING

Admiral Porter updated us on his fund-raising strategy. He explained that, while the recent cancellation of the EH-101 programme has caused us to re-think the timing of our campaign, the prospects for success remain good. He also stressed the need for a carefully designed fund-raising brochure to accompany our Business Plan.

At a subsequent SAMF meeting, design criteria for the fund-raising brochure were agreed. Francois DeLisle, whose paintings and water colours are currently enjoying commercial success, accepted the task of producing the artwork. Bud MacLean is co-ordinating preparation of the text, design and presentation, with assistance from Paul Brunelle.

A GLIMPSE AHEAD

On Page 1 you saw a conceptual model of the new museum complex with the Phase 2 annex in place. The proportions are reasonably accurate but the exact shape is, of course, yet to be decided. The layout takes advantage of the adjacent land contour by eliminating the expense of moving large amounts of earth. Yet, everything remains functional, eye-appealing and compatible with any further expansion in the years ahead.

THE TRACKER VIDEO

In our last SAM FOUNDATION NEWS we referred to Alf Bristow's video, THE TRACKER YEARS, promising more on this item when the video had been seen. I am now pleased to report that it is an excellent product and that anyone connected in any way with Trackers, or any ASW operations for that matter, will be delighted to own one. I am especially grateful to Alf for generously donating the profits from this enterprise to our project. To date we have received \$650.00 which indicates that early sales are brisk. For your copy, please send a cheque or money order for \$34.50 to:

Alfred T. Bristow
#44-100 Burrows Hall Blvd
Scarborough, Ont M1B 1M7

SAMF SPOTTER COMMITTEE

At the AGM, we adopted a proposal that the SAMF establish a network of "spotters" to ascertain what items of special interest to the SAM might be "...out there". This, in anticipation of the not-too-distant day when, with Phase 2 up and running, we will need key missing artifacts to present Shearwater's complete history. To keep such a network manageable, specific Terms of Reference for its operation have been drawn up. These are presented on Page 3. Tom Copeland has volunteered to become the working chairman of this committee and I have secured agreement on very clear guidelines to ensure close cooperation with the SAM Director and Curator.

GOLFERS ALERT!

As this issue goes to press I am in the throes of arranging a celebrity golf tournament (mixed) for 18 August 94 at Hartlen Point to promote our Foundation and its objectives. The fee will be about \$100.00, first come - first served, shotgun scramble format. Early interest encouraged, apply to Secretary SAMF.

NEW SAM INAUGURATED

The new SAM was officially inaugurated on 25 August 1993 during a ceremony attended by Mrs Bolling Byrd Clarke, daughter of Admiral Richard Byrd who, in 1918, was the first Commander of Shearwater. After the ceremony, Mrs Clarke was treated to a Sea King flight which retraced the path of the first operational sortie from Shearwater, made by her father 75 years ago.

THE SAM DESIGN TEAM

Our original plan to employ a professional design architect for Phase 2 was dropped due to cost. We re-examined our own capacity to do the same thing in-house and subsequently secured from Shearwater the services of a competent designer to work with the SAM/SAMF design team. This team consists of the SAM Director, the SAM Curator, and Foundation members Bud MacLean, Eric Edgar and Francois DeLisle. Final design drafts are expected by mid-December. It is emphasized that the design team has, and will continue to rely heavily on the professional advice of the SAM Curator.

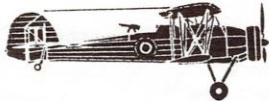
THE LAST WORD

A final word on fund-raising. Cancellation of the EH-101 has certainly not helped us any. However, there will be no diminution of our effort to gain industry support for our project. At the same time, we must all recognize the need for each of us to do more of the little extra that has brought us to this point. The Memoriam Donation idea has already produced many generous contributions, and you will see in the financial statement how far along each dollar takes us.

A paid up SAMF Membership as a gift to friends or relatives to commemorate a special event like Christmas or an anniversary is another idea that is taking hold. Please keep our objective in mind and support SAMF whenever you can.

Many thanks for your help and encouragement throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Doug Peacocke
President



SAMF ARTIFACT SEARCH COMMITTEE

(Alias: "SAMF Spotters Club")

In the President's Report on Page 2, Doug introduced the subject of a search committee whose role will be to co-ordinate the efforts of museum supporters anywhere in the world who now know of, or may later learn of, items of interest to the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

The term "Spotters Club" says it all, because what we are asking at this time is for friends of the new museum project just to advise, repeat advise, the committee of any item of interest, large or small, they may be aware of, regardless of its condition. The committee will then record a brief description of the item, its location, and how to contact the spotter if the museum authorities decide to move on it. Each spotter report will be acknowledged immediately.

While we want to know about everything that's "...out there", we want to emphasize that no person should attempt to collect an item or make any promise concerning it. Our ground rules reserve this authority for those trained and experienced in the acquisition process, which involves some surprisingly detailed steps.

The following extract further describes the function of the Committee and its spotters:

"TERMS OF REFERENCE: To locate, identify and keep track of artifacts, memorabilia and written material of interest to the Shearwater Aviation Museum and report such information to the committee Chair.

Neither the committee nor its spotters shall be involved in collecting material, negotiating for it, or determining its suitability for SAM's collection; those activities being the responsibility of SAM Board of Trustees and/or its delegated representative."

Reports, even hearsay reports, are welcome as of NOW. Please forward all information to the SAMF Secretary, Attn: Spotter's Club.

H04S RESTORATION

A major step toward the H04S restoration was taken last February when the project aircraft was delivered to the New Brunswick Community College (College Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick) at Dieppe, just outside Moncton. The plan calls for staff and students in the aviation trades courses to restore the aircraft to ground working condition over a 5-year schedule under the direction of the SAM.

H04S Serno 55885 was obtained in the late 1980's from CFB Borden where it had been used for battle damage repair training. Some readers will recognize its old Call Sign, "FANMAIL 4".

HT-406 Sqn is the sponsor for this project, Capt Don LeBlanc is the OPI.



SWORDFISH UPDATE

The engine work in progress last August was suspended when an internal gear failed just after the first startup.

On 25 November a brief but successful engine run was carried out with a replacement gear installed. Brian Aston was in the cockpit for this milestone event. Hand cranking power was provided by a succession of enthusiastic volunteers including George Cummins, John Webber and Stu Russell.

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NOTE: All of us want to express our warmest gratitude to Bob Spence of Muirkirk, Ont., for his invaluable assistance on this occasion. Readers will recall that Bob owns the only flight-certified Swordfish in Canada.

Post-run analysis revealed that additional work is needed on the carburettor to ensure maximum performance during the remainder of the ground tests and during the flight certification schedule. Accordingly, engine tests have been suspended and the carburettor sent off for further adjustments. Work will resume in March 1994.

To answer the burning question regarding Swordfish operations after certification has been achieved, only essential ground maintenance and follow-on restoration work is contemplated.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS AT 1 DEC 93

ASSETS:	
Cash in Bank:	\$4,321.50
Cash on Hand and Petty Cash:	200.00
GST Receivable:	6.28
Sub-Total:	<u>\$4,527.78</u>
Investments:	\$79,300.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$83,827.78
LIABILITIES.....	NIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME:	This Qtr	This FY
Memberships:	\$6,745.00	\$6,745.00
Donations:	2,744.24	2,744.24
Interest/Exchange:	1,463.99	1,463.99
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$10,953.23</u>	<u>\$10,953.23</u>
EXPENSES:	242.30	242.30
NET INCOME:	\$10,710.93	\$10,710.93
Add: Net Worth on 1 Sep 93		<u>\$73,116.85</u>

NET WORTH ON 1 Dec 93.....\$83,827.78

Eric G. Edgar
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 Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: The above is an unaudited summary of income and expenses prepared solely for the purposes of this Newsletter. A final audited statement for Fiscal Year 93/94 will be presented at the 1994 AGM.

SAMF TEARAWAY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

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NAME:-----

ADDRESS:-----

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:-----

