



## SAM FOUNDATION NEWS



# 1993 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting of Members of the Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation will be called to order at 0830 hrs on Saturday, 18 September 1993, in the SIKORSKY ROOM, Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess, CFB SHEARWATER.

### THE AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME.
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH AGM.
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER AND PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
6. THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
7. REPORT OF THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR AND PROJECT 75 BRIEFING.
8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.
9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.
10. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.
11. PRESENTATIONS.
12. NEW BUSINESS.
13. DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT AGM.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

### SWORDFISH UPDATE

The SWORDFISH crew reassembled once again at CFB Shearwater this summer. Arriving in advance of Brian Aston from the UK were George Hotham, Herman Klassen and John Gourlie. They were joined by George Cummins who resides locally. Together, they completed key items by 9 August and their work since has been progressing apace. Base SHEARWATER and 406 Sqn personnel have fallen in 100% behind the effort as indeed they have from the very beginning.

LCdr John Beattie, Commanding Officer of the Royal Navy's Historical Flight at RNAS Yeovilton, is standing by to conduct the "first flight".



THE SWORDFISH CREW

The work and support of IMP, under the able coordination of Gerry Corrigan, has been extremely important in this last push towards achieving certification. The date for first engine run, forecast in the last SAMF NEWS for May 93, was missed for unavoidable reasons. However, both first run and first flight will likely have been accomplished as this issue goes to print.

### TRACKER VIDEO

Alf Bristow's video, THE TRACKER YEARS, is now available by sending \$34.50 to: A.T. Bristow, #44-100 Burrows Hall Blvd, Scarborough, ON, M1B 1M7. All profits are being dedicated to the SAM/SAMF "cause". Look for more about this in the next SAMF NEWS, but don't wait to order - act now!

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I cannot help but look back on our successes in 1992/93 with a great deal of satisfaction. I am especially proud of the genuine spirit of cooperation between SAMF and SHEARWATER that has led to the actual physical beginnings of our objective, "...the construction of an appropriate facility for the Shearwater Aviation Museum".

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will be delighted to learn that a former RCN FIREFLY will soon be added to the SAM's aircraft collection. This marvellous news, coupled with the SWORDFISH restoration and the success of Phase 1 of PROJECT 75, leaves no doubt as to the new SAM's bright future. Congratulations, one and all!

Building Progress

During the 1993 AGM, details of the work in progress on Building 13 (the former CANEX) will be presented together with an update of our plans for Phase 2 of PROJECT 75. Incidentally, SAMF representatives are working with the Shearwater design team on this item. The Business Plan to be used by SAMF for supporter solicitation for Phase 2 is complete, requiring only the final design drawings for it to be activated by Adm Harry Porter's Fund Raising Committee. Adm Porter will brief the AGM on the activities and plans of his committee.

Finances

I am greatly encouraged by our financial state of affairs. Increased individual support resulting from reports of our success in achieving the grant to convert Building 13 will stand us in good stead as we approach corporations for assistance. Our Sec/Treasurer will describe how all supporters of SAMF can do even more to advance our financial goals without any additional expense, just by sending tax deductible contributions in a different direction. In-Memoriam donations are becoming an increasingly popular way of contributing to efforts such as ours. Indeed, many of our friends and colleagues would no doubt welcome knowing that they can help SAMF in this manner.

Museum Guide Programme

SAMF has been working with SAM on a Volunteer Museum Guide Programme. Over a dozen mostly retired service people are undergoing training for this purpose. They will serve initially in the substantially upgraded museum in Warrior Block, preparing for that great day, possibly in 1994, when the new museum opens its doors to the public. SAMF expresses sincere appreciation to both staff and volunteers for undertaking this vital role.

Comment on 1992 AGM Items

Three business items approved at the 1992 AGM deserve mention:

1. Revision of SAMF's building plan to comply with PROJECT 75, while continuing to conform with SAMF's original building objective, has been implemented.
2. Diversion of up to \$45,000 of SAMF funds, to ensure conversion of Building 13, will not be necessary as a result of receiving a generous grant for this purpose.

3. Rod Bays' proposal for a suitable display honouring the contributions of individuals to Canada and Shearwater has been accepted for consideration by the SAM Curator in the course of planning exhibits for the new museum. Details will follow.

Appreciation

During the past year, I have received many letters, notes, comments, etc., from our friends and colleagues regarding SAMF and its efforts to ensure the preservation of our history. It has not been possible to respond as promptly as I would have liked, so let me take this opportunity to express thanks to all, especially those who continued to support SAMF even in that darker period when our success was far less certain than it is today. Please continue your efforts ... the ongoing support of EVERY individual still matters a great deal.

Doug Peacocke  
President



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS AT 1 AUG 93

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash in Bank:	\$3,881.66
Cash on Hand and Petty Cash:	200.00
GST Receivable:	2.61
Sub-Total:	<u>\$4,084.27</u>
Investments:	\$67,625.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$71,709.27</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>NIL</b>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

<b>INCOME:</b>	<u>This Qtr</u>	<u>This FY</u>
Memberships:	\$1,220.00	\$13,030.00
Donations:	619.53	11,395.18
Interest/Exchange:	360.00	2,375.90
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<u>\$2,199.53</u>	<u>\$26,801.08</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ 91.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,086.17</u>
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	<u>\$2,108.38</u>	<u>\$25,714.91</u>
Add: Net Worth on 1 Sep 92		<u>\$45,994.36</u>

NET WORTH ON 1 AUG 93.....\$71,709.27

*Eric G. Edgar*  
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for 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 92/93 will be presented at the AGM.

#### FIREFLY ACQUISITION FOR SAM

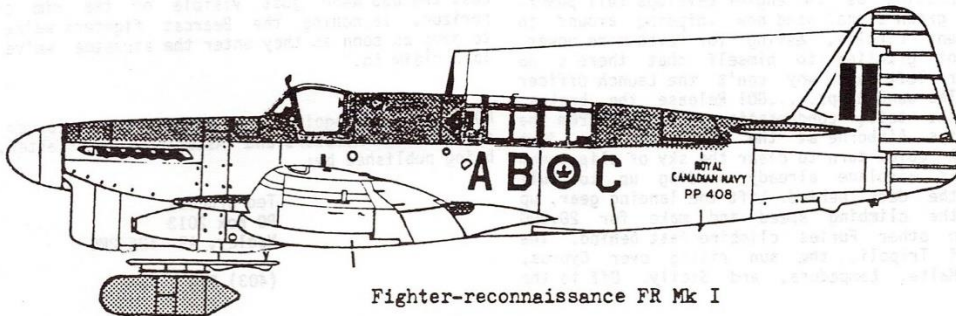
Acting upon information provided by Col John Orr, our military attache in Cairo, staff of the National Aviation Museum and the Shearwater Aviation Museum travelled to Asmara airport, Eritrea, and conducted a survey of several former RCN FIREFLY aircraft lying derelict there.

The aircraft concerned are fighter recon versions of the Fairey FIREFLY. They are the actual ones operated by the RCN from 1946 to 1950. These aircraft are especially important to Canadian military aviation history as they are one of the two types of FIREFLY with which the RCN began carrier operations in its own right in 1946. The type was retired from RCN service in 1950. All were shipped overseas some years later, creating an enormous gap in our aviation heritage.

Two of the FIREFLIES surveyed were found to be in sufficiently good condition to be recovered to fill this gap. The National Aviation Museum concluded that one should be obtained for its collection, and the Department of National Defence concluded similarly that a second should be obtained for the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

Ambassador Stockwell has negotiated an agreement with the Eritrean government, and a plan is being formulated to airlift the two aircraft back to Canada.

Air Command has assigned this task to MAG. The Director SAM, LCol Brian Akitt, is to lead. The schedule would have both aircraft returned to Canada by mid-October 93.



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#### ARTIFACT DONATIONS VS FINANCIAL DONATIONS

From time to time the SAMF receives offers of donations of artifacts from our members, which we very much appreciate. However, we are not able to accept such offers as the collection of artifacts falls within the jurisdiction of the museum, which is distinct in this regard from our Foundation. There is also the question of valuation of donated artifacts for tax deductions which again is museum business. We are, however, able to accept straight financial donations and we welcome these very much. But, please submit any offers of material directly to:

The Curator  
Shearwater Aviation Museum  
CFB Shearwater  
Shearwater, NS BOJ 3A0

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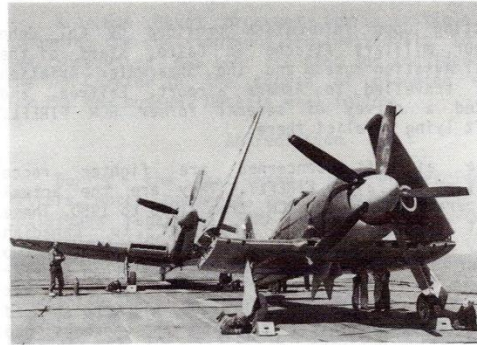
#### IN-MEMORIAM DONATIONS TO SAMF

Many of our members are making donations to the SAMF in memory of departed family or friends. The Secretary will send an appropriate letter to the bereaved, extending condolences on behalf of the donor. Your entire donation will go to the SAMF and a tax receipt will be issued. Please give this your consideration.

LAUNCHING FURIES

Recalling his carrier days, Bob Cocks reflects upon the images the new SAM will help preserve:

"Can we not all remember the Sea Furies ready to launch at dawn. The flight deck crews lying close against the undercarriage, inches away from the prop arcs, their shadowy hands gripping the wheel chocks, the propwash tearing at their coveralls. Engine exhausts rosy in the still-dark morning, perimeter lamps spilling pools of soft white light on the grey steel flight deck. The ship heeling slightly as the bows search out the elusive wind. The disembodied marshalling wands beckoning from the takeoff position. Taxi forward, right wheel on the centreline. A quick final takeoff check, the power-on signal. Throttle up, control column fully back, fingers clenched, all the engine pointers steady, the cockpit vibrating as the engine develops full power. The ghostly green signal wand now whipping around in tight, urgent circles, asking for even more power. And the pilot grunting to himself that there's no extra power left and why can't the Launch Officer hear that. The wand drops.....GO! Release the brakes, up comes the tail, condensation streaming from the propeller tips. Airborne at the bow, the dawn just breaking. A quick turn to clear the sky of slipstream for the next airplane already winding up to full power on the deck behind. Lift the landing gear, up flaps, set the climbing speed and make for 20,000 feet. Seven other Furies climbing fast behind. The wind out of Tripoli, the sun rising over Cyprus. Below is Malta, Lampadusa, and Sicily. Off to the



East the USS WASP just visible on the rim of the horizon, launching the Bearcat fighters we're going to jump as soon as they enter the airspace we've just laid claim to."

NOTE: The foregoing is an extract from a former issue of the Naval Aviators and Associates Newsletter, now being published by:

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