



# SAM FOUNDATION NEWS



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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 1995



*Preparing  
For*

*The Grand Opening*

*4  
August  
1995*

**SHEARWATER AVIATION  
MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this the SAM will be operating in its new home. Many individuals and organizations deserve a great deal of credit for this major achievement. To each of them, a sincere "Thank you" from all Foundation members.

The Grand Opening on 4 Aug included the unveiling of the CNAG memorial stained glass window. The designer's sketch was shown in the last SAMF NEWS. Framing this beautiful window are the crests of the original 4 RCN Air Squadrons established 50 years ago; 803, 883, 825 and 826. The crests, donated by the naval officers who commanded these 4 squadrons during the period they were identified as naval air units, honour the skilled and dedicated people of all ranks who were then members. We will try to publish a detailed photo of the full setting in a future issue of SAMF NEWS. In due course the window Display will include the crests of all other RCN Air Squadrons.

During the past 10 months the SAMF Executive (Officers) met 10 times to deal with such items as hiring a General Manager, preparation of fund raising materials, negotiations with government for funding future expansion of SAM, preparation of an up-to-date business plan for use in fund raising, funding part of the salary of an assistant to the SAM GM for setting up the gift shop, overseeing the completion of Building 13 to which SAMF contributed over \$40,000, and the museum's potential problems down the road in relation to staffing, O & M funding and property ownership. Your interest in all these matters at our AGM is welcome.

Our next step, of course, is a big one; the 20,000 sq ft expansion of SAM. How SAMF expects to achieve this will be outlined by Adm Harry Porter in his Fund Raising Committee Report.

I have informed our Chairman of the Board that I will not be re-offering as President of SAMF. After 6 years, both you and I need a change, some new ideas and new initiatives. I am deeply honoured for the trust you have placed in me, for which I thank you sincerely.

In this, my last message to the SAMF readership, I want to thank several special people: Eric Edgar and his predecessor, Paul Brunelle, both of whom served in the key posts of Treasurer and Secretary; the individuals and groups who have raised money for our cause, locally and elsewhere; Harry Porter, who has served unstintingly and effectively as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee; the Firefly restoration team (George Cummins, Bud Ayer, John

Webber and others) and the Swordfish team before them; the outstanding CF people represented by John Cody, Sandy Kerr, Mark Aruja, Brian Akitt, Joe Hincke, and Barb Hicks. And, of course, Chuck Coffen, who has been involved quietly for years and is much responsible, along with his "partner" and dedicated curator - Gordon McLauchlan - for our successful opening day. Finally, a heartfelt salute to all the volunteers, too many to mention, who have worked so hard, and so cheerfully, to make the Grand Opening possible.

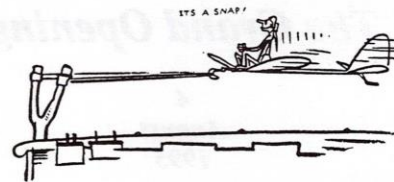


*Doug Peacocke*  
Doug Peacocke  
President



### *Some Of Our Volunteers*

The leg irons were taken off briefly to allow this motley crew of volunteers to have their photo taken during a recent "fitting out" session in the new SAM. Back row (L to R) are Gerry Brushett, Bill Cowan and Ray Doucette. In the front row is Doug Foster, whose duties included making sure Wally Sloan didn't get near any wrenches.

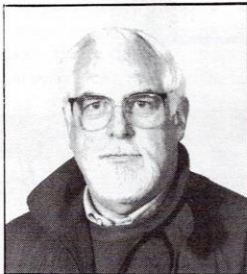


SPEAKING OF WALLY.....the above sketch depicts Wally in his Banshee cockpit - "amusing himself by rotating the stick" - just before being cold-catted into the North Sea one black evening off Scotland.

### *A Farewell To Team McLauchlan*

Gordon McLauchlan, the SAM's Curator will leave us on 31 August 1995 after 10 years of dedicated professional service to the museum. I personally have enjoyed our relationship which spans the life of the Foundation.

Gordon took over the SAM as Curator in 1985. Since then he has directed the SAM's transition from a basic collection of artifacts in the cramped quarters of Warrior Block to the striking new arrangement in the museum's spacious new home. His professional eye is evident in the careful selection and display of the heritage items that help depict Shearwater's proud place in Canada's maritime military history. Gordon has set us a high standard to follow, but we will be helped in this task by the quality example he leaves behind.



Gail McLauchlan, too, has been a steady contributor to the SAM, often putting aside her personal schedule to help us.

On behalf of everyone who has, and will in future benefit from the work of Team McLauchlan, may I join Doug Peacocke and the entire membership in wishing Gordon and Gail the happiest of retirements.

*Robert H Falls*

Adm (Ret'd) Bob Falls, Chairman

player (50% tax-deductable). This annual event is proving to be one of our major fundraisers. We have more sponsors this year, and thus, more prizes. We will try to take last-minute entries even on the tee, so if you have a late change in plans, let us know and we'll try to fit everybody in. Late entries: Call Tom Copeland (902) 462-7478, Eric Edgar (902) 861-4726, Doug Peacocke (902) 466-4036.

We continue to benefit from contributions in the memory of friends and family members. Also, fund raising by groups and individuals is much appreciated. A few recent examples: Frank Down raised \$1,500 through the Trenton Kiwanis Club; Ed Janusas raised \$250 through the Royal Canadian Legion, Milton, Ontario; Legion Branch 263 in Coquitlam, BC, has sent \$450 since 1992, Bill Johnson and George Hotham contributed in excess of \$3,000 from their airshow operations, a generous donation was made by CNAG from the Florida reunion, Alf Bristow sent another \$250 from his Tracker video, and those splendid attendees of Bytown's annual Naval Aviation Rendezvous never forget us, this spring sending along yet another nice check.

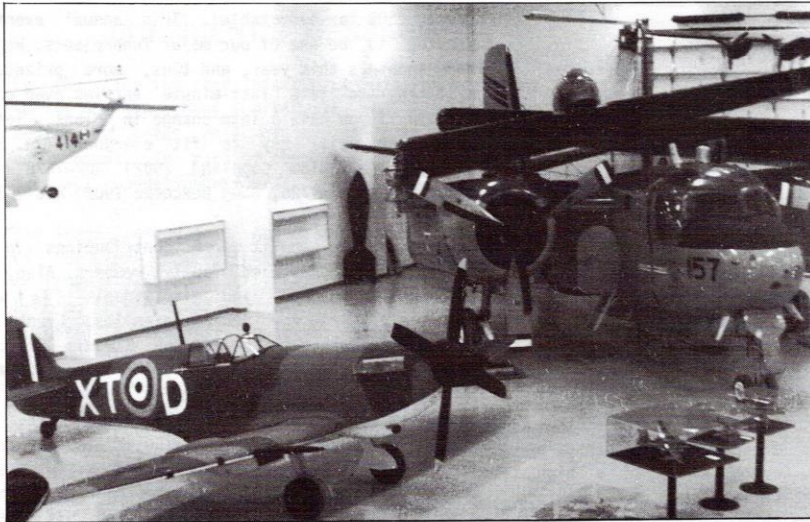
We continue to send the SAMF NEWS to those we haven't heard from recently, hoping to remind everyone of the continuing need for support. Presently, we have 394 addressees on our mailing list, some of whom are organizations with similar aims. If you know any of the several thousands of former RCN air types who might join us if asked, please let us know so we may contact them. The need to increase our membership is just as vital today as it was in the beginning, possibly even moreso with the Phase 2 expansion about to begin. Last year our numbers increased by 63. With every member's help, we hope to recruit a similar or greater number in the year ahead. Please become an active recruiter.

Members can verify their membership status by checking the address label on the envelope containing this issue of SAMF NEWS. If up to date, it will read "AUG96". To everyone who has contributed thus far through memberships and in other ways, we extend a hearty "Thank you!". Your financial support is already working hard to help build the new museum complex.

### *From The Secretary*

Don't pass up the chance to play in SAMF's 2nd celebrity golf tournament starting at 0900 at Hartlen's Point on Friday, 25 August, \$100 per





The photos on this page show initial spotting of the first aircraft to be displayed. The arrangement is subject to change with the arrival of the H04S, Firefly, and as other important artifacts come along. Just visible are large models of a Seafury, Seaking and Lancaster suspended from the trusswork. Smaller, detailed models of other aircraft are selectively placed throughout in clearview cases. Not shown are displays along the East Wall and Gallery Deck.

The Swordfish has been fitted with its Scarfe ring and Lewis gun. Both wings will remain spread until a fix is installed to offset lateral instability with one wing folded.

The Spitfire is a 3/4 scale reproduction of a MK IX, made several years ago as a backdrop for a Battle of Britain sketch in the NS Tattoo. It might eventually get airborne, at least to the truss work. Speculation as to how it might be converted to a Seafire is rife.



Home of the New

*SHEARWATER AVIATION MUSEUM*



A CFB Shearwater  
75th Anniversary Project

SAM visitors will see this small sign and its bi-lingual mate abeam the main entry door. In due course it will be replaced with a larger design, plus eye-catching signage visible from the roadside.

## Looking Back

A quiet reflection by CIAT4 Garth Hodgson

"Prepare for Sea!".

Who can forget the pipe that gave you perhaps an hour to have everything lashed, stowed and ready for sea, the bone-weary hours of shift work on extended ops, the never ending noise of vent fans, the smell of oil, the sweat of 100+ temperatures in the tropics (the free southern cruises envied by your children), the permanent scars accumulated while learning to watch your shins and head, the infamous ship's laundry, often a one-way trip for your best clothing, living in a mess that had been used as a morgue, practising the naval shower to conserve fresh water, the automatic reflex of bracing yourself while shaving that lasted long after you returned home, the whine and bang of arrested landings overhead, listening to juicy stories intentionally told at the mess table to see which green face would suddenly bolt for the hatches, acquiring a hatred of foam rubber pillows, feeling sorry for the occasional exchange erk who mistakenly thought a Brit accent made him special, seeing the mermaid at Copenhagen only weeks after sampling some Caribbean night life, helpless to assist a "winger" desperately seasick in heavy weather, the messdeck atmosphere the night before entering home port, the saltworn mix of air and naval speech that marked you as Air Branch, using body language to help the COD pilot land safely whenever he had the mailbag on board, enjoying life in the sunny Bermuda triangle long before you knew something mysterious was out there.

Who can forget the hundreds of truly individual people who somehow came together at Flying Stations with the precision of a Swiss watch, each knowing exactly what was asked of him, when, where and how to do his bit. The aircrews who never doubted your part, day or night, because it was unthinkable that anyone in the air branch would not give his best, the hidden bypass to redirect surplus rum lest it be wasted, the constant razzing between airdales and fishheads, the lost fortune in unrecorded jokes and put-ons, dealing patiently with green but pompous new Subbies, and the standing joke you would follow them anywhere - out of curiosity.

The hilarious entertainment nights in remote anchorages that produced surprising talent, the initiation (before videos were invented) during crossings of the Equator and Arctic Circle, the mindless unification experiment that threatened all we had come to know, and even love. The transition from navy blue that made us feel special, to the tri-service green that made us feel much less so, the rush to fall in for flight deck divisions in

whites, never quite missing the black grease of the arrestor wires on the way, hearing the curious direction to "...raise your right hand if you can hear me, raise your left hand if you can't.", tot time on the focsle and that familiar face who had a birthday nearly every week, the Cox'n's infallible arguement that if you help to eat it you can help lug it aboard, the inevitable shout of "Shark!" during a recreational swim with only 2 ladders rigged.

Who can forget the futility of trying to find a place to be by yourself, 50 cents offered for every rat captured, the good-natured ribbing of the "boys from the better homes", the too-eager young Observer (OBS) whose trade designator got "accidently" changed to SOB on all the rosters.

Remember the unspoken respect you felt for the other trades, the bruises you traded with the stokers during flight deck hockey wars, the beers you shared with them in the Trocadero and Joe's Texas Bar, the professionalism of flight ops, your mates working inches away from props and exhausts, piling next to each other in the off-deck spaces for a catnap between launches, the deafening noise, moving by feel during total blackout, your first cat shot and arrested landing, the empty, draining sensation in your gut when an airplane crashed on deck or over the side, the Russians pointing missiles at you from a hundred yards off, the flight deck crane that went over the side but was expected to beat you home anyway, the dolphins that darted under the ship faster than you could cross the deck, and those local kids who could do the same for a few coins when the ship was at anchor.

Who can forget the special responsibility of being the Senior NCO in charge of well trained, well motivated individuals who gave you their best when the chips were down and then gave you heartburn with their antics ashore, your willingness to stretch the truth on their behalf, the Squadron officers who met you halfway in diluting the evidence. The wise guy who got your recommendation for compassionate leave until you discovered the death in his family was the family dog, the fathers who jokingly referred to their various offspring as Med Cruise #1, Carib Cruise #3, and so on, the new kid sent for a bottle of prop wash or mag drops, hearing the shout "Fire!" during refuelling, even for drill.

One day you finally find that quiet moment you never found at sea, and realize you've survived all the pitfalls and challenges along the way. As you look back, you wonder if that Subbie pilot who got to be a Captain didn't get there because you told him plainly one morning long ago that your troops weren't in the Air Branch for the money, so wise

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**Looking Back .....**

up. And you can't shake off that memory when, after a 3-week non stop exercise, the Squadron CO walked over to the group you were with and said quietly, "Thanks Chief, we couldn't have done it without you and your men."

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS AT 31 JUL 95**

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash in bank	\$10,911.54
Cash on hand and petty cash	200.00
GST receivable	47.71
Investments	59,500.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$70,659.25</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** NIL

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<b>INCOME:</b>	<u>Since 30 Apr 95</u>	<u>This FY</u>
Memberships	\$2,970.00	\$14,095.00
Donations	3,026.70	16,662.53
Interest/exchange	3.77	4.64
Misc	0.00	629.87
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,000.47</b>	<b>\$31,392.04</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Museum Society	\$13,278.66	\$68,568.82
Fund Raising Exp	1,215.56	6,335.73
Mgt & Admin	1,110.15	2,364.94
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,604.37</b>	<b>\$77,269.49</b>

Net worth on 30 Apr 95	80,263.15
Net income since 30 Apr 95	-9,603.90
<b>NET WORTH ON 31 JULY 1995</b>	<b>\$70,659.25</b>

Note: The above is an unaudited summary of income and expenses prepared for this issue of the SAMF NEWS. A fully audited statement will be presented at the AGM on 26 Aug 95.



Peter Staley, Treasurer

A sweet young college student was conducting a survey at a naval air reunion. She asked a grizzled old salt, "How long is it since you made love?"

"Nineteen fifty-nine," he replied.

The young lady was surprised. "That's an awful long time!" she said.

"I suppose so," said the old salt, glancing at his watch. "But it's only twenty-one fifteen now."



Our story about Newf in the last SAMF NEWS brought many replies, including a mounted photo of the handsome hound from "Hoss" Anderson. A brief ceremony to remember Newf was broadcast by CBC TV and CTV. It was attended by "Chilas", reputed to be Newf's great-great grandson. Flanked by Tom Tonks (L) and Jim Adam, Chilas is seen wearing his "grandpaws" decorations.

An old woman was sitting alone with her cat, polishing a dusty lamp she'd just found in her attic, when a genie popped out and offered her three wishes. Thinking quickly, she said: "I'd like to be rich, I'd like to be young and beautiful again, and I'd like my cat to be a handsome young prince."

In a sudden puff of smoke she found herself young and beautiful, surrounded by riches. The cat had disappeared, and in its place stood a handsome young prince, holding out his arms. She melted into his embrace.

"Now," he whispered softly into her ear, "aren't you sorry you had me fixed?"

# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 1995 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 9th Annual General Meeting of Members of the Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation will be called to order at 0830 hrs on Saturday, 26 August 1995, in the Flight Deck Lounge (former Chief's Mess), 12 Wing Shearwater.

## THE AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 8th AGM.
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements.
6. Report of the Secretary.
7. President's Report (see prop amendments below).
8. Report of the Fund Raising Committee.
9. Report of the Museum Director.
10. Report of the Nominating Committee.
11. Election of Directors and Officers.
12. Appointment of Auditor.
13. Appointment of Nominating Committee.
14. New Business.
15. Date, time and place of next AGM.
16. Adjournment.

NOTE: Attendees are requested to advise the Main Gate Commissionaire they are attending the SAMF Annual General Meeting.

By-Law amendments proposed by SAMF President (Agenda Item 7 above):

During the past several years, the Nominating Committee Chairman and I have attempted to provide continuity in SAMF leadership and broaden the base of input at the Board and Executive (Officer) levels. Underlined below are two proposed amendments which go a step farther in this regard by providing for automatic appointment of the retiring SAMF President as an Officer of the Foundation, and a member of the SAMF Board of Directors:

Amend Article V, Section 1:a. to read, "The Officers of the Foundation shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and they shall be elected by the members. The officers shall include the Immediate Past-President."

Amend associated Article V, Section 2: to read, "The Board of Directors shall comprise a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of sixteen (16) members and shall be composed as follows: a) Chairman, b) Vice-Chairman, c) President, d) Vice-President, e) Immediate Past-President, f) Secretary, g) Treasurer, h) Directors - one to ten in number."



### PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL

The highlighted symbols on your address label indicate the last membership year for which we received your dues or donation. The membership year expires 31 August. If your label does not indicate Aug/96 please use this tearaway form and mail it with your cheque to: SHEARWATER AVIATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION, BOX 577, Dartmouth, NS CANADA, B2Y 3Y9.

#### SAMF TEARAWAY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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Circle the appropriate membership category: Member: \$30/yr; Sustainer: \$100/yr; Patron: \$250/yr; Life: \$500.

### General Manager's Report

By the time you read this, the SAM will have successfully opened on schedule. The exhibits which have been completed are only part of those planned. Time and financial constraints precluded us completing all the work by 4 Aug 95. On the other hand a Museum is probably never complete; there will always be additions and deletions to the collection and the exhibits. On balance, I think we put on a good show.

I am happy to report that Mrs. Sandra Penney's term has been extended to at least 31 Mar 96. Her talent will be put to good use over the next few months. I shall miss, however, the enormous talent and experience of our curator, Gord McLauchlan who retires on 31 Aug 95. Gord's signature can be seen on many of our exhibits. He will be sorely missed. The Board of Trustees has approved our schedule for public access:

#### Prime Season

1 July to 31 Aug

Monday -- Closed

Tuesday to Friday -- 1000-1630

Saturday -- 1000-1600

Sunday -- 1200-1600

#### Shoulder Season

1 September to 30 November

Saturday -- 1200-1600

1 April to 30 June

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday -- 1000-1630

#### Closed Season

1 December to 30 March

Open by appointment and access to archives

\*\* We intend to have the Gift Shop open during the Christmas Shopping Season in December with times to be announced. \*\*

#### Admission Donation

A donation will be asked for admission to the exhibits at \$2.00 per person (\$1.00 for children under 12 and seniors). SAMF members are admitted free with SAMF membership card. The admission ticket will be valid for a \$2.00 credit in the Gift Shop toward the purchase of any single item valued over \$10.00.

#### Volunteers

The Gift Shop and the Museum needs volunteers as guides and salespersons to make it all happen. Sign up with our Volunteer Coordinator, Gerry Brushett at 434-5281.

Please get involved!!



Some of the CNAG Atlantic Chapter volunteers at work finalizing details for the end-Aug Come Home Weekend: L to R are Chuck Coffen, Bud MacLean, Al Moore, Dennis Shaw, John Freeman, Alf Holmes and Chuck Nelson. Fuzzy image caused by the photographer tripping on a rum bottle. The group is shown in the general purpose meeting room, set aside for volunteers to plan their support activities and coordinate the work.