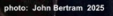




Dr Bob Galway's **Canadian Mining Aviation Series 1925-35**

Dr Galway to be introduced by **Dr Jacqueline A. Gibbons.**



Like his in-person presentations for CAHS, PROBUS and other groups, Dr Galway's ZOOM-talks enlighten audiences and fire their imagination. Noted for his passionate delivery and comprehensive coverage... his talks feature in-depth original research; a bevy of rarely seen photos, engines, locations, etc.; descriptions of the austere operating conditions plus fascinating personalities and challenges involved in this earliest era of Canadian aviation history.

Pilots, Planes and Places of the Red Lake Gold Rush 1925-26"

Archival Exhibit:
1925-1926. Tracking
the transition from
dog sled to ski-plane.

“Wings over the North: Prospectors’ Airways Legacy” 1928

The Canoe That Grew Wings: The Story of Prospectors' Airways



**1918-1919: Taking Flight
Wings on a Canoe**

Mining engineer Jack Westcott and pilot Arthur J. Cook developed the first Canadian air mail route, connecting the west coast of British Columbia with west-of-prospecting.



**1929: Opemiska
Copper Discovery**

While en route for a prospecting mission, the Opemiska expedition discovered the site of Canada's highest grade copper deposits.



**1932-1963:
Expansion and Legacy**

**300,000
Miles Flown**

The company maintained a strong quality record while transporting thousands of passengers and supplies.



**1963: Absorption
and Conclusion**

The company was absorbed by West Industries, which then sold the assets as an independent project.



**1940-1941: Key Bush
Planes of Prospectors' Airways**

Forrestal MC-100
Cessna 441Q Test, used for the early years of prospecting into the bush.



de Havilland Doves
Utilized for mail and cargo, and to report the inspection.



McIntyre's
McIntyre's prospectors made daily transport for the first 10 years of the life of the mine, and it is a source of pride for the company.

Tues, **Nov 17, 2026:** **“Wings of Fortune: The Rise of Northern Aerial Mineral Exploration Co. Ltd. (aka N.A.M.E.)” 1928-35**
@ 7:30 PM

Under “Jack” Hammell and “Doc” Oaks this Cdn company forever transformed air exploration on a vast scale. Operating 17 Fairchild, Fokkers and Moths from Sault Ste Marie, Ontario they flew 2 million air miles moving 2-300 prospectors a season. Prospecting efficiency was doubled and remote areas opened up such as copper at Coppermine River and Great Bear Lake with its bornite and copper.



Tues, **Feb 9, 2027:** **“Dominion Explorers Ltd” 1928-30**
@ 7:30 PM

Dr Galway illustrates the legacy of the bush pilots, engineers and entrepreneurs who battled dangerous elements and navigated the Arctic's rugged terrain such as prolific mine developer Thayer Lindsey; mine exec/Great War vet Lt Col C D H MacAlpine and legendary pilots “Duke” Schiller, Capt Charles Sutton and “Bill” Broatch. The drama includes among others: the engine room fire that sank Dominion's supply ship and the MacAlpine party's two-month disappearance on the Barrens and subsequent rescue.



Tues, **Mar 16, 2027:** **“Consolidated Mining & Smelting Ltd” 1930s**
@ 7:30 PM

This is the fascinating tale of the visionaries like VP of Mines, William Monroe Archibald who won his pilot's wings at age 53 then “put Cominco in the air” by training the company's own engineers and geologists as Bush pilots. Drawing on personal accounts of company men like Bill Jewitt the Dr Galway reveals that Consolidated logged 3 million miles flown, reached Canada's furthest northern locations and established Yellowknife as an industrial hub.



images above courtesy Dr Robert Galway

To register and receive a **Zoom Link** and for details or updates on these events please visit the **CAHS-Toronto website** or contact producer Brian Cotter bdcotter@rogers.com

NB: CAHS-Toronto will be *unable* to produce a **FLYPAST** issue for these **five Canadian Mining Aviation ZOOMs** but the Series will be recorded which will be filed in the Chapter's video archive. In addition, we expect to make those recordings and Dr Galway's Power Point Presentations available to interested members.

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