

RCAF MUSUEM – AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT

Meeting Minutes - 17 January 2006
RCAF Museum, CFB Trenton, Astra, ON

ATTENDEES

David Weir
Nelson Lyon
Gerry Britt
Capt David Penley (former ATC & Tech)
David Wilson
Doug Chase
Barry Cockerline
Museum Curator
Assistant Museum Curator
Bob Doan
Bill Nurse (Museum Display Comm)
Lionel Bourgeois (Museum Display Director)
Dick Beaulieu (retired CF Tech)
Cpl Don Ellery (Active ATC)

Regrets

David Wilson
Ralph Thistle
Capt Craig Rogalsky (Active ATC)
Ray Payette

All of these active or retired ATC & Tech personnel now currently reside in the Trenton area.

INTRODUCTION

David Weir welcomed everyone to the first “official” meeting of our yet unnamed committee and thanked them for braving the cold and giving up their lunch hour to support our project.

Lionel Bourgeois gave a brief background and sitrep on the Museum’s development to date and the plans for the next two years. Highlights of his comments are as follows:

PROMOTING THE PROJECT NATIONWIDE

David Penley reported that an announcement would be forthcoming in the spring edition of the RCAFA Magazine announcing our group's intentions and call for support. Similarly David Weir reported that an announcement will also be coming out in numerous base papers across the country also soliciting support from active and retired Air Traffic Controllers.

It is hoped that each base/station can stand up a similar arrangement to that of Trenton's retired and active controllers. An arrangement whereby a local working group of retired controllers can coordinate support from their local base through an active Air Traffic Controller OPI. This liaison could take on many functions. For example, gathering photos, equipment (possibly from units or museums), and fundraisers for displays, an ATC cairn etc.

CONTINUED ACTION WEIR/ROGALSKY

CONTACTING OTHER LOCAL INTERESTED PERSONNEL

Committee members are encouraged to promote our initiative within their sphere of influence.

ACTION ALL

ATC CAIRN

David Wilson reported, via David Weir, that he is investigating the cost of a cairn through a local supplier. The supplier, Campbell Monuments, has done other Cairns within the Air Park. If this part of the project is to move forward, a contest could be used to help design the cairn and to promote the project nationwide. It was also noted that it is important to reserve a spot in the Air Park that would not only be suitable for the Cairn but also be large enough to possibly display the mobile ATC Units, commerrative Ad Astra Stones, and the Ren L'Ecuyer Memorial Bench.

WILSON/WEIR

EXTERIOR DISPLAY

Bill Nurse and Bob Doan brought to the Committee's attention the possibility of obtaining a newer version of a portable ATC Control Tower now in the possession of the ATESS

(Reg Force Unit on the north side) The Tower is substantially better condition than the unit presently in the Air Park and will require less work and less equipment for refurbishing. Bill Nurse graciously volunteered to track this unit until it becomes available possibly in June.

Dick Beaulieu, assisted by Dave Penley, agreed to look into the refurbishment requirements for both the newer Control Tower and a portable radar unit presently in the air park.

PENLEY/ROGALSKY/BRITT

INTERIOR DISPLAY

Although they may not be needed for some time, it was decided to look into the configuration and outstanding requirements for the ATC Consoles presently stored at Mountainview.

Bill Nurse also noted there may be a newer IFR Console available for our project at ATESS.

COCKERLINE/THISTLE

PERSONNEL & PICTURE DATABASE

Cpl Ellery is researching decades worth of Contact Newspapers to provide such pictures and stories. Capt Rogalsky is wading through numerous photographs obtained from the ATC School in Cornwall to further enhance ATC history. As part of the display, and as a service to ATC personnel, it is hoped that these existing pictures and articles about personnel and equipment can be captured electronically and possibly displayed on a computer housed in the museum.

ELLERY/ROGALSKY/WEIR

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

To get maximum exposure for our project the minutes for this meeting, and subsequent meetings, will be posted to www.rcaf-atc.org As well, they will be distributed to MGen Hussey, MATCA, and Wing Air Traffic Controller Officers (WATCOs) nationwide.

WEIR

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 12:00 on Tuesday 14 February 2006 at the Siskin Centre (across from the Museum) CFB Trenton. All attendees and any other interested personnel are encouraged and welcome to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 13:30

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Agenda for First Meeting

12 December 2005

1. Background
2. Purpose and timeline of the project.
3. Interior Display.
4. Exterior Display
5. Cairn
6. Website

7. Personnel/Course Pictures & Database
8. Regular Force Participation
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting