



Battle of Britain Sunday

Sunday, 17 September 2017
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Between July and October of 1940 an epic aerial struggle known as the Battle of Britain was waged and became a turning point in World War II. More than 100 Canadian pilot fought in this conflict and 23 made the ultimate sacrifice. To commemorate this event and to recognize those serving in the RCAF today, the museum marks the occasion with re-enactors dressed in period uniform. Come and view our Spitfire and other contemporary aircraft while learning more about this pivotal event.



Nils Christensen Celebration of Life

Sunday, 17 September, 1 pm

The aviation world recently lost one of its legendary members. Nils was born in Norway and served with the Royal Norwegian Air Force in World War II. Emigrating to Canada, he worked in the aviation sector and founded Viking Air Ltd. in 1970. For his many contributions to aviation Nils was honoured by the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame (2012), the BC Aviation Hall of Fame (2016), Aircraft Engineers Hall of Fame (2003), Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre Diamond Jubilee recipient. Nils also was awarded lifetime memberships in the Royal Canadian Legion and the BC Aviation Museum.



Speaker Night

Paul O'Reilly

Wednesday, September 20
7 - 9 pm

Vimy Fly-Past Debrief

Paul was part of the team that travelled to Europe to participate in a fly-past of the Vimy Ridge Memorial to mark the 100th anniversary of the historic battle that was a defining moment in Canadian History. Paul will detail the good, and the not-so-good, moments of the struggle to form the team, get the people and aircraft to the site, and then the day itself. He will also disclose what has happened to the replica aircraft since, and the specific plans for his Nieuport.



Paul has the distinction of being the second person to join the Canadian Forces. The very day in February 1968 that he joined, the three services had become unified and he was not in the Navy as he intended. However, earning his wings in 1969 he completed a tour on Trackers and four more on Sea Kings. He retired to Brentwood Bay in 2002.



Speaker Night is free, and open to the Public.
We even offer cookies and coffee at a nominal charge.