

# ***KINGSTON FLIGHT LOG***

## ***Newsletter of the Kingston Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society***

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7:30pm (doors open 7:00pm)  
Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Ave.  
Behind the Health Unit. Plenty of parking.

**Topic for the evening:**

### ***Flying Historic Aircraft 1962 – 1985***

**Speaker: Dr. John Cowan**

John Cowan is the Principal of the Royal Military College of Canada. Educated at Upper Canada College and University of Toronto, he holds a B.Sc. in mathematics and physics and advanced degrees in physiology. He held Vice-Principal positions at the University of Ottawa and Queen's University prior to his present appointment at RMC in 1999.

John learned to fly at the Toronto Island Airport in 1962, and by 1969 had a Commercial Pilot's Licence and a Glider Licence. He has accumulated some six thousand hours' flying time in sixty-four aircraft types, almost five thousand hours of which is in the Harvard II and Harvard IV. For twenty years he owned Harvard II, serial no. AJ-583. From 1966 to 1982 he performed many air shows in that Harvard, and in 1968 won the Harvard/T-6/SNJ class race series at the Cleveland Air Races. For many years, he was a judge of restored military aircraft at the E.A.A. annual gathering at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

John will discuss his experiences flying and maintaining historic aircraft, particularly from 1962-1985. Interesting aircraft flown include the Harvard, the Mustang IV (P-51D), the AOP-6 Auster, the T-28, the Great Lakes Biplane, the Stearman, the Grumman Goose and various other flying boats, and a wide variety of home-builts, including the Steen Skybolt, the Pitts Special, and the Volmer Sportsman, plus older glider types such as the LK-10. Photos and artefacts will be displayed.

Some of John's experiences reflect choices he freely admits he would not make today, but he feels that a somewhat misspent youth may be essential to character development.

**Last Meeting:** Twenty-two members and guests were present on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, to hear CWO Stephane Guy from 1 Wing Kingston. CWO Guy spoke on the role of the helicopter in Canadian Army operations.

**Membership Dues:** With the current membership year running from May 1, 2007, to May April 30, 2008, all that have not paid are reminded to send a cheque for \$10.00 payable to CAHS, Kingston Chapter, to Bruce McLachlan, 766 Kimberly Street, Kingston, ON, K7P1N7. Please include your address, telephone number and email address, and whether you are currently a member of CAHS National.

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