

Communiqué

MAQ and 438 Squadron welcome CAHS Members at ÉNA's

Saint-Hubert, QC, May 25th, 2019.

Today, the Quebec Aerospace Museum (MAQ), the École nationale d'aérotechnique and the 438 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force welcomed about 45 members of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) to Saint-Hubert Airport. The guests were in the Montreal area attending the annual CAHS National Convention. To enhance their visit, the Montreal chapter of the CAHS approached the MAQ to organize a visit to the ÉNA and the 438 "Wildcats" Squadron.

Founded in 1962, the Canadian Aviation Historical Society is the oldest and largest organization in the world dedicated to the celebration and documentation of Canada's flying heritage.

The day began with Mr. Pascal Désilets, Director of ÉNA, welcoming the guests followed by greetings from Mr. Gilbert McCauley, President of the MAQ, Then MAQ volunteers and ENA teachers and students guided the CAHS members through ENA's large modern aerospace training facility which includes many well-equipped classrooms and a collection of more than 30 airplanes and helicopters including a Bombardier CSeries passenger jet.

For its part, two 438 Squadron volunteer instructors presented the Royal Canadian Air Force Bell CH-146 Griffon to the Applied Technology Training Squadron (EITA) located within the ÉNA.

Finally, the visitors had an opportunity to see the MAQ's first aircraft and current restoration project. This is the fuselage of the Avro CF-100 Canuck # 100760, which is expected to be refurbished in the coming months. The latter was displayed next to Mikey McBryan's Douglas DC-3C C-FDTD currently being restored as part of the "Plane Savers" project to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. This restoration is followed by tens of thousands of people on YouTube.

Commenting on this first collaboration with the CAHS, Gilbert McCauley said, "*The MAQ was very honored to host this great meeting of aviation enthusiasts from across the country and to highlight the capabilities that have established the Montreal area as the western world's third largest aerospace manufacturing centre and the only area in the world where an entire aircraft can be assembled from locally manufactured components. I am convinced that everyone left with a renewed feeling to preserve and promote our aeronautical heritage*".

The MAQ is grateful to ENA and 438 Squadron for co-sponsoring the tour. Without such support, these aviation promotion activities could not take place.

About Québec Aerospace Museum :

The Quebec Aerospace Museum is established as a non-profit society at Saint-Hubert Airport since August 2018.

The main objective of the Society is to create a museum on the property of St-Hubert Airport that will showcase for the general public the innovation and achievements of the aerospace industry in Quebec and Canada. The educational programs of the Museum will provide schools, cadets and youth movements with privileged access to the exciting world of aerospace and help stimulate interest in aeronautics and space among younger generations.



About CAHS : <http://www.cahs.com>

About ÉNA : <http://ena.cegepmontpetit.ca>

About 438 Squadron : <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/fr/escadron/438-escadron.page>

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