

Communiqué

An exhibition about the work of Claude Trudel at the ÉNA.

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Claude Trudel (1953-2021), a citizen of Longueuil, had a definite artistic gift. Passionate about aviation and the conquest of space, he produced numerous scale models and dioramas over his lifetime representing his interests in spaceships as well as German planes of the Second World War, especially prototypes.

Claude Trudel died at the beginning of 2021. His son, Mr. Yannick Delbecque, donated his collection of models to the Québec Aerospace Museum (QAM). One of Claude Trudel's wishes, before leaving this world, was to see his work exhibited in a location designed to arouse interest in aerospace, especially among young people, such as the École nationale d'aérotechnique (ÉNA) at St-Hubert Airport.

It happens that the QAM as an agreement with ÉNA to organize a new exhibition in a display case at the College each semester. During the summer, QAM exhibition coordinator, Marc Émond, as well as members Pascal Lafrenière and Édouard Painchaud created a new exhibit highlight models and two dioramas produced by Claude Trudel, allowing his wish come true.

Claude's son also wrote a description of his father's hobbies and interests. This can be found in the form of a laminate hanging in the display as well as an article now posted on the QAM website. Pascal Lafrenière also wrote about the subject of scale model aircraft construction and the various scales used. Pierre Gillard produced the laminated panels in the display case.

The exhibit will be on view through December in the main hallway on the B-Wing floor of the ÉNA. Visits on request can be organized for QAM members. Early next year, this exhibition may be moved to a Museum partner at Saint-Hubert airport in order to further fulfil Claude Trudel's desire to see his models exhibited to the widest possible audience.

About Québec Aerospace Museum :

The Quebec Aerospace Museum was 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 exclusive access to the exciting world of aerospace and help stimulate interest in aeronautics and space among younger generations.



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