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SECOND VISIT TO - CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM - BY JULIE BREWER



CANADIAN AVIATION

I have recently returned from my second visit to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

The Museum was founded in 1972 as a living flying museum dedicated to the aircraft, and men and women who flew them and worked on them during WW2.

It is unique in as much as, if you become a member, you can upgrade and fly in many of their aeroplanes. Last year I had the privilege of flying in the Lancaster.

This year I have flown in five more, I chose 'the rare beasts' that can't be flown anywhere else.

It is more than just a museum with

aeroplanes in it though.

There are Galleries and Simulators that you can try your hand at (not very successfully on my part).

(The above picture is taken from the Harvard on our flight to Trenton airfield as we pass the CN Tower, (extreme left) which rises to 1,815 feet 5 inches. Within, it has a spectacular glass floor.)

Below:

(Billy Bishop Airport Toronto, as we head toward Trenton, AFB.)



The map below depicts the distance from Hamilton to Trenton along the edge of Lake Ontario..

The distance is about 118 nm.



Whilst I was there, and until the end of August, there was an exhibition devoted to Anne Frank. The contents have all come from the Anne Frank museum in Amsterdam. On display was a



yellow star that all Jews were forced to wear. We've all seen them on T.V. and in films, but for me to actually see one, and realise how large it was, really hit home.

This year I started off flying in the DH82C, the Canadian built Tiger Moth. It has a canopy(!), tailwheel, as opposed to a skid, and a 145 h.p. engine. Because of all the extra drag it didn't seem to fly any faster than the D.H.82a, but it was fun.



Next up came the Beech 18 and that was fun. There were five of us passengers and it really felt like a mini airliner. It is very flat around Hamilton, but everywhere was quite green. We flew along the shoreline of Lake Ontario, and it felt, at times, as if it could have been the English countryside!



The next day came the really rare one: the Noorduyn Norseman. This was used as a bush plane in many parts of Canada, and it was also flown on floats and skis.

It cruises at around 100 m.p.h and it is very versatile.



Above/below Noorduyn Norseman.



Then I was very fortunate to be invited to join the museum team when they decamped to Canadian Forces Base, Trenton. The Base is about an hours flying time from Hamilton. I believe it is the equivalent of our R.A.F. Lyneham. It is Canada's main transport Base.

They were holding an airshow there for the first time in thirteen years and the museum aircraft that participated were: Lancaster, B25, DC3, Beech18, Norseman, Harvard, Stearman and Tiger Moth. All but the Lanc and the B25 were on static display.

I was lucky enough to fly there in the Harvard. It was a really nice flight along the shoreline of Lake Ontario past Toronto and the CN tower. (*see cover picture*).

A closer view of the Snow Birds.



The initial forecast attendance was 60,000, rising to 80,000 over the two days.

The Snow Birds, the Canadian Air Forces equivalent of our Red Arrows



I helped set up the retail stall on the Friday, and spent most of the weekend with the Beech 18, talking to members of the public. It was the weekend of 25th and 26th June and I think I spent as much time explaining why we had voted to leave the E.U. as I did about the Beech 18!

The weather was really hot, up into the low 30s and what I didn't expect was the humidity. That is caused by the Great Lakes.



The Lanc along with the B25 and P51 Mustang displayed each day.

JULIE BREWER's - LASTING MEMORIES OF - CANADA



Below: Tocano (modified version) which they call a Harvard 2, don't ask me why?



A Hawk from the RCAF at Trenton



Sadly, all this activity, made it so hard to say goodbye to everyone. The people at CWHM are the best bunch of people, so welcoming and friendly. I have made so many friends, I can't wait to return next year!

I flew back to Hamilton in the DC3 after the show on the Monday, again along the shore line of Lake Ontario toward the setting sun

If you ever get a chance to visit this part of the world, you will not be disappointed

Julie...!





NAZI COASTAL DEFENCES

Started on the Northern Coastline of Norway to Denmark, Germany, Holland and Belgium and along the French coast and finally the Spanish coastline.

The approximate length 2627nm, the labour force, all POW's, treated very badly (un-paid) and hopefully sabotaging as much as they could throughout their days forced labour.



SECURITY GONE MAD!!

Should have gone to Spec Savers
How is a bloke able to spot a decent bit of crumpet dressed like a shower curtain!!

TRUMPS WALL SECURITY!

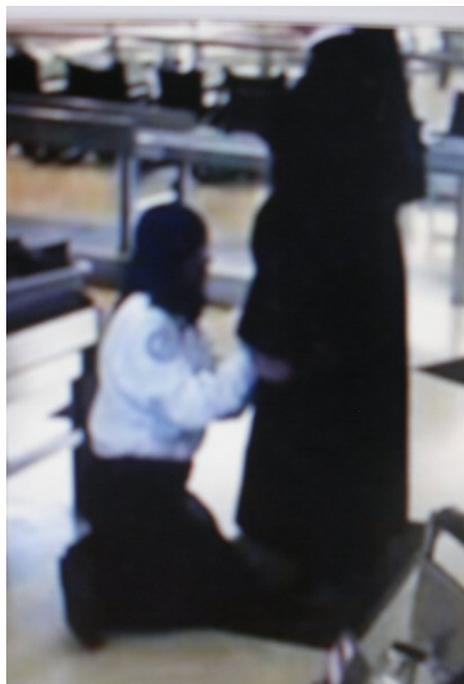


*I've been deported six times, for being here illegally!
Does that make me a criminal.?!
In fact you are not even a Terrorist.*

I was just thinking, has anyone heard of this Donald Trump, he's building a wall to keep people out of the USA.

Perhaps, I'm thinking too far ahead.!

ROMMEL'S ATLANTIC WALL



WHO IS SEARCHING WHO.?

Could be interesting next time you board an International Flight
This experience could be easily misconstrued. *Can't wait.....!!*

Winston Churchill once said:

“Those who forget the mistakes of history are doomed to repeat them”



A lone Gendarme at Calais 2016, defending against the unwanted.