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Welcome

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Volunteers

Our volunteers love airplanes and flying. Most of us are here at the museum on a regular basis and host guests at the museum, keep the hangar clean and presentable, work on exhibits, and look after our vintage aircraft. Others work on special projects and on occasions. We're always looking to increase our ranks of volunteers who are needed to help maintain the planes' appearance, exhibits, and spaces or show guests around. Let us know if you have any ideas on how better to recruit and retain volunteers.

Next Issue

The Bell P-63 Kingcobra will be featured.



Caribou Comes Home!

On the late afternoon of July 7th, 2021, the skies over Rexburg were filled with a unique sight and sound as the long-awaited arrival of the de Havilland Caribou (C-7A) from the Willow Run Airport in Michigan finally took place.

There was a large crowd of friends, family, and well wishers on hand to witness the culmination of this historic flight and homecoming of the only radial engine Caribou in North America still flying.



After many trips to the Yankee Air Museum to restore the Caribou to flight condition, a crew of mechanics and pilots were able to fly it across country to land at the Legacy Flight Museum and its new home. The Caribou had sat for over 20 years in the weather



Restoration Updates

The Stinson V-77 Reliant Gull-wing suffered a catastrophic engine failure last Spring and the Lycoming R-680-E3 is currently being rebuilt in Kansas.

The Stinson came from the Yankee Air Museum and saw service during WWII as a photo reconnaissance aircraft for the British Royal Navy.

Operating Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day

Open Saturday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Open 6 days a week - Monday
thru Saturday

Other days by Appointment Only

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and it took years of trips back and forth and an incredible amount of work and resources from a dedicated crew to get it ready to fly again.



The de Havilland Canada DHC-4A Caribou is a Canadian designed and produced specialized cargo aircraft with short takeoff and landing capability. The Caribou was first flown in 1958 and although mainly retired from military operations, is still in use in small numbers as a rugged "bush" aircraft.



Ben Wilson (2nd from left) from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum was the pilot who flew the aircraft home. Mike Terrell was the pilot who flew the first test flight back in Michigan. We also wanted to thank Kevin Perlongo of the Yankee Air Museum without whose help this would not have been possible.

Our particular Caribou was built in 1958 and is serial number 2, which means it was the second "prototype" and eventually entered full-time service for oil field supply, used for smoke jumpers, environmental research, and Air America operations.

Specifications

Crew: Pilot, co-pilot, loadmaster

Payload: 8,000 lbs; or 32 passengers; or
26 paratroops; or 20 litter patients

Top speed: 216 mph; Range: 1,280 mi;

Cruise speed: 181 mph; Service Ceiling: 24,800 ft

Empty weight: 16,920 lbs; Loaded weight: 28,500 lbs

Engine type: Pratt & Whitney 1,350 hp R-2000 Twin Wasp

First flight: July 30, 1958





Since arriving at the museum, the Caribou has had the paint stripped and been repainted. New decals will be applied in the Spring. Additional maintenance and restoration are being performed to get it ready for our next air show.

