

CAHS Toronto In-Person Meeting



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NEXT SPEAKER

KEN SWARTZ

Aviation at Downsview 1929-YZD-2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm EDT

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM

LOCATION

Canadian Forces College (CFC), 215 Yonge Blvd., North York, Ontario, M5M 3H8
The CFC is located just south of Highway 401, between Avenue and Yonge Street, on the north side of Wilson Avenue

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, the last Bombardier Global 7500 business jet departed Runway 33-15 at Downsview Airport marking the end of aircraft manufacturing at one of Canada's most iconic airports.

This flight also marked the end of 95 years of continuous flying activity at Downsview which was once home for three different airports and the Toronto Flying Club in the 1930s, the longtime home of two different de Havilland Aircraft of Canada and Bombardier aircraft factories. It was also the birthplace of SPAR, a Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Armed Forces air base for 50 years and the original home of the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS).

This presentation will describe many chapters in Downsview airport's history as well as the achievements of the tens of thousands of people that once worked and flew there.



SPEAKER
KEN SWARTZ

KEN SWARTZ is a senior aerospace marketing and communications strategist, running Aeromedia Consultants in Toronto. A long-time consultant to the aviation, aerospace and vertical flight industry, Ken has worked for a variety of regional airlines, helicopter operators, aircraft manufacturers and aerospace technology companies over his 30+ year career.

In the mid-1970s, Ken started reporting on the helicopter, airline and aircraft manufacturing industries aviation trade magazines in Canada, the US and the UK.

He's a Board Member of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS) and Senior Editor of Vertiflite magazine and the Electric VTOL News newsletter. In 2010, Ken received the Helicopter Association International's prestigious "Excellence in Communications" award. Ken joined the Canadian Aviation Historical Society as a teenager in the mid-1970s.

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NOTE - This meeting will be held at a Canadian Forces facility and all attendees must register with the Canadian Forces College (CFC) when they enter. We will provide the CFC with a com-

plete list of current and lapsed members and guests, to simplify the registration process. Last minute guests will be admitted after CAHS Toronto approval.