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NEXT CLUB MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14!

1:00PM-5:00PM

**Royal Canadian Legion,
Lachine Branch**

**3015 Rue Henri-Dunant,
Lachine, Quebec**

*Between Provost and Saint-Antoine,
just east of 32nd Avenue*

AGENDA:

- **THE SOLAR SYSTEM AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE!**—*Early SF's View of Our Solar System*
- **HORROR 101**—*How Writers and Filmmakers Manufacture the Scares AND MORE...*



MonSFFen are tasked with crafting a Halloween-themed table centerpiece for our October meeting! Use your imagination; maybe add a sci-fi element to your spooky creation!

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING TO SHOWCASE HALLOWEEN TABLE DECORATIONS!

Our October 14 club meeting will feature a Halloween theme! We are tasking MonSFFen with the creation of a Halloween-themed table centerpiece—a Jack-o-Lantern, perhaps, or a spooky gravestone; use your imagination and consider adding something sci-fi to your scary creation! A visit to your local dollar store might provide a few props to utilize as part of your centerpiece.

Any MonSFFen choosing to attend in costume are advised that their get-up *must not include* a hat, mask, or headgear of *any* kind. As a general guideline, if you're not sure, *don't!*

This restriction is necessary in order to remain in compliance with the traditions of our hosts, the Lachine branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Note that headgear is not to be worn within any Legion hall as a sign of respect for those servicemen and -women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

MonSFFA honours this tradition; please keep that in mind when selecting your costume.

Yes MAM!

On Saturday morning, September 9, a group of dedicated MonSFFen visited what they found to be an unassuming yet top-flight local museum. The Montreal Aviation Museum (MAM) occupies an old barn on McGill University's Macdonald Campus in furthest West Island Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, and manages to pack a whole lot of aviation history into a relatively small space. A keen enthusiasm for Canadian—and particularly Quebec—aviation is a hallmark of this hidden gem of an institution, as are the aircraft restoration projects it undertakes, fueled by a devoted team of volunteer members.

Of note was one such project: a WWII-era Fairchild Bolingbroke Mk. IV aircraft, which was

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the club's normal operation for more than three years! During this period, our regular in-person meetings were suspended, and the payment of annual fees were deferred.

The club has now begun again collecting those annual membership fees, this in order to return to a positive cash flow situation, and so cover the monthly costs of renewed operations.

Standard membership remains only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to "MonSFFA"), and mail to:

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housed in a dedicated wing of the museum. The cockpit and nose of the light bomber has been restored, along with her gun turret, while the rest of the plane remains a work in progress, with engine parts and sections of the fuselage and wings scattered about the workshop.

Parked outside on the lawn, meanwhile, was the battered fuselage of a Canadair CF-104 Starfighter jet (below), recently acquired and slated for restoration beginning early next year.



Above: Cockpit of Bolingbroke looking forward through doorway to nose of plane. **Below:** Restored aircraft were on display on museum's second floor.



On display along with the restored aircraft featured on the museum's second floor were various blueprints, period photographs, historical documents, associated artifacts and equipment, and some of the tools of restoration employed to bring these old birds back to life. Explanatory panels provided information about each plane, and beautifully detailed miniatures of the aircraft, too, were included. Models and dioramas of many Canadian civilian and wartime aircraft, in fact, were showcased throughout the museum. And, an exquisite collection of aviation art was hung in the museum's gallery.

The MAM is well worth a visit, despite the lengthy ride required for those taking public transit.

Fortunately, we were able to arrange carpools so that those without wheels were able to get to the museum in reasonable time. We thank our drivers.

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Getting to the Lachine Legion for October's Meeting

Easily accessible via public transit, the Lachine Legion is located at 3015 Rue Henri-Dunant, between Provost and St-Antoine, just east of 32nd Avenue (see map).

The 191 bus, among others, stops on 32nd Avenue, less than a 10-minute walk from the Legion. Those travelling from Montreal, for example, can board the 191 at the Lionel Groulx Metro Station; the ride to 32nd Avenue clocks in at about 35 minutes. From neighbourhoods west of Lachine, the 191, as well as the 195, depart from Terminus Dorval and take roughly 25 minutes to reach 32nd.

We recommend that transit users consult the STM (www.stm.info/en) for the bus routes that will most efficiently convey them from their particular neighbourhood to the Lachine Legion and back.

MonSFFAen travelling to the Lachine Legion by car may exit from Autoroute 20, whether eastbound or westbound, at 32nd Avenue (Exit 60). Drivers may also access 32nd from Autoroute 13. It's a short couple blocks drive south on 32nd to the intersection with Provost (see map). Turn east onto Provost, then south onto 31st Avenue, which lets out onto Henri-Dunant. Turn east again and find the Legion Hall about 50 metres from the intersection on the south side of the street.

The Legion maintains a parking lot adjacent the building; there is no charge to park one's vehicle. Free parking is also available on Henri-Dunant.

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