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This report is being sent to all of those interested in the progress and well being of Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada).

By now most of you have read Progress Report 49 which came out and was sent to you in late May. There is an operative line in there which perhaps should have been highlighted or done in red text – “**BUT**, we have once again been forced to cut back on our rebuild work and parts acquisitions for **lack of funds.**”

At this time I CANNOT gauge how many of you are out there who wish to see us succeed in searching, finding, and recovering a Halifax for the Bomber Command Museum of Canada.

I know that since 2012 there has been a dramatic DEcrease in interest in supporting the far ranging activities of Halifax 57 Rescue to do the very difficult job of bringing a second Halifax to Canada and Nanton, Alberta.

Let me explain, as listed below, by telling you what Halifax 57 Rescue has received in support and donations over the since the start of 2013 up to this date.

Then I will tell what we received in donations last year in 2012 up to July 15, 2012.

Then I will let you know what we are supposed to do later this year in 2013 if Halifax 57 Rescue can get the support that is needed for the Halifax Project.

EXPLANATION:

From the start of the year 2013 to this date in late July Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) has received donations and support of (\$6200.) This includes (\$1800) support from the Bomber Command Museum specifically for the acquisition of the Bristol Hercules propeller (see further down in this report for the specifics on this propeller acquisition). So bottom line is that H57RC has received about (\$ 4,400) in donations from the members and supporters in the first half of 2013.

Looking back to 2012 for Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) I have extracted the figures of donations and support for that year. From the (Jan. 2012 – July 2012), the same time period just 1 year ago, the amount of donations was (\$ 19,970).

I guess I must take responsibility, as your Project Manager, for not doing all I could and for this dramatic reduction in people's donations and support for the Halifax Project. This decline in interest and support has caught me totally off guard. I have potential solutions but these all take time and energy. I am working on these as we speak but it is not easy to change gears and find new support while spreading myself so thin on both fund raising while doing Halifax parts searches and expeditons.

Maybe my Progress Reports do NOT impart the right information to all those thousands of folks who have a family and historical interest in seeing a second Halifax for Canada and the Bomber Command Museum of Canada. Some of us here (the Directors and specific sponsors) at H57RC has several thousand dollars tied up in the Halifax Project which is a sign of our commitment and dedication to the Halifax Project. This author is one of those.

So where do we go from here? All I know is there is a propeller waiting for us in the UK, the ground test propeller we need so that we can install it on our first running Bristol Hercules engine. So our last funds (\$ 1800 - specifically for the prop) will most likely cover the packing, transport, and shipping of this rare prop to Canada. See below the first photo of this prop waiting for us for disassembly in the UK.



I am hoping to go to the UK in August to wrap up this baby for our Hercules Project and I will find the cheapest and best way to get it across the ocean for all of us.

BUT remember, this will be the last thing we will be able to do unless more support can be raised, support that did exist before and encouraged us to continue on in the Halifax Project.

The Halifax centre section rebuild in Ottawa is on hold for lack of funds.

The free Hercules reduction gear casing and hub in Glasgow must wait for pick up.

The donated Halifax tail section pieces in north England must wait.

The Hercules engine exhaust collector rings and pipes cannot be crated and shipped from the UK to Nanton.

The special crate to protect the precious complete Halifax nose Perspex in the UK cannot be paid for, nor the crate shipped via Air Canada (even at 90% off air cargo rates for H57RC)

The donated and complete Halifax-Hastings outer wing panel in the UK (which will fit the Halifax wing center section in Ottawa) cannot be transported nor shipped

The acquisition of new parts for the Halifax, discovery and recovery, cannot go forward for we do not have the funds and resources for this important activity. If we were using up funds inefficiently last year, would we have the complete and undamaged nose perspex for a Halifax which cost us the acquisition and trade of an 1154-1155 bomber radio (only \$1,000 of cash) for this gem?? That transaction was indicative and worthy of your support. It is also an example of the ingenuity and scrounging abilities of our outfit.

Now we have 6 Bristol Hercules at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada, all from the activities of “search and recover” of our H57RC.

But would you think we were worthy of your support if we told you that 2 MORE Hercules engines will arrive tomorrow, July 25, at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada.? This will bring to 8 the Hercules engines we have recovered for the Halifax Project. See below the engines which are arriving tomorrow.



These 2 Hercules new arrivals were located, donated, and transported (all 4000 pounds of engines) for the atrocious grand total sum of (\$250.). Thanks to our partners at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada for providing this funding when Halifax 57 Rescue was effectively “broke” and could not pay.

Remember, H57RC paid for the original 4 Hercules engines to be shipped in 2011 from the “Bristol Bunker” in Terrace, B.C. to Nanton, all because of a generous donation of (\$1700.) from a supporter who believed in us and knew this discovery of such rare Halifax parts deserved support. Now we have a Hercules engine running, all stemming from that original donation and faith in us.

But that type of support is missing now and this is of great concern to all of us here, for the further we go into the Halifax Project adventure, the greater the apparent success for this project, the weaker we have become financially.

Can you help us keep going at a time when it is important to not let up on the Halifax Project!?! These adventures connected to the Handley Page Halifax are not much fun without you.

It is not the destinations you remember, it is who you travelled with, that is the most important of all.

We hope you will consider or even reconsider your support for us! Our future is in your hands.

Remember, WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND

Sincerely,

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