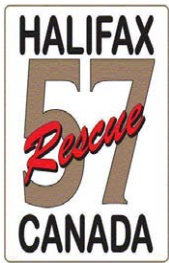


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These are the Hali-facts:

This New Year of 2012 promises to be a banner year for Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) and we need your help to make our dreams come true.

This year we can start the rebuild of the heart of a Halifax, the center-section, in Ottawa by George Roskopf, the Engineering Director of Halifax 57 Rescue. He is the only person since WW2 to have extracted and rebuilt a Halifax main spar and then inserted it back into a Halifax airframe, Halifax NA337, at the National Air Force Museum in Trenton, Ontario.

See our photo below of the wing boxes and main spar that we are going to rebuild.



To this end we have been able to acquire 3 tool supply sponsors for the beginning of a Halifax rebuild for the Bomber Command Museum of Canada. These 3 companies are solid aviation engineering firms who will be able to supply us with the special tools and materials we need to begin the rebuild in Ottawa. Directors of Halifax 57 Rescue are setting up the agreements and supply lines for the Halifax rebuild with these companies and we will introduce them to you in the next report. This support is worth tens of thousands of dollars!

The immediate costs to begin Phase 1 (extraction of the Halifax main spar from the Malta wing sections) will be in the order of (\$6000 - \$7600) of materials and labour. There are several phases to this rebuild but let us deal with Phase 1 for now.

We have not forgotten about our ultimate goal to find and recover RCAF Halifax LW170 off the coast of Ireland. We have gained new and creditable allies in Rhonda Moniz and her staff at Boston, USA whose company is known as Benthic Exploration. They are keen supporters of our quest to find Halifax LW170, especially as there were over 8000 Americans in the RCAF in WW2 with over 700 killed-in-action with (43 airmen from Massachusetts included on this special RCAF Roll of Honour!).

Benthic Exploration are going full bore to find us the sonar ship and funding for the sonar expedition this summer. So exciting times are ahead for us on this front and I will report more to you on these exciting developments as they unfold in the next report.

Also developing, is the Hercules Project which is taking place at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, Alberta which is our parent museum and partners in finding, recovering and restoring all things Halifax.



In Sep/Oct 2011 Halifax 57 Rescue discovered and recovered the 4 Bristol Hercules engines for the Halifax Project including 3 tons of spare parts. Now we have formed a dedicated Hercules engine rebuild team at the museum and they have already started work on the first Hercules engine for rebuild to running condition. It is a low time engine since a major rebuild and is the prime candidate for Hercules engine runs at the museum this summer!

The low time engine is the engine just behind and to the left of loading crew member Jonathan Kjarsgaard seen above.

So we at Halifax 57 Rescue will be going gang-busters this year as long as you will continue to support us. For those of our stalwart supporters and members we thank you for all the donations and hope you will continue to support us in this vital year. We know we have not disappointed you in all the discoveries and recoveries we have made to honour our airmen.

There is so much more in store but only if we get the support we need.

We hope you realize we have the dedicated and passionate personnel to do this unique job and have acquired the technology with tools to actually perform the resurrection of the Halifax and promote its heritage in this country and around the world.

BUT we will be stopped in our tracks and will not be able to maintain our momentum unless you can send those donations in to keep us going. With the wing rebuild starting and engines being rebuilt as well as setting up the sonar expedition, with all these mounting costs to save all the things Halifax, we urgently need your support to fund these programs.

Help us now and send in a healthy donation for Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada). Let us know if you want it to go to the engine rebuild or the wing rebuild or the sonar expedition but PLEASE send donations NOW!

And remember,
[WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND](#)

Sincerely,
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