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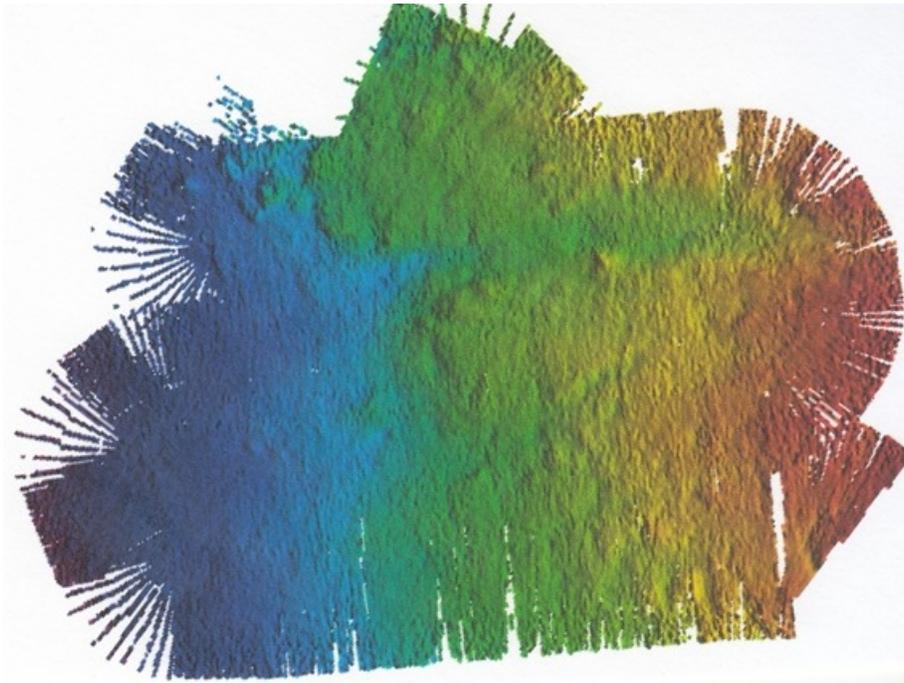
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These are exciting times as Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) moves forward with all things HALIFAX.

Look above at the first high-tech sonar images just captured by our friends at the Marine Institute of Ireland with their sonar ship the "Celtic Explorer". They have just returned from their 2 week scientific sonar cruise

NW of Ireland and they were able, after a weather delay, in doing a complete sonar survey of the Halifax LW170 search box!

This is a giant step forward in locating LW170 which lies inside the area you see above BUT now we must sift through the gigabytes of data they so generously gathered for us just a couple of weeks ago. We will be doing that with the computer programs which process all the anomalies seen by sonar and then narrow down the targets to that which are NOT geographical or natural, and could be our Halifax! It is exciting news and we will keep you informed on all the latest on the search and processing of the data for which we have waited so long!

But now we must talk serious business because things are heating up on all fronts and we have some major concerns here at Halifax 57 Rescue.

When I said in Progress 56 that “we just can’t wait for 58” I was talking in general but now it is I, as your Project Manager, who is forced to bring up in this Report 58 the looming curtailment of our Halifax main spar restoration and operations with the cancellation of recovery projects and the halting of acquisitions of rare Halifax parts we need and already have located.

Last year we had over 40 new and renewed Halifax 57 Rescue memberships and strong donations come in by April of 2014 with quite a few after that. To this date in 2015, we have only had 5 renewed or new memberships and I do not know where everyone is, those stalwarts who had been with us last year and several years before.

It goes without saying the Halifax 57 Rescue account is low and we only have enough funding to make the last \$5,000 payment for the main spar restoration and some operational costs, and then we will be out of funds!

I have contacted Knox Tech this week and made arrangements to go on hold when the present Phase 2 part of the Halifax main spar restoration is complete, which should be within the next 4 weeks.

It is indeed an ebb and flow process here and I do not understand if certain people who were supporting all the good work we were doing in 2014, who know and see we are on a winning path here, and that we urgently need their support in 2015 and beyond.

Let me explain the important developments this spring that underline that we truly need your new and continued support into 2015. I do NOT say this lightly because the following exciting events have just recently happened:

Obviously, the Marine Institute in Ireland will process our sonar data and help us find prime targets which could be LW170. But sooner or later, probably sooner, there will be a request for myself to be there in Galway, Ireland for specific meetings about LW170 and how we are going to proceed after data processing. If I was able to get over to Ireland and represent H57RC BUT funding is still required to cover those day to day costs of being there. So do I go for these important meetings or just stay in Canada because funds are too low to do anything about LW170? Will we miss a million dollar opportunity in LW170 because we had not the funds to cover travel costs when the sonar people wanted to meet with us to help find LW170?

Also, Halifax 57 Rescue has located 3 Halifax propellers in fair to good condition in Europe that we are supposed to inspect on site within 2 weeks. But it is likely I will not be able to inspect, nor even strike a deal, if our entire operation goes on hold.

In addition, a collector in another location in Europe has discovered in his storage a complete Halifax control column with air brake fixtures still attached and has offered it to us to purchase and/or trade. I have only seen 1 other of these control columns in the last 15 years and the only way to acquire this is to be there in person and make a deal, but it won't happen when we shut down the operation and are forced to wait to find some support through members and groups. I do not want to lose this column because of a hold or delay.

On top of that, our previous successes in all things Halifax when we were financially healthy, have reached far and wide in the world. People are now coming TO US with their Halifax discoveries!

Today I was invited by a historical group in Sweden to attend the exploration of a newly discovered RCAF 405 Squadron Halifax crash site (no loss of life) in the Baltic Sea as a technical expert and advisor for this expedition. Think of the historical opportunities this discovery could bring to Halifax 57 Rescue if that discovery and recovery could happen. But will this happen?

This is in addition to the pending possible recovery of the RAF Halifax HR980 (with 5 MIA crew!) from the swamp in Germany that Halifax 57 Rescue has invested so much time and good money in 2014 in building up with our German recovery group allies.

But all is going on hold, opportunities will be lost and rare Halifax parts will not be acquired, unless I can light some fires in some people to send in your donations!

Perhaps all the media and press about other aircraft and projects has watered down enthusiasm and allegiance for our Halifax Project but trying to figure out, as your Project Manager, to keep this project going sometimes is just beyond me (this is manifested in hair pulling when there is not much left to pull!). We must attract and keep people with us! I will try but will you?

I am personally into the Halifax Project for thousands and I want to be, but sometimes it is a lonely place. We have been doing more with our resources and funding and I betcha we are getting \$10. of value and results for every \$1.00 donated. We are not wasting nor frittering away donations that come to Halifax 57 Rescue. After people get to know how and what we are doing with their support and funding, they just shake their heads and say "How does Halifax 57 Rescue do it!?"

YOU KNOW there are 3 things out there that are true Canadian symbols of honour, excellence, and sacrifice and they are the maple leaf, the hockey stick, and an aircraft that 70% of our boys flew to glory in combat – the HALIFAX.

You know I am right and so you, I hope, will follow up and support our efforts to bring our history home. Do not procrastinate or say some other group should get the funding. Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) is doing more good in more places, for our bomber boys and Canada, than tons of the other charities.

How have we done this? When the green light goes on, GO! When the door to opportunity opens, step through. Maximize each opportunity and put your best foot forward. People will help when called upon and when they see sincerity and truth in a cause.

Help us continue and keep the ball rolling on all things Halifax. We are there at the forefront of saving history, help us stay there with a healthy donation for Halifax 57 Rescue!

We do not want to go on hold, all you have to do is one of the following:

- 1) Donate funds to Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) via the postal services – see our 2 addresses available at the end of this report. Make cheques out to “Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)”.
- 2) Try our New PAYPAL internet payment method for all who have purchased or contributed online (via your PAYPAL account) to our worthy and honourable charity. Go to our website www.57rescuecanada.com and see the golden “DONATE” button which immediately donates these funds to our cause from anywhere in the world (if you have a PAYPAL account!)
- 3) Donate your unused stocks, bonds, and securities to our Halifax 57 Rescue - Royal Bank Discount Brokerage account and receive a “full market value” tax receipt credit for the donation of these securities. You will NOT have to pay income tax on the profit portion side of this transfer and donation. You receive full tax deductible credit for said donation. It is a win-win for all concerned.
- 4) Purchase a beautiful limited-edition signed print of our Halifax LW170 “INVINCIBLE ITEM” for (\$165.00 including postage) or an unsigned print for (\$60.00 including postage). This has to be one of the finest prints of a combat Halifax that has ever been produced. We still have half of the 500 signed prints available to all you Halifax fans. See www.57rescuecanada.com for all our Halifax print info.

In the days ahead we will be relying on you, our members and members-to-be, to keep us going in this honourable cause to save the Halifax which is a true symbol of our history and our heritage. We honour the men in the aircraft by saving their aircraft, thereby keeping their memory alive.

Remember, WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND

Sincerely,

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