



CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

and the **The British Columbia Aviation Museum** present

Guest Speaker Jack Funk

from Spitfire to Cyclone

Speaker Night will be about the history of two “west coast” squadrons, 442 and 443. These squadrons were on the west coast in previous times and are still on the coast in modern days.

442 squadron formed from 14 squadron flying Curtiss P-40E Kitty Hawks on the west coast in the early years of WW2. 443 squadron was formed from 127 flying Canadian built Hawker Hurricanes on the East coast. Both squadrons operated with 441 squadron as 144 wing flying Spitfire Mk9's under Britain's top scoring pilot **Johnnie Johnson**. Disbanded after the end of WW2 442 and 443 were reborn at Sea Island (Vancouver) and operated an interesting variety of aircraft until defense cutbacks caused them to disband in the early sixties. 442 eventually became a Search and Rescue unit at Comox. 443 as we all know became an anti submarine squadron flying the mighty Cyclone out of our own Pat Bay airport. There is a lot of history here both war-time and post war.



Jack Funk

travels the world to indulge in his twin hobbies of aviation and photography.

Jack also finds time to volunteer at the BC Aviation Museum, and to research and write aviation articles for its quarterly newsletter, the Norseman News.



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All Welcome. No Fee. All Airplane Talk. No Politics.

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