



Dan Dempsey watched his first airshow as a youngster at RCAF Station Rockcliffe in Ottawa in 1959. From that early exposure grew a passion for flying and airshows that led to a 23 year military career with the Canadian Forces. A graduate of Royal Roads Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, his military career included tours as a jet instructor, soloist (and later team leader) with the Snowbirds and fighter pilot on the CF-104 Starfighter based in Baden-Soellingen, West Germany. It was during his second tour as commanding officer of the Snowbirds in 1989 and 1990 that he led the team through their 20th anniversary and 1,000th official performance. From 2009-2012 he flew "Hawk One", an F-86 Sabre in Golden Hawk colours at airshows across Canada.

*He is the author of "**A Tradition of Excellence - Canada's Airshow Team Heritage**" which chronicles the proud legacy of Canada's airshow teams over the past 95 years. The book is quite large at 768 pages and features over 1,800 photographs, mostly in colour. Dan would like to offer the book to anyone in our group at a discount as a token of his appreciation for the opportunity to talk to us about the airshow heritage and in particular the Snowbirds. He is happy to provide it at \$95.00 + GST which is a \$30.00 discount off the original price. Of course, Dan and Dan would be happy to sign it to whoever it might be purchased for.*

1330 -1430 hrs

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION THE VIB EIC CSSE WILL HOLD IT'S AGM

(please plan on some extra time to participate in this)

AGM Agenda attached

Location:

We will meet in the (upper level) Sports View Lounge at the Oak Bay Rec Centre, 1975 Bee Street (just south from Fort Street one block east of Foul Bay Road).

Free in-lot and on-street parking is available.