



## MEDIA ADVISORY & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY



# From Canada to the Moon *A Canadian space story 40 years in the making*

## Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lunar landing by Apollo 11 and the central role played by Avro Arrow engineers

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, The Canadian Air and Space Museum celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lunar landing by Apollo 11 and the vital contributions of Canadians to this important milestone:

- Did you know a Canadian, Owen Maynard, was in charge of NASA's Lunar Module Program and played a key role in the design of the lunar module?
- Did you know Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin thanked two former Avro Arrow engineers for their contributions in helping to make the voyage of Apollo 11 a resounding success?
- Did you know that more than 25 engineers left for NASA following the Avro Arrow cancellation in 1959 and made an indelible mark on the manned space program?

### Who:

- Canadian Astronaut Roberta Bondar
- Original six Canadian Astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason
- Avro Arrow Chief Design Engineer Jim Floyd
- Chris Gainor, author, *Arrows to the Moon*
- Toronto City Councilor Maria Augimeri
- Rod Jones, Executive Director, Ontario Aerospace Council (OAC)
- Canadian aerospace legends, test pilots, industry representatives
- Messages from Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Apollo 15 commander, David Scott, and Harrison Ford

### What:

- **Discover** the pivotal role Avro Arrow engineers played regarding manned spaceflight and the Apollo 11 mission
- **Hear** and see audio and video images (including of the Apollo program) not seen in 40 years, some of which were thought to no longer exist
- **Hear for the first time in 40 years** Canadian Owen Maynard, former Head of NASA's Lunar Module Program and Avro Arrow Engineer discuss his design of the Apollo Lunar Module
- Launch of Canadian Air and Space Pioneers Award

**WHAT ELSE:** A static display of Canadian built aircraft

**WHEN:** Monday, July 20, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Hangar building located directly behind the Canadian Air & Space Museum at 75 Carl Hall Road, Downsview Park, Toronto, ON. M3K 2E1

**Photo Opportunity:** Astronauts, planes and stars.

**About the Canadian Air & Space Museum**

The Canadian Air and Space Museum ([www.casmuseum.org](http://www.casmuseum.org)) is dedicated to telling the distinctly Canadian stories of aviation, space history and innovation, and recounting the stories of people connected with these innovations. Once the home of de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd, the Canadian Air and Space Museum is located Downsview Park in the oldest-surviving aircraft factory building in Canada, and is one of Canada's oldest and best-preserved aerospace heritage buildings. The Museum is the home of artifacts and aircraft, showcasing the development of aviation and space innovations in Canada, including a full-scale, museum-quality replica of the magnificent Avro Arrow supersonic interceptor.

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