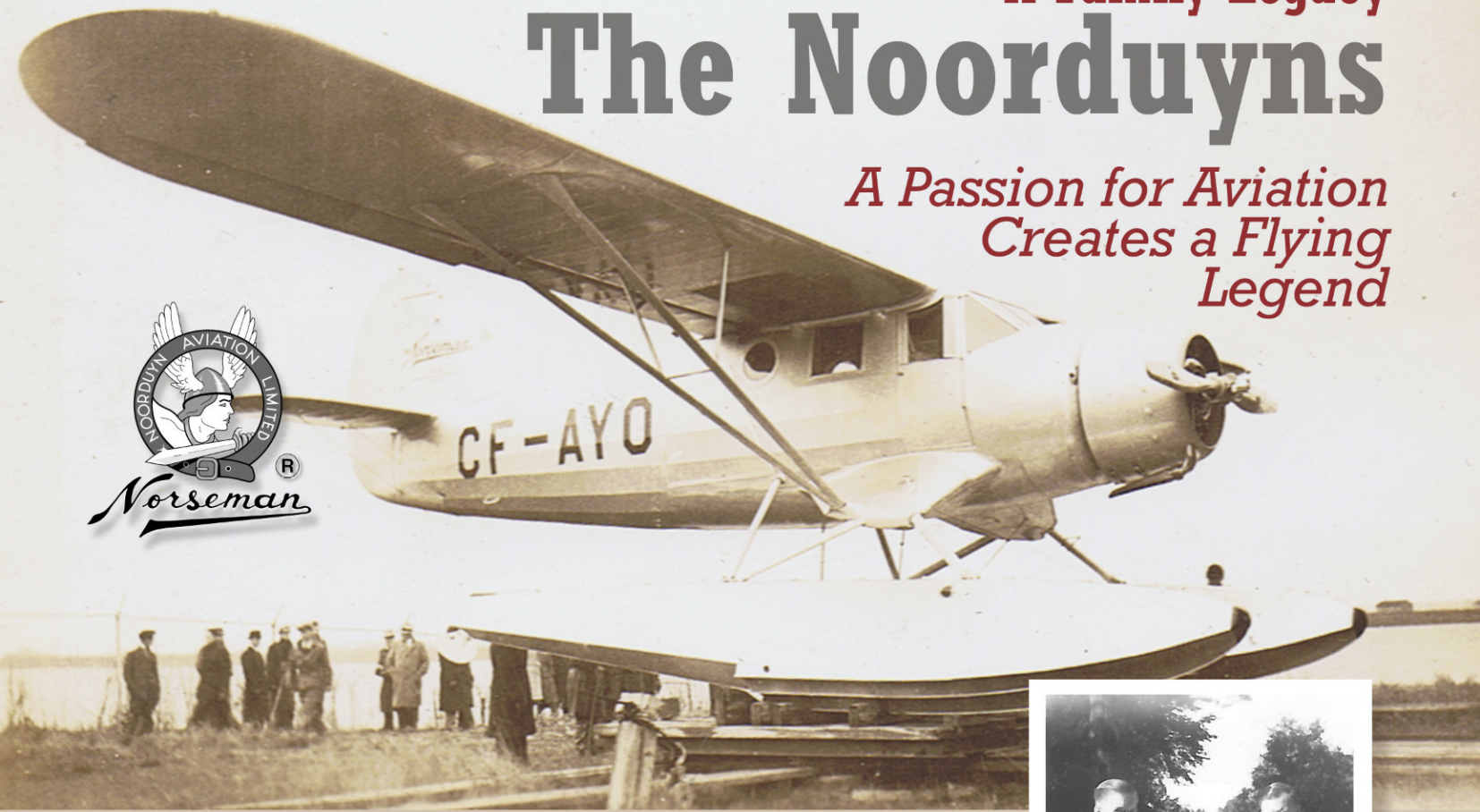


A Family Legacy

The Noorduyns

*A Passion for Aviation
Creates a Flying
Legend*



CF-AYO, the first Noorduyn Norseman, ready to enter the St. Lawrence River in Montreal, just prior to its first test flight on a cold and windy November 14th, 1935. The 20 minute flight, flown by J. McDonough, the test pilot for Lloyds of London, was a success. But shortly after landing, a guide boat coming alongside in the wind whipped water slit one of the pontoons with its metal rudder - and the plane nearly sank. A long night's work by one of Noorduyn's small but dedicated staff, had the plane ready for additional test flights the following morning by McDonough and Leigh Capreol.

Robert H. Noorduyn's second trip to Red Lake was made to officially dedicate Norseman Heritage Park and a beautifully restored CF- DRD, which he did on July 25, 1992. The favour will be returned on July 25th, during this year's Norseman Festival, with the dedication of a memorial to him in Norseman Park.

- Photo by Colleen Robinson



By 1995, Bob Noorduyn was relaxed and at home in Red Lake as Guest of Honour at the Diamond Jubilee Norseman Festival. Here, and on many other occasions during the weekend, he shared Norseman stories with the crowd.

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R.B.C. Noorduyn and Robert H. Noorduyn, shown together here in a photo provided by the family, shared a passion for aviation. Robert H. reported spending summers in the factory on the Norseman flight test line. Like his father, he chose to become an engineer and pursued a career in the aerospace industry. Both spent a good portion of their life demonstrating the value of the Norseman. - Noorduyn Family Photo

