

## **14 Days to go...\$20,000.00 raised, \$50,000.00 remaining Dec 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline**

In what is becoming a race against the calendar the Alberta Aviation Museum is working hard to raise the needed dollars to import an F-104 (2) seat Starfighter from Europe.

Because of the demand for Starfighters in the commercial market and the tight time line the Museum has had to turn to the public for assistance.

Normally the museum acquires aircraft one of two ways.

- 1) By donation of the aircraft by the owner/restoration costs covered by applying for various grants available through the Governments and Private interests.
- 2) By collecting unwanted wrecks or parts over an extended period of time and then applying for grants (as above) for the restoration

In the case of the Starfighter our normal methods will not work.

The Starfighter has seen increasing commercial demand by companies offering high altitude/zero "G" training, threat simulation for military exercises and as recently discovered launching "Sub Orbital" research rockets. Because of this demand both aircraft capable of being returned to flight and complete aircraft suitable for parts have seen increasing demand and dollar value.

The Starfighter being an extremely complex and (comparatively) advanced aircraft has meant that the tried and true system of gathering parts over an extended time unviable due to the sheer volume of complex systems on the aircraft.

The Starfighter that the Museum is working to acquire is essentially identical to the CF-104D (2) seaters flown from CFB Cold Lake from the early 1960s to the mid 1980s and is intact right down to the equipment in the cockpit and the engine creating a unique opportunity to restore and present the aircraft to all Edmontonians and Albertans. Just as important it is of the same type and equipment as the Starfighters overhauled here in Edmonton by North West Industries, a time when Edmonton, through North West Industries, was a leader internationally in aerospace. All Canadian Starfighters were overhauled at North West Industries at what is now City Centre Airport.

**The Alberta Aviation Museum needs your help** to acquire this aircraft so we can tell the story of both Alberta's Air Force personnel that operated the Starfighter and of the Edmontonians that overhauled and maintained this amazing aircraft.

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