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November 2016 Guest Lecture & Book Launch

Robert Godwin

(Owner & Founder of Apogee Space Books)

The Empire Strikes Out – The Commonwealth Space Program



Date: Thursday, November 24, 2016

Time: 7:30 p.m. Refreshments & Networking
8:00 p.m. Presentation

Place: University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS)
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The general confusion during the late 1950s about the merits of missile defence led to several questionable strategic decisions made by the Governments of Canada and the United Kingdom. The possibility of a third contestant in the Space Race, in the form of a Commonwealth space program, hinged on the sharing of technology and financing amongst the various invested nations, but more significantly on the political choices made regarding the future defensive postures of Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Our guest speaker, Rob Godwin, will discuss how another player could have changed the game. Rob has also written or edited over 150 books about aviation and space. We will be the first audience to see Rob's latest two books:

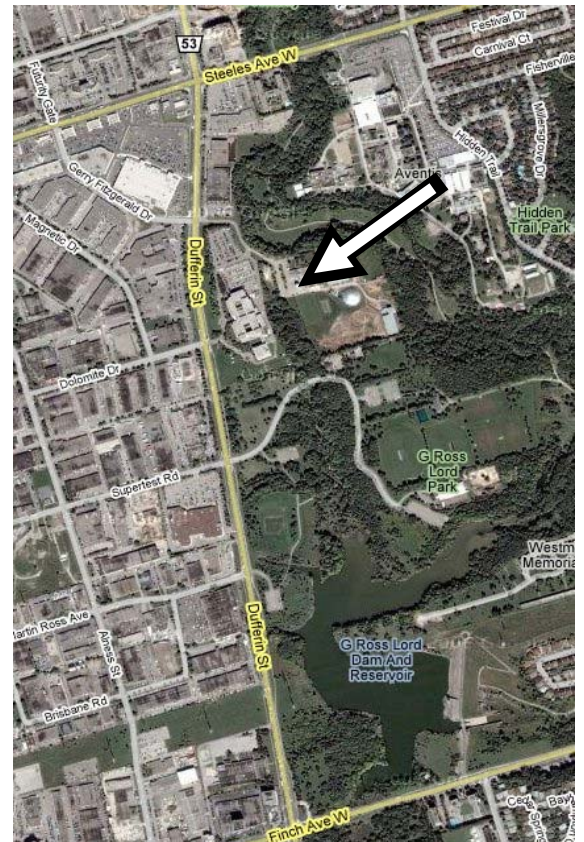
[*William Leitch: Presbyterian Scientist & the Concept of Rocket Space Flight 1854-1864*](#)

The full story of the principal of Queen's University in Kingston, who had proposed rockets for spaceflight, for the correct reasons, over 30 years before Tsiolkovsky.

[*The Father of Canadian Astronautics: The Life of Dr Philip A. Lapp*](#)

The autobiography of Dr Phil Lapp the founder of Canada's first astronautics society which subsequently put the "S" in CASI.

Come out and learn about what might have been, and help to celebrate two of Canada's space pioneers.



Next Meeting:
January 2017 – Watch for details ...