

## Salute to 409 Squadron



## 21 Years in Operation

It is twenty-one years since the first Boulton-Paul Defiants and their crews of the newly formed 409 Squadron first gathered at Digby in LincoInshire, England, to battle against the Luftwaffe in the turbulent skies over Europe. Since that time, the "Nighthawk" Squadron has taken its interceptor role beyond the speed of sound and high into the stratosphere.
The squadro
The squadron came into being on the 17th of June, 1941 in England. Before the end of hostraft 409 crews saw action throughout Belgium, France and Holland in a variety of disbanded in July of 1945 .
409 Squadron was re-activated in November, 1954, to assume an All-Weather Fighter Interceptor role in the air defence of the Pacific North-West. After it was based on Vancouver Island, the squadron was equipped with CF-100 aircraft and attached to the 25 th NORAD Region
In March this year the "Nighthawks" were equipped with the sleek, supersonic CF-101B "Voodoo" interceptors to continue their around - the - clock watch of air traffic over the western seaboard and uphold their squadron motto: "Midnight is our Noon."

## Safety Course for Cyclists

Under the very capable through and around obstacles, direction of WO Horton who to give the proper hand sigonly recently returned from a nals on changing direction, to Traffic Control Course at the keep the bike under prope Banff School of Fine Arts, a control and many other safety Course and Test in Bicycle Safety and Control will be given under supervision of Airforce Police.
This course, which will to a great extent be conducted in from the Second Comox Pack will be held in the PMQ area at 9 am . Saturday, June 16. Youngsters in possession of bikes are asked to have their machines in good mechanical condition with proper lights, reflectors, good tires, etc. The course generally speaking will be similar to a roadeo in which

## Record Flight

A non-stop cistance record was made by an Albatross airJanzen of 103 Rescue U Russ Greenwood last month. Squadron Leader Janzen flew the amphibious airplane from in 16 hours and 32 minutes.
actors involved in proper con rol and use of a bicycle. An RCAF bicycle licence will all youngsters who attend and participate in this Safety Course. In view of this fact all boys and girls are asked to make use of the good in-struction-learn and keep good riding habits-protect yoursel and your bike today-courtesy and common sense to be used $t$ all times.
Remember, good cyclists mocome the good operators of future.

Air Force Day Held in Oslo The Norwegian Air Force marked its fiftieth anniversary days of this the first three Participating in the celebrations of this event, were planes and crews of the RCAF as well and Denmark.

## ELECTION REFLECTION

One of the major
But little-taught facts is: The world is a sphere

## BIG "BUG" RALLY SET FOR SATURDAY

The Upper Island Sports Car Club's first annual June Bug Rally will start from the English Car Centre in Courtenay this coming Sunday, June 17, at 1 p.m. Registration and safety inspection of competitors' cars will commence at 12 noon. This rally will be run over approximately a $250-$ mile distance, and is the club's major rally of the year. Entrant are expected from other clubs on Vancouver Island, as well a m the local area.

Basically, a rally is the easlest form of motor sport to participate in, because no specialized equipment is manda tory. A car with a serviceable speedometer and odometer, a cils and a pad of paper will be all that is required a pet of cils and a pad of paper will be all that is requred. A set of and their task is to follow the outlined route at the required verage speeds. Checks and control points are positioned along the route and will result in a low number of penalty points being incurred A lecture of interest to prospetive entrants will be given at the club's meeting at 8 pm at the Sunnydale Golf Course clubhouse on Thursday, June 14th although attendance at this meeting is not a requirement to enter the rally.

##  <br> The Rescuers <br> One of the special weakend

duty crews from the Search and Rescue Unit in Sea Island, met with a slight mishap recentiy and found out what it was like to be rescued. The aircraft which they were fly-
ing on marine safety patrol ing on marine safety patro it landed between Passage and Bowen islands in Howe Sound to investigate what appeared to be an overturned boat. All five occupants of the Otter aircraft escaped uninjured on rubber rafts before the craft overturned in the rough water They were later picked up by
nearby boaters.

## Comox Brass \& Reed Band

On most RCAF stations in membership of 24 at present, sure signs that summer is fast in the music field and a numapproaching is the appearance ber of novices who have found of the station band from win- that it's never too late to
ter recess. Not to be outdone, ter recess. Not to be outdone,
our own station band has been preparing to assist the guard In order to augment official of honour in the reception of station duties this summer, the distinguished guests at the sta- iond is planning to provide tion and to provide music for the Commanding Officer's parades.
Howev
However, few of us realize
that station duties are that station duties are only one function fulfilled by this
volunteer unit. In the month and a half, the band has visited Campbell River. Cumberland and Parksville on weekends and holidays to aid in the success of various civic functions. The response has been excclient and the band is will ambassad er in the gooding month the band will travel once again to Parksville and will also take part in the Dominion Day celebration at Chemainus.
Under the competent direction of Sgt. Joe Symchuk, a professional RCAF bandsman, the band performs military elassical and popular music.
Enrolment is voluntary and the


#### Abstract

UK Defence Bil! Greatly Increased As a result of the recent meeting of foreign and delence ministers of the NATO countries in Athens it seems hat Britain's defence bill is due for a dramatic increase and that there will probably be a rapid build-up of the conntry's conventional de- it is reported hat the force, now standing $t$ about 51,000 men, is to be brought up to its proper strength of 55,000 men.


 short noon-hour concerts two will take place outside the Combined Mess following lunch rom 1230 to 1300 and we hope, meet with your approval and enjoyment. Then in the fall and winter seasons, concert usic will be presented at staion bingos and other social unctions in the Recreation Centre.On a station of this size, here must certainly be many more who would be interested with music or learning from scratch. Your support is more than welcome and you are invited to apply to the Bandmaster. With the excellent instruction offered and the opportunity of playing often, only your help is required to make the band a most beneficial and enjoyable entity at
this unit.


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