



# TOTEM TIMES



Finally summer - and it's so hot Dolly Parton's selling shade

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NO CHARGE



**FULL SPEED AHEAD** and damn the torpedos. Lt. Doug Baker mans the BAMSO tub in the annual Nanaimo - Vancouver bathtub race.

## Base braves the devil and the deep

Seas were smooth, the skies were clear and the winds calm, but Nanaimo harbour was a maelstrom at the start of the fourteenth annual great bathtub race held 20 July 1980. It's difficult to imagine the confused wave patterns and steep seas created by the competing bathtubs, their associated guideboats and the hundreds of other sight-seeing craft of various sizes all manoeuvring at 20 - 30 knots in a confined harbour area. Any experienced

seaman worth his salt would rather brave the dreaded Campbell River whirlpools. However, most of the participants from CFB Comox, USAF Det 5 and CFB Edmonton weren't experienced seamen and didn't know any better.

Although the great bathtub race from Nanaimo to Vancouver has been held for 14 years, the detail of the CFB Comox participation has been obscured by time. A bathtub trophy was presented in 1972 by CFB Edmonton to be presented on an annual basis to the Comox/Edmonton winner. The only time the trophy was presented was 1972 and it went to CFB Comox. Recently discovered gathering dust at the Rec Centre, and looking itself as if it had been run over in Nanaimo harbour, it was restored by Cpl. Harry Gerow and went to CFB Comox this year. Bathtubbers generally don't seem to be interested in trophies or prizes and probably don't even know what prizes are offered in the great Bathtub Race. The spirit of competition is strong though, and just completing the race is a great accomplishment.

A bathtub is a bathtub in name only and is really a thoroughbred racing machine which consists basically of a bathtub facsimile mounted on a hull with a little flotation material and powered by a 6 HP or a de-rated 7.5 HP motor. While everyone has their own ideas on design: small, light, tough, stable, fast, reliable describe the basic design criteria all entrants try to incorporate in their tub. The Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society publishes the International Bathtub Race Rules which lay down restrictions on power, overall minimum length, propellers, etc. In actual fact, the rules allow plenty of room for interpretation so that there is a wide variation in tub construction to be seen at the start line. The only thing all tubs have in common is the upper part which resembles a bathtub. The big race starts in Nanaimo Harbour and after a speedy 36 mile trip across the Straits of Georgia ends at False Creek in Vancouver. The challenges facing the driver and guideboat crew are numerous. The danger of high speed collision with another tub, boat or floating object is ever present in the race and is of greatest concern at the start of the race when tubs, guideboats and spectators suddenly put on full power and head round the point out of the harbour. The driver faces the problem of poor circulation and cramps from being curled up in an awkward position for the crossing. Hypothermia is also a problem for the driver because the tub is inherently wet, and the rush of air over the driver creates a severe cooling effect. Even finding their own bathtub among all the others is a challenge for the guideboat crew and you can imagine the tub driver manoeuvring at high speed and trying to see far enough over the wave crests to be able to spot his guide boat among the hundreds of other hulls looming over his four foot bathtub. Despite the challenges, this year three tubs from CFB Comox, USAF Det 5 and CFB Edmonton successfully finished the race.

see "Bathtub Race" p. 10

## Boys in Green at the PNE

The Canadian Armed Forces will be making a special appearance at the Pacific National Exhibition this year.

The military's involvement is strictly educational. The Armed Forces will be at the PNE with a display aimed at making people more aware of how Canada's military forces operate throughout the world.

Films, graphics and military equipment are a part of the package that will give visitors to the Fair a chance to learn more about the military in a relaxed and leisurely way.

The display is centred on a 12-minute film and multimedia project entitled "A Briefing", theme of the display. The film depicts National Headquarters in Ottawa and includes an explanation of what's happening daily around the world.

The United Nations' peacekeeping forces in

Cyprus, NATO's commitment in Europe, NORAD, Maritime Command and community assistance such as firefighting, flood control and air lifts, will also be featured.

In addition to the film, military equipment will be on display for people to see and touch. A KIOWA 2 seater helicopter, used by the military for low level operations such as strafing and artillery transport in Europe by NATO, an Armoured Personnel Carrier and a replica of a mobile command centre will also be on hand.

There will be something special for young people. At PNE '80, they'll get a chance to go to sea without getting wet or seasick. The display will feature a scene of a ship in stormy waters, and youthful sailors will be allowed to stand in front of it and have pictures taken. Finished prints will appear as though the young people

are right there on the high seas at the bridge of the ship.

Also available to entertain the adults, while the kids are pretending to be sea captains, will be a series of scheduled band concerts.

The display will run continuously from the PNE's start August 16, to its finish the evening of September 1.

## Servicemen honoured

Three Canadian servicemen, who were involved in the sheltering and evacuation on January 28, 1980, of six American diplomats at the Canadian Embassy in Iran have been honoured with appointments as Members to the Order of Military Merit. They are Master Corporal George Edward Brian, CD, 49, of Winnipeg, Sergeant James

Gordon Edward, CD, 36, of Eriksdale, Man., and Sergeant Claude Gauthier, CD, 35, of Lachute, Que.

The appointments were made by His Excellency The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, CC, CMM, CD, Governor General of Canada, Chancellor of the Order of Military Merit and Commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces.

The decorations will be presented at an investiture that will take place at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, on Friday, the 25th of July.

The Queen is the Sovereign of the Order of Military Merit which was established in 1972 to recognize meritorious service and devotion to duty by members of the Canadian Forces.

## Commander's Commendation



Cpl. W.L. Lyle

Demonstrating exemplary presence of mind and initiative when an aircraft fire occurred at CFB Comox, BC, on 24 August 1979. Cpl. Lyle's courageous and quick response in containing the fire undoubtedly saved the Canadian Armed

Forces a valuable aircraft. But more importantly, he averted injury or possible loss of life to the technicians working in and around the aircraft. Cpl. Lyle is a distinct credit to himself, 409 All Weather Fighter Squadron and Air Command.

## ROYAL CAPE BRETON AIRFORCE

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Royal Cape Breton Airforce will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on 11 April 1981. An appropriate program of events is planned at CFS Sydney and all members of the August Organization are cordially invited to attend. Details are available from Commanding Officer, CFS Sydney, MPO 200, Sydney, N.S. BOA 1BO - Attn: RCBAF Adjutant.

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# Section news

## 442 SQN UPDATE



CO 442 SQN presents BGen. Burgess, BComd., with a 442 Sqn. Commendation for his active interest and support of 442 Sqn. SAR operations, training, main-

tenance and personnel. BGen. Burgess' untiring efforts to provide the high level of base support to ensure ready SAR crews and aircraft are greatly appreciated.



LCOL. DIAMOND, CO 442 Sqn., presents WO "Sam" Fatt with a 442 Sqn. Search & Rescue (SAR) Commendation for his association and contributions to search and rescue for which he was in-

involved in saving countless lives. Sam also flew his last mission as a Flight Engineer and will commence retirement leave in August. Also available at the presentation was BGen. Burgess, BComd. CFB Comox and Capt. Flath.

## 442 SAR SITREP

The peak of the holiday season is usually the busiest time of the year for 442 Sqn. This summer is no exception. It seems that a Sqn. aircraft is launched on a SAR mission on a daily basis. We usually get two or three consecutive searches out of the same area. For example, two aircraft crashed recently during the same week in the Prince George area. Another popular spot this summer has been the Watson Lake area, near the Yukon-B.C. border. In between SAR missions, we manage to squeeze in the odd airshow. Local residents were treated to a well executed para-jump and pick-up at the Comox Airshow. The two SAR TECHS who jumped out of the Buffalo (Doug Wheeler and Dave Maloley) were picked up in just 13 minutes by the helicopter. This may not impress most people, but any chopper pilot will appreciate the high degree of skill required for such an achievement.

Our resident airshow expert, Capt. Gary Flath, was at the controls of the helicopter. (Gary never needs a formal tasking to perform an airshow. A simple request is good enough. He has given many impromptu demonstrations to the residents of many B.C. communities.) As far as the Abbotsford airshow was concerned, the daily Buffalo shuttle provided a convenient method of attending for base personnel. The Squadron is always happy to provide such a service, and we guarantee a more scenic trip than the average Boeing 707 flight.

One of our navigators, Capt. John Stevens, recently decided to try his luck at the controls of an aircraft. He has joined the elite group of people in Canada who pilot ultralight heavier than air machines. Or, to be more precise, twin engine harg gliders. Actually, though, that is not quite right either. You see, the aircraft has wheels and

the pilot sits down. Anyway, John had to attend a flying school in Calgary to get his ultralight licence to kill (himself). His landings weren't too bad, but he had a nasty habit of landing in bales of hay. After taking a few days off to recover and meditate, our fearless flyer is about ready to launch off on his maiden flight from Comox. If there are any navigators out there wanting a posting to 442 Sqn., a vacancy will probably open up soon.

Having said that, happy landings John! On 30 July, a few presentations were made at 442 Squadron. Our incumbent FE leader, WO Sam Fatt, received a commendation from LCol Diamond for his many contributions to search and rescue. Sam is retiring from the Canadian Forces and will settle down in the Comox Valley. He has had a long association with search and rescue in B.C., and his experience and dedication will be sorely missed. LCol. Diamond also presented

## SEX

Many apologies for neglecting all my fans on the last issue. I received huge amounts of mail from all my devoted readers requesting an explanation for my inexcusable tardiness. Keep the letters coming in and in the meantime I'll try to think of a good excuse.

Our last Supply Party had an excellent turn out. Unfortunately there were very few of us who were able to recall the events. There was the usual slur of abuse at the boss and an ice fight that was instigated by Marie Parks who was very insistent that a certain WO required cooling off. Hats off to Bertha Willems and Denny O'Brien for doing a fine imitation of the Polka without background music. The above mentioned WO was in there again, of course. No wonder his wife never takes him anywhere. The wet T-Shirt Contest that had been scheduled at

the last party was regrettably cancelled due to a lack of contestants, but weep no more for next week another gala Supply Party is being held at the Base Pavillion 16 Aug. and bring your own tea, coffee or whatever. The main event, a wet shorts contest. Unfortunately, I won't be there to judge the contest, as I will be heavily involved in other matters. To do honors of Judging, an avid lover of contests, Colleen Viau.

Farewell and good luck to Pat Armstrong, Joyce Jack, Smith, Smith & Company, our sad WO Kaechler going to Petawawa and of course Capt Mathieu (Alias Shorty) headed for a swan in Ottawa. Hello to Sgt. Pierce, Pte. O'Brien, Pte. Sitland, Pte. Greaves, Cpl. Cotton, MCpl. Beachey, Pte. Elson and Pte. Wilson.

That's it for this issue, signing off from sunshine land.

I.H.J.W.



The first co-ed in the U.S. was admitted to Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1833.

BGen. Burgess with a SAR commendation. Anyone who has been with 442 Sqn. for any length of time can testify to the fact that BGen. Burgess always took a keen interest in SAR activities. After the SAR commendations were presented, a toast was made to Sam Fatt.

Family day at 442 Sqn. is coming up on 17 Aug. The hangar will be open to family members at 12:00 hrs., with flying trips starting at 12:30 hrs. Everyone will be able to get up flying on a first come first serve basis. (This depends on weather and SAR commitments, of course). In addition to the flying program, there will be static aircraft displays and showings of the BBC film on 442Sqn. The film is excellent, and is highly recommended for those who haven't seen it. Then, at 14:30 hrs., the action shifts to the beach, where hot dogs and pop will be available for the kids. Games have been organized for the kids as well. Parents are reminded to bring along some picnic goodies due to the limited supply of hot dogs. In the event of bad weather, everything will take place in the hangar. This is an ideal opportunity for Squadron personnel to meet other families, so we'll see you all there.

Fee: \$25.00 per month.

## Nighthawks Nest

Summer has arrived with a vengeance and 409 has responded with a gasp and a sigh. The heat has been both unanticipated and welcome - unanticipated due to the fact that it seems the last time it was warm in the valley Bill Books had hair and Andy Dobson didn't, and welcome because if the summer had continued the way it was going the bachelors on squadron would have had no need for cold showers and, having lost the habit through disuse, could have made towering fools of themselves by the time we experienced Indian Summer.

With the summer however, comes a change of everything from personnel to tempers. A dramatic rash of postings has made the squadron resemble a group of boll weevils - everyone looking for a home.

As well, people aren't too willing to let things pass or to turn the other cheek. The heat frays nerves to a ragged edge and this was illustrated quite starkly at the Abbotsford Air Show. Lynn Housworth - long known to be one of the stalwarts of the 409 arm-wrestling team was beaten decisively and is now training viciously to regain his pride. Lynn claims his opponent cheated, but those of us who witnessed

the struggle attest to the fact that his arm was on the table when his foe, lifting her arm to wipe her brow, retained her grasp on Lynn's mitt and broke two of his ribs on the table. Accidents happen in big time sports, buddy.

There has been a dearth of goings-on lately, but as usual the squadron has its high points...

- Terry and Linda Day's Swizzle party. A terrific affair at which there were more Rum Swizzles consumed than the Pope has hats. A thank you must also be extended to "Cactus" Jack McKinley, USAF exchange officer, who treated us all with a taste of bear steak. Old Jack claims he shot it himself but word has it all the wildlife is migrating from his home state of Texas to Canada and this one died from the route march.

- Twice we've had units from Whidbey Island fly up for "quickie" exercises.

- The Paine Field Air Show, followed by the Abbotsford Air Show, both of which the 409 Hawks formation team attended and visited great bodily harm upon themselves.

So it appears the boys and girls are finally finding the weather to their liking. Leaving soon for William Tell in Florida are Chuck Fast, Ron Neeve and Brian Taylor, while returning to us are Ed Campbell and Larry Russell from AWIC in Bagotville. Ed tells us that due to the increased emphasis on the basic fighter maneuvers in the course, he no longer thinks

"using the vertical" is a phrase from a Vancouver call-girl's vocabulary.

To close with a word of warning. With the increased tensions prevalent in the world today, it would be foolish to unnecessarily antagonize our enemies. With the warm weather, there has been a dramatic upsurge in the number of joggers around the area. This practice obviously infuriates the Communist countries, as their pet phrase "running dogs of capitalism" plainly shows. Why provoke? Stop now and have a beer.

B.G.J.K.

The last flight in a Voodoo

only comes once...

see p. 3 for photos



## REGATTA

MWO Richard Ohl and Pte. Greg Threder both from the Base Security Section are representing CFB Comox in the 1980 Canadian Armed Forces Regatta, the 16, 17, and 18 August. The competition will be held at 1976 Olympic course site, and the Comox team will be racing in the 420 class.

## COMOX VALLEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Box 280, Dunsmuir Avenue  
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August 13 - 19  
- AIRPLANE Mat.  
- THE BLACK HOLE Gen.

August 20 - 26  
- ROUGH CUT Mat.  
- SUNBURN Mat.

August 27 - 30  
- THE HEARSE Mat.  
- IT'S ALIVE Mat.

August 31  
SUNDAY ALL NIGHT SPECIAL  
- BLACKOUT Res.  
- MONDO NUDE Res.  
- BED BUNNIES Res.  
- THE ASPHYX Res.  
- THE LAST SURVIVOR Res.

## OFFICERS' MESS ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, August 15

Base Change of Command Parade and Reception.

Saturday, August 16

Private wedding  
Main Lounge closed 1300 - 1700 hrs.

Thursday, August 21

HMCS Quadra Barbeque  
-For Cadet Instructors and Guests

Saturday, August 30

MONGOLIAN BEACH PARTY  
MONGOLIAN DINNER - "PAY-BY-OUNCE"  
2000-2230 hrs. Work off the food dancing to Beach Boys Music supplied by Systems 525 2000-0100 hrs. Dress is Californian or casual. Reservations to Mess Manager by Wednesday, August 27th.

## BASE THEATRE SCHEDULE CFB COMOX

Aug. 14, 15, 16, 17

### LA CAGE AU FOLLIES

Michelle Serrault, Hugo Tognazzi Comedy  
SHOW TIMES: 2000 - 2150 hrs.

Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

### BEAR ISLAND

Donald Sutherland, Richard Widmark ACTION  
SHOW TIME: 2000 - 2150 hrs.

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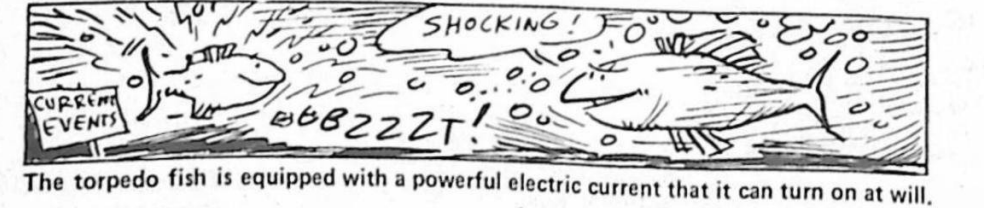
**CAPT. BILL CLELAND** is hosed down after completing his last CF-101 Voodoo flight. Bill managed to log over 1100 Voodoo hours in one tour. Talk about a pole hog! Bill is now off to fly CF-5's in Cold Lake. Good luck Bill.



**A WET BUT SMILING** Maj. Evans discusses the theory of flight with LCol. McAffer, after denting the runway for the last time in a Voodoo. Maj. Evans is off to Staff College in Alabama.



**CAPT. ARMSTRONG** also managed to find the end of the fire hose after completing his last trip with the squadron. Dave is off to 410 OTU in Bagotville, P.Q.



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## AKELA SAYS

**1ST LAZO BROWN'S RIVER CUB CAMP 1980 - CAMP LOG**

On the first day of camp we arrived at the camp at 7:15. The first thing I did was pick a bunk and put my things away. Then we got ready for the opening grand howl after that we had a camp fire and we sang songs and had grape juice than we had relays with the hole camp. About 10 minutes after that we had mug up. Then we went to bed. The next morning we went down to the river to wash and brush our teeth than we had breakfast. After that we got greedy for the grand howl then we got ready for inspection. After inspection we had to have rest period. Then we had bage testing. Then we ate and after that we played soccer then we went swimming, the water was cold. Then we had some hot coco. Then we did some compase work. Then we played soccer again. Then we did handicraft. And that is 1 1/2 days at Cup Camp.

### LOST AND FOUND

I have a large quantity of clothing, etc. which was picked up after camp. If you are missing items please call 339-3518 and arrange to pick them up.

### JACK CORNWELL DECORATION

I find great pleasure in announcing that Bradley Erhardt, 1st Lazo Grey Pack, is the recipient of the Jack Cornwell Decoration. The decoration was presented to him at Cub Camp during the first campfire by Rusty Rutherford, District Scout Master. Special guests attending the presentation were Gord Smilie (Comox Valley District Chairman) and Ted Crumpton (Past District Chairman).

Bradley and his family will travel to Ottawa later this year where the Governor General will present Bradley with the Jack Cornwell medal at a special award ceremony at Government House.

The Jack Cornwell Decoration was presented to Bradley for his courage and determination to do his best and his enthusiastic participation in the Cub movement during the past two years. He serves as an example for his peers and encouragement to others. The accompanying letter was signed by General Chester A. Hull (Retd).

That night we had supper, we had sloppy joes and for desert we had peaches. After supper we had a scavenger hunt in which we found between 14 - 18 things. At about 8:30 we went to the stoken falls. When we came back we had a campfire and then mug-up. Then we went to bed, everybody went to sleep fast because Akela freaked us out on the headless-horseman of Brown's River.

This morning we woke up from a good nights sleep. After waking up we got dressed and went to the river to freshen up. When we came and eat breakfast. In the morning everyone woke up at nearly the same time. When we woke up Haite was talking to us and then we left. When we were told to stay in bed longer. After awile Akela blew the wistle and we all ran outside for breakfast. After breakfast we washed our dishes and went in our cabin. After awile we had lunch it was sandwiches and grape drink. After lunch we packed up and went home.

### THANK YOU TO CAMP COOKS

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Leif Schonberg and Bill Green for spending so many long hours over hot grills and turning out so many excellent meals. Cooking for such a large number is no easy task and was certainly appreciated - especially taking into account the cold, damp weather we had to camp in. Thanks again fellas.

kaksha (1st Lazo Grey Pack)

## REGISTRATION

**FIRST LAZO BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS**  
1900 hrs., Thurs., 4 Sept. 80  
Airport School Gym

Annual Fee: \$14.  
Parents are requested to arrive at 1900 hrs. without children. Leaders and Group Committee members are still required. For more information please contact:  
Leif Schonberg 339-6249  
Dick Kuntz 339-5877  
Previous experience is not necessary.

## REGISTRATION

**BROWNIES, GUIDES & PATHFINDERS**  
1900 - 2000 hrs., Monday, Sept. 8  
Airport School Gym

Ages for Brownies 6 - 9  
Ages for Girl Guides 9 - 12  
Ages for Pathfinders 12 - 15  
Any further information required please call:  
Joan LeBlanc 339-4414 home, 334-2060 office.

## SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

My husband Mike and I bought a century-old house, and we were in the process of cleaning the beautiful wood-work prior to moving. We were using boiled linseed oil and turpentine. One day I worked late and I was tired, so I rolled the oil-soaked rags inside the polishing cloths and made a ball of them.

I then laid them on the floor beside the cans of paint, linseed oil and turpentine. On second thought I picked the rag ball up and placed it on a metal cabinet in the kitchen and then went home.

A few days later Mike and I went to the house to finish our cleaning, and the house was filled with an acrid smoke odor. We searched everywhere for the

source of the fire. I decided to go ahead and clean while Mike looked further for our problem. I picked up the ball of rags, and it just disintegrated in my hand. The whole inside was burned out, leaving just a shell of rags.

It is hard to unscramble all of the thoughts that raced through my head at that moment, but the fact that I went back and picked up the rag ball, putting it on top of metal, and my parents' warning of spontaneous combustion when I was a child probably helped to save our beautiful old house for our pleasure. If sharing our experience helps to ward off an unhappy ending for someone else, I am grateful.



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## ENTERTAINMENT WOs' - SGTs' MESS

TGIF .... Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22

Mixed TGIF .... Aug. 29

### Family Day

Sunday 24

Air Force Beach pavilion  
1300 - 1600

Food and refreshments for the kids

Games - prizes, etc.



## Editorials

IN  
MEMORIAM

Suddenly, on the morning of the 8th September, 1992, the word "man" passed from us into the great beyond, not to be spoken nor heard, nor used to embellish the written tongue of the ancients.

Although a long time in coming, it was inevitable. The quite proper, realistic, well-meaning and morally and practically correct women's movement which gained strength, support and popularity finally succeeded in eradicating the word which to them had become hateful and demonstrative of all the ill treatment they had received at the hands of the male sex.

As we all know, women have been wronged most grievously, but it is difficult to comprehend the obsession with which they dealt with three letters. As they began to take their rightful place beside men in the work world, comfortable, manageable (no pun intended), indeed quiet, time-worn words and phrases began to fall like the gods from the Mount.

"Salesman" was one of the first to go. A plain word by itself, but eminently suitable to be included in polite conversation. Rather, it was replaced by the sharp, grating "salesperson".

"Spokesman" suffered a similar fate, and in fact was dealt with more cruelly, as its sexually neutral equivalent was the harsh "Spokesperson" - a word that, when said aloud set bats to flight.

The trend was set. Old standards tumbled by the cord. "Workman", "fisherman" and "lumberman" (they insisted "lumberjack" was a phony, so changed its proper name) all were swept aside in the mad rush for neutrality - a scurrying about that made the Klondike gold rush look like a chess master on Vallum. And on it went, uncontrollable and terrifying.

In time man began to accept the new words. It has been postulated that this was due to the fact that this desire to change the English language into a cacophony of sound

was nurtured by the women of the world and passed on to the males by way of a recessive X chromosome, but this has yet to be proven and many scientists believe the acceptance came about as a result of the increased dependence on the written word for communication amongst the males, in order to reduce the aural assault engendered by the new words.

Most of the words changed as a result of an actual conflict of terms referring to a person's work, but many were slaughtered for no apparent reason. This reached a head, you remember, when history was actually changed by a radical splinter group of the Jill Birch Society who, in late 1981, succeeded in having a law passed banning the phrase "manifest destiny" from the history books, thus effectively wiping out a number of years of American pre-Civil War history. (That was also the period when the use of manila folders was declared unconstitutional).

The need for change existed in those times, but it came in too large of a dose for the language to absorb it. English professors quit in wholesale bundles, and in New York City alone one day in 1984, seventy-two surviving members of the Enunciators' Hall of Fame immolated themselves in a protest reminiscent of the Vietnam War.

But the language rebounded. Although some historians today claim the reason English is spoken not at all can be traced to this period in time, it is a moot point at best.

"Man" is survived by three children - "maniac", "manicure" and "manikin", all of whom reside in Manitoba. As well, "man-hole", a relation on his mother's side is working at this time in Manchester, and his two grandchildren "manuscript" and "mannequin" live in a manor in Manhattan. The black sheep of the family, "manure" is serving a life sentence for manslaughter.

B.G.J.K.



## Small boats to little islands

By Rae Sutcliffe

The Gulf Islands of the Georgia Strait are among the very best of the small boat cruising areas of the world.

The waters are sheltered, there are hundreds of over-night anchorages, and most of the land-side territory can be wandered at will.

There are many marine parks scattered throughout the islands, and on this tour we will take you to them. There is ample time and space for swimming, beachcombing, picnicking, scuba-diving, hiking, exploring, and gathering and cooking for shore-side dinners.

We begin at Sidney, where we can go in all directions to islands and parks. Outbound

boats may pick up the circle at any point on the way.

## PASS A LEPER COLONY

Lying off the mouth of T'schum Harbor around the corner from Sidney are the islands of Arcy, the first stop on our tour. Big d'Arcy was, many years ago, a leper colony, and you can find remnants of the old buildings hidden in the trees. A lovely shallow-water bay graces Little d'Arcy.

Then, a short cruise along Sidney Island's eastern shore brings you around Sidney Spit and into the Marine Park anchorage, with mooring buoys provided - beautiful sand

beaches here, with an interesting saltwater lagoon for bottom exploring.

Next morning's run brings you to Portland Island, given by the province to Princess Margaret as a marine park, who then gave it back. Several anchorages may be found behind small off-lying islets where black oystercatchers - with their red beaks and red legs - nest and feed.

## HISTORIC BEDWELL

A good overnight stop is on North Pender Island, in the excellent anchorage of Bedwell Harbour, with the beaches of Beaumont marine park.

The next cruise is over to Cabbage Island, after exploring the east side of Saturna Island. It is a nature reserve, and has interesting lava flows.

From Cabbage, it is possible to use Saturna's Boat Passage at slack water at the turn of tides and by carefully watching your chart. Move up to Galiano Island through this beautiful channel to spend some time in Montague Harbour marine park. It is one of the most popular areas in the entire Gulf Islands, so you may have difficulty finding space, and, if it is a weekend, decide to by-pass.

A short cruise up the historic Trincomali Channel, west around Wallace Island, brings you to Tent Island, a park area formerly leased by the province from the Indian band owners.

## GOOD SWIMMING HERE

This island has several lovely bays for small boats to nestle into. You may go ashore, but do not disturb the fauna, leave no garbage, and you will be welcome. Lots of warm swimming here.

Next, a run down the west side of Saltspring and into Burgoyne Bay to the government dock will give you quite a different day, for Mount Maxwell provincial park is close by.

Dig out boots and a day pack from on board. Hike up to Baynes Peak in the park - the view covers the island you just came from, plus the San Juan Islands and Saanich - it is worth it.

## WORLD'S BEST SALMON

Spend the next day fishing the 20 nautical-mile-run up into Finlayson Arm, and the head of the Saanich Inlet, for the last night of the circle tour. These are some of the best salmon waters in the world.

Goldstream provincial park, surrounding the Goldstream River delta, has lots of original rain-forest trails, leading to a spectacular waterfall and an old gold mine.

## HISTORIC WATERS

On the last day's run towards home, you can include a stop at Ruckle provincial park, on the southeastern coast of Saltspring. Anchorage (for small boats only) is in several little coves near Beaver Point. Watch for the wash from the B.C. ferries on their way to or from Active Pass.

These are historic waters. Many battles were fought here - between the original inhabitants and the Spanish, then the English explorers; then the English and the Spaniards, then the English and the Americans, then to fishing-rights squabbles between Canada and the United States; but now only between yachtsmen over the right-of-way, and sports fishermen over the size of the catch.

As a source of interest and games while on board, carry with you a copy of Capt. John Walbran's "B.C. Coast Names."

This is a Tourism British Columbia travel feature.

OFFSET PROGRAM  
BENEFITS PROVINCE

The recently signed \$3.165 billion contract between the United States' McDonnell Douglas company and Canada's Federal Government to purchase 137 F 18 fighter aircraft is just one of three orders involving an offset commitment made to Canada. Geoff Artz, the Ministry's offset specialist says a resulting total value in excess of \$4.5 billion will accrue to our country - a substantial portion of which will come to British Columbia.

Mr. Artz explains the Offset Program, "Since 1977 the Canadian government has put in place several major offshore procurement programs such as the new fighter aircraft, Lockheed (California) company's CP140 Aurora longrange patrol aircraft, and the German company Krauss-Maffei AG Leopard tanks. It has been the Government's policy that these programs should bring identifiable and appropriate industrial benefits to Canada. These benefits are designed to compensate Canadian industry for the loss of engineering and manufacturing work it would have performed had domestic sources been used in these procurement programs."

In order to ensure that the commitment made by the supplying company to carry out industrial benefits in Canada is met, certain safeguards have been built into the contracts. These take the form of penalties that are paid for non-performance.

In reference to the three orders placed and which are presently an offset commitment, the individual values are \$480 million for the Leopard tanks, \$938 million for the

long range patrol aircraft, and \$3.165 billion for the new fighter aircraft as previously specified.

Already benefits from the new fighter aircraft order have begun to flow into Canada. They include the purchase of airframe components and assembly work, electrical and electronics equipment, gas turbine engine components and investment commitments to new or improved manufacturing facilities. Many British Columbia companies able to meet the rigid military specifications are happy beneficiaries of these agreements. Some \$1.57 billion of the total McDonnell Douglas commitment is already either contracted or clearly identified with specific activities and locations. There remains a balance of \$1.3 billion of new economic activity to be committed by McDonnell Douglas.

The McDonnell Douglas benefits program consists of purchases of Canadian manufactured goods and services, investments and joint ventures, advance technology transfer, export marketing assistance, and the promotion of tourism in Canada. Special provisions have been included in the contract to stimulate engineering and manufacturing activities in advanced technology industries such as aerospace and electronics. Provisions have also been taken to ensure the achievement of an equitable regional distribution of the economic activities and anticipated during the 18 year duration of the program.

Courtesy B.C. Market News



F18 fighter aircraft recently purchased by Canada from the U.S. McDonnell Douglas Co.



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## SWIMMING ETIQUETTE

### Or How to Enjoy Your Noon Fitness Swim

It is a warm summer day and you have decided to start your fitness program by swimming or you are a regular and head to the pool. You find it rather crowded and trouble negotiating the length of the pool without bumping into someone. There is an answer. The Base pool will accommodate 9 people swimming lengths each in their own lane (ie. using the lane lines and paces between lines as pathways). When there are more than 9 people it is necessary for both ease of swimming and safety to swim with 2 or more other people in a circle. How?

#### Circle Swimming

1. 3 or more swimmers of the same ability or speed should comprise one circle.
2. swim counterclockwise ie. swim slightly to the right of one lane line.
3. when swimming backstroke fix your eyes on a point at the far end so you will go straight. Flags 5 yd from the end tell you of the approaching wall. Count the number of strokes to the wall, then use the flags as your guide.

#### Other Helpful Hints

1. to be safe and keep others safe please do not swim across the pool. You are sure to bump into someone or make them stop suddenly.
2. keep your eyes open. You do not cross busy streets with your eyes closed so be smart in the pool too.
3. if someone is in the middle of a sprint or workout don't stop them till they finish that particular part (eg. - to get them to swim in a circle).

#### Be a Masters Swimmer

Watch for the special Masters notice board and workout board, and Masters swim booklet.

Remember Masters Swimming is a swim fitness program for those 20 and over. You can do your own thing or get some help and guidelines from others.

# CFB COMOX HIGH MILEAGE GUIDE



**ANOTHER GENERATION** of safety minded riders enrolled in the 1980 training program. Left to right: Doug Howland - Courtenay; Pte. Rob Moser - 442 Sqn; Pte. Vince Jones - 442 Sqn. Background: Cpl. Clint Mooney talks with CFB Winnipeg BGSO - Major (R) Larry Burns. Training bikes are new and are supplied by Riverside Honda and Phipp's Yamaha.



**OUR THREE RIDERS** on the slow speed slalom course practicing precision control, under the watchful eyes of instructors Gil Gilbert and Pete Brice.

## MOPED INTEREST

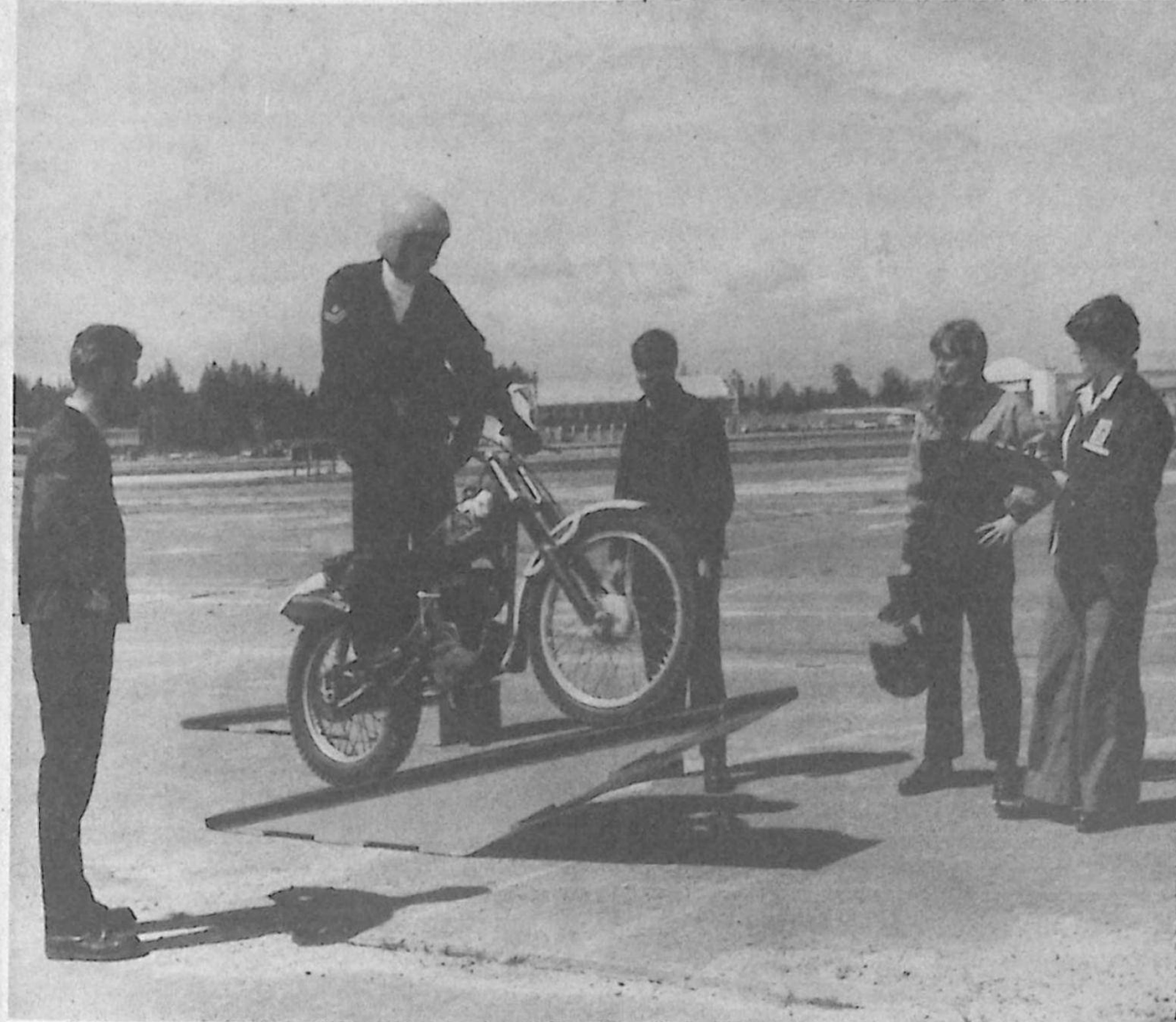
Mopeds, too, were a subject of major discussions. One U.S. researcher, who recently completed a study for the U.S. government (NHTSA) concluded that skills necessary for the operation of a moped are easily transferable from riding a bicycle. His test subjects were able to master moped riding skills almost instantaneously or within 2 to 3 hours of first riding the moped.

Also, many European countries including England, Finland, as well as almost 50% of U.S. states allow moped riding 1 to 2 years earlier than the driving age for motorcycles or cars. In Canada, only 3 provinces, Alberta, Quebec and New Brunswick allow moped riding

at age 14.

As Dr. Roger Quane of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation stated at the end of the conference, perhaps the most significant objective that was reached was to bring together motorcyclists and motorcycle researchers for a dialogue on improving motorcycle safety. Over 40% of the attendees were motorcyclists from across the United States and Canada with no research affiliation.

The MSF hopes other agencies will consider a similar conference in 5 year's time as a follow-up to this Conference. The first ever conference of this type was held in California in 1973.



**MIKE ANDERSON**, First President of the Base Motorcycle Club shows how body language, good control and practise pay off atop the "Balancing Ramp". Charter club members and Doris Nyberg of the Vancouver Professional Driving Centre look on.

If you are one of the increasing number of people who have turned to riding a motorcycle to reduce gas consumption or to add a new dimension to your recreation...You are part of a very special group.

How else could we explain the efforts of the Canada Safety Council who used hundreds of voluntary hours to put together the C.S.C. Motorcycle Safety Course? Or the voluntary efforts of the CFB Comox Motorcycle Club in organizing the Safety Course on Base? Or the cooperative and supportive efforts of the BtNO and the MSE Safety Staff? You

must be something special!

The Base Motorcycle Club was organized by Sgt. Mike Anderson of VU33 Squadron and their charter includes the promotion of motorcycle safety and the conduct of training. They offer a two day course evenly split between classroom and on-bike training, aimed at acquiring "Survival" skills to avoid those scary statistics on bike riders. At the time of organizing there were 90 motorcycles registered on Base...now there are 214.

Motorcycle safety training concentrates on maintaining bike condition and exercising pre-trip in-

spection; low and high speed slalom for good control and for quick reaction to avoid obstacles; high speed manoeuvring, lane changes and emergency stops; and good balancing and riding habits. New additions are planned, including road rides, terrain changes and passenger carrying.

Training is co-ordinated by Cpl. Clint Mooney of 442 Squadron and instructors Gil Gilbert (BAMSO) and Pte Brice (442). Mr. Kevin Burns (BAO Branch) is in the process of qualifying as our first civilian instructor. Training is conducted on

the Base and is available if you are at least 16 years old, have your parents consent (minors) and have a learners permit. The training bikes are supplied by Riverside Honda and Rick Phipp's Yamaha Shops. They range from 175 - 400 cc's and are new machines in top shape. You must provide your personal clothing and helmet.

Why not take advantage of all the efforts of other voluntary riders? The Canada Safety Council Motorcycle Safety course was designed for special people - like you. Interested? Phone Cpl. Clint Mooney at 345!



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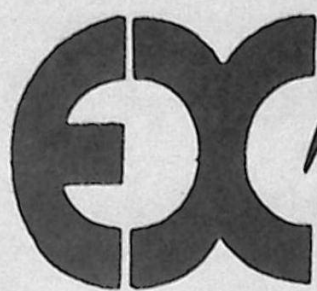
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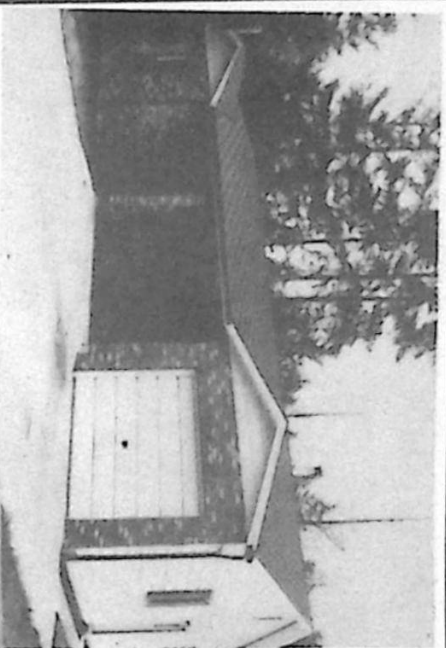
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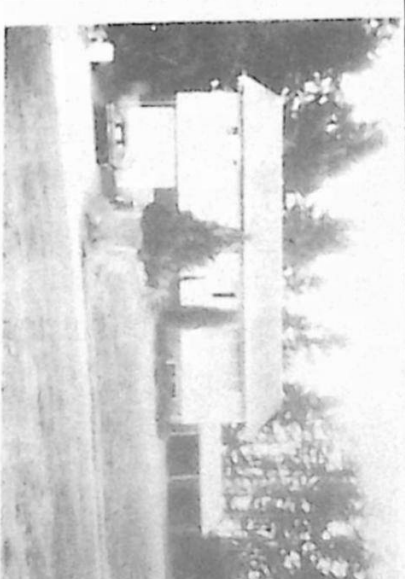


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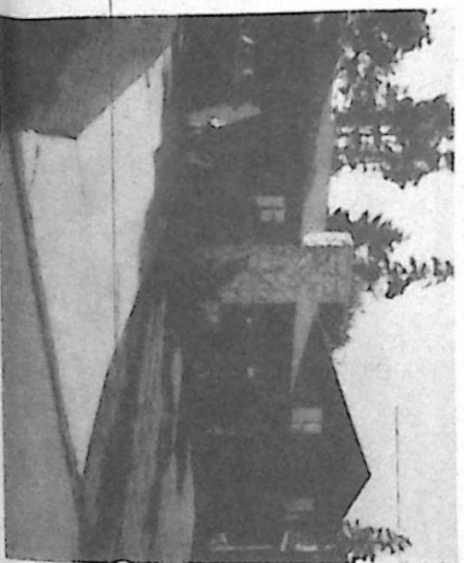


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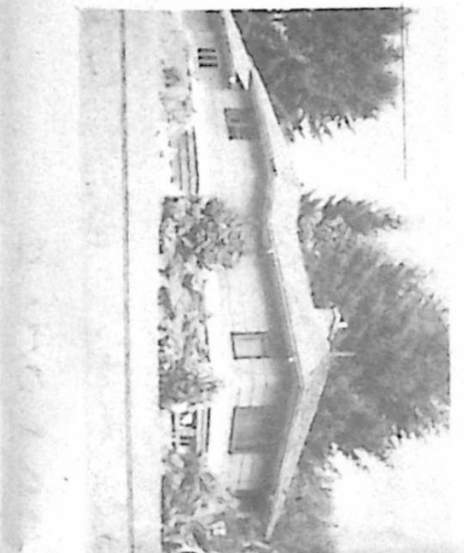


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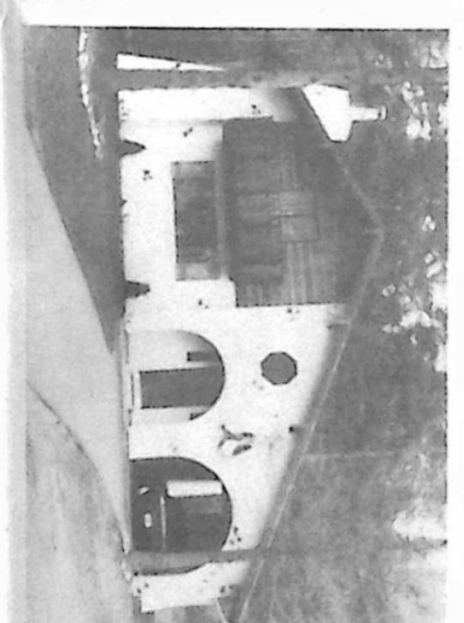


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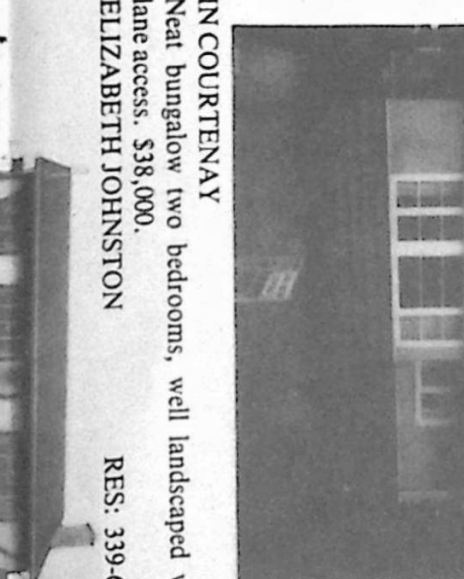


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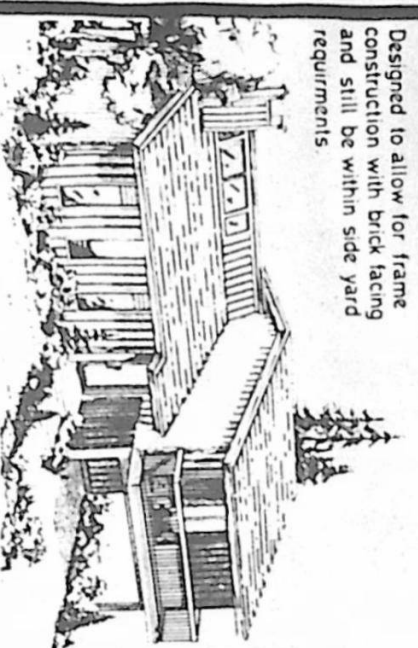


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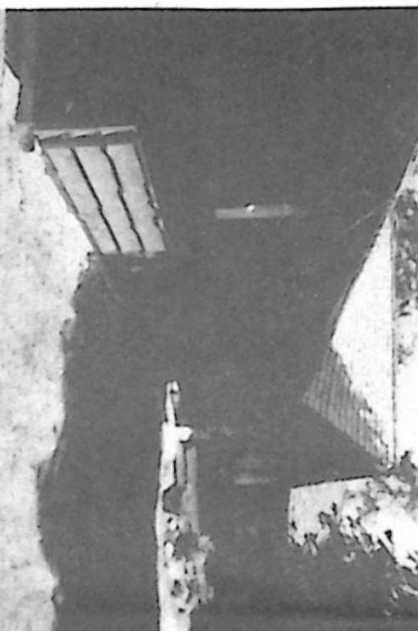
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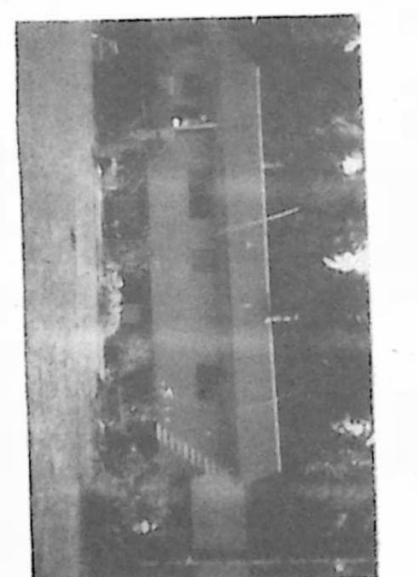


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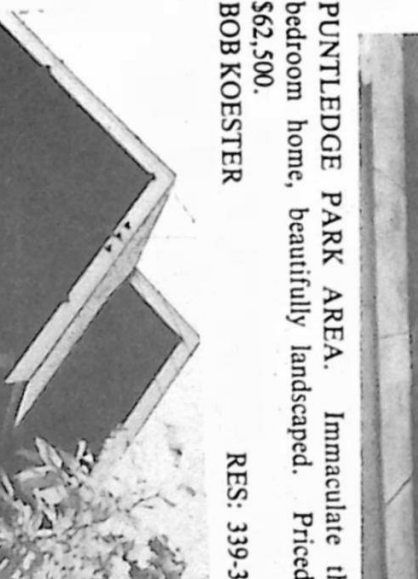


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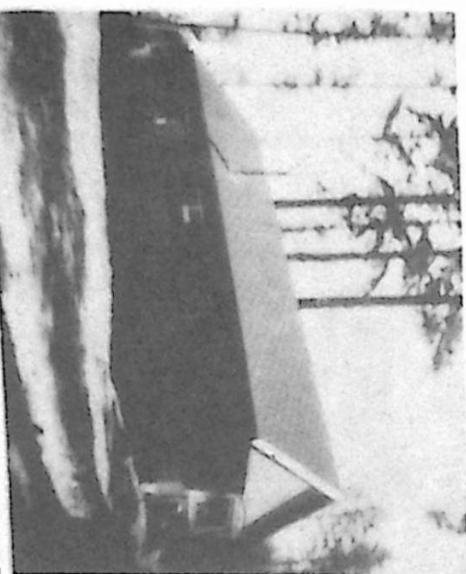
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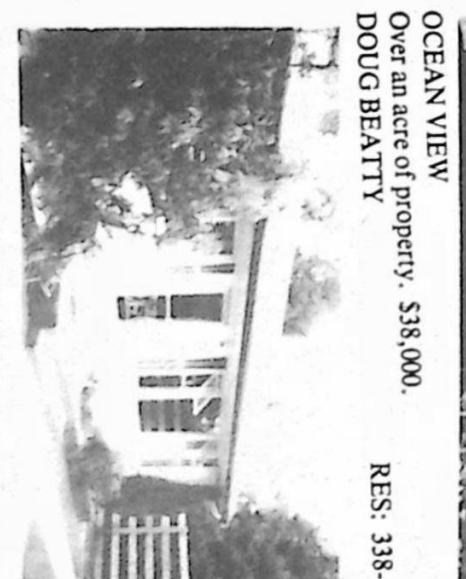


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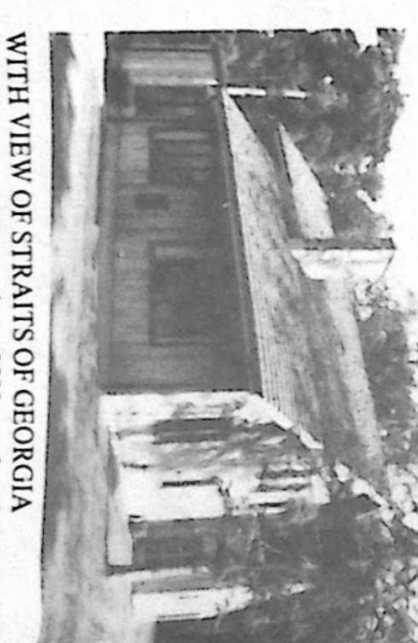


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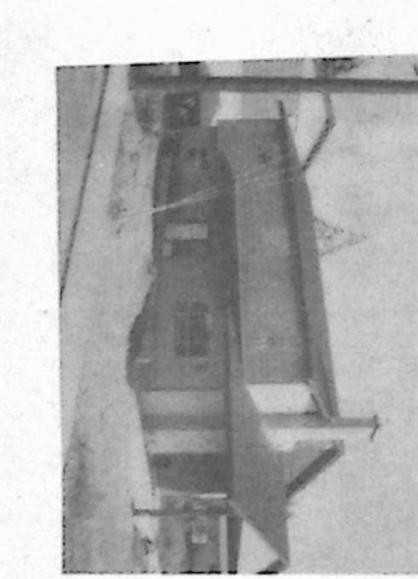


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CAPT. WALT DENNIS is congratulated and presented with his certificate of service and gift from the Officers' Mess by Maj. Bill Mazey, VP 407 Fjt. Cmdr. and Maj. Dick Kuntz, PMC, Officers' Mess on the occasion of his retirement from the CAF/RCAF after 21 years of service. In the background, of course, is the venerable Argus in which Walt amassed many a flying hour.

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BGEN BURGESS presents Ron Hornby with plaque to mark 25 years combined military and civilian service.

## UN PEU D'HISTOIRE EN C.B.

Quand La Verendrye vit, pour la première fois les Rocheuses, elles durent lui apparaître, dans le lointain, comme une forme irrégulière, à la longueur de l'horizon sud-ouest pouvant s'identifier comme une ligne de cumulus à l'occident d'un ciel par ailleurs tout bleu. Cette illusion est possible sous le soleil du midi qui trompe par l'intensité de ses reflets. Mais, à mesure que la journée avançait, ces formes ont dû se préciser, à tel point qu'au crépuscule, au moment où il peignait d'or le ciel qu'il abandonnait, le soleil dut feindre de se coucher derrière une barrière dentelée, infranchissable et rendue plus mystérieuse par la teinte bleu foncé qu'elle revêtissait.

Les jours suivants durent être des jours de fièvre. Ce qu'une illusion d'optique avait pu situer à quelques heures de marche n'a dû apparaître dans toute sa majestueuse grandeur qu'au bout de deux jours. Mais cette chaîne de cimes rivalisant pour atteindre le ciel dont elles se vetaient du

blanc des nuages, n'ouvrant leurs flancs que le premier rampart d'une forteresse regorgeant de richesses naturelles et de grandiose beauté.

Après avoir suivi les routes des "voyageurs" ceux qui, depuis 1793 jusqu'au milieu du siècle dernier, furent les vainqueurs uniques d'obstacles jusque-là infranchissables par l'homme; après avoir ressenti le vertige des forges sillonnées de torrents impétueux; après avoir cherché refuge à l'ombre d'arbres gigantesques qui semblent défier la nuit des temps, absorbe la chaleur de ces vallées luxuriantes, vestiges du paradis, l'homme, instinctivement se dit: "Le Createur, quand vint la fin du jour de sa création se reposa ici. Ayant encore les bras chargés, il décida de laisser tout tomber, laissant au monde le coin qui fut son lit."

Des que les eaux changent leur cours; que derrière soi elles s'en vont légères parcequ'encore naissantes vers l'Atlan-

tique, et que, devant, elles vont hardiment vers le Pacifique, on entre en Colombie Britannique. Les portes pour y entrer sont rares. Le fait est que La Verendrye avait atteint le pied des Rocheuses beaucoup plus au sud, soit à Fort Pierre, dans le Dakota du Sud. Ceci se passait en 1741 et ce ne fut que cinquante ans plus tard, en 1793, que le rêve de Pierre de la Verendrye, d'atteindre la mer l'Ouest par terre, fut réalisé.

Les seules voies possibles laissées à l'homme pour pénétrer chateau-fort des Rocheuses étaient celles qu'utilisaient les rivières pour en sortir. Elles sont encore les mêmes deux siècles plus tard. Elles sont au nombre de quatre: le Crowsnest, au sud, à une quarantaine de milles de la frontière américaine; la faille du parc national, Yoho, emprunte par la ligne transcontinentale du Pacifique Canadien, longeant, sur le versant est, la rivière Bow et sur le versant ouest, la rivière Kicking Orse qui a donne

son nom à la passe du Cheval qui Rue; cette dernière se trouve à mi-chemin entre le Crowsnest et la passe de la Tête Jaune, empruntée par le Canadien National; plus au nord, il y a moyen d'entrer en Colombie Britannique par la vallée de la Rivière à la Paix. Sur une chaîne sans fin d'environ mille milles, la nature n'a donc permis l'invasion de l'homme qu'à quatre endroits bien déterminés.

Grace à cette barrière de 11,000 pieds de hauteurs et de deux autres chaînes principales qui rivalisent avec la première, sinon en hauteur, en escarpement, la nature a réussi à se protéger assez bien contre l'insatiabilité de l'homme. Il est encore possible, sans trop d'effort, de retrouver la forêt telle qu'elle était avant les explorations des blancs. Les cours d'eau ou l'on peut boire sans hésitation, sans se demander ce qu'ils ont baigné en amont, peuvent encore vous consoler après la lecture de "Silent Spring" de Rachel Carson.

Deux fleuves principaux drainent l'épais chapeau de neige qui s'accroche aux massifs alpins durant l'hiver; car, l'été, les précipitations atmosphériques sont rares. Par contre, la rencontre des vents chauds et humides du Pacifique avec le débordement de la masse d'air glacial de l'Arctique se transforme en condensations volumineuses qui n'ont pas trop de l'été suivant pour retrouver leur chemin vers la mer.

Ces deux fleuves sont le Columbia et le Fraser. Tous les deux vont chercher leurs eaux jusqu'au nord de la province. Tous les deux gardent une direction sud sur la majeure partie de leurs parcours pour tourner, tout à coup, vers l'ouest dans leur randonnée finale. La frontière des États Unis les divise alors, et le premier sépare les États du Washington et de l'Oregon, tandis que l'autre, le Fraser, baigne le riche delta qui porte son nom, au sud de Vancouver, avant de se perdre dans le détroit de Georgie.

L'histoire de la Colombie Britannique, c'est l'histoire de la victoire de l'homme sur capricieux méandres de ces deux fleuves. Le mois prochain, nous parlerons du "Voyageur" et de son indomptable associé, l'explorateur Écossais.

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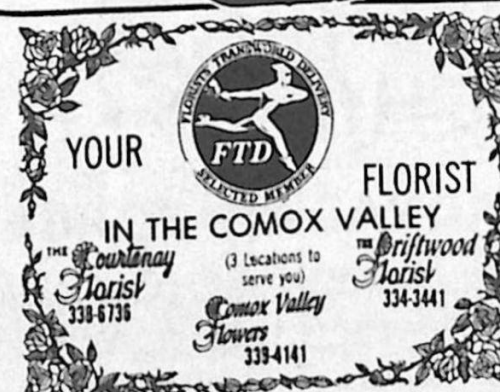
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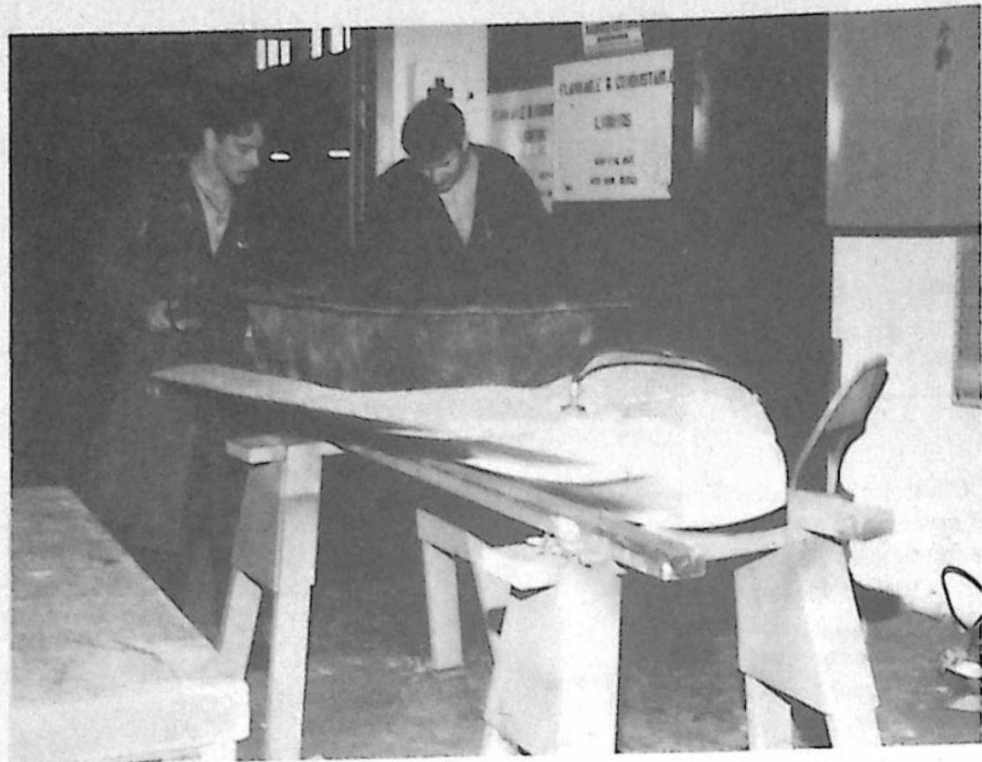
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# BATHTUB RACE 1980

## construction...



**BAMSO I** under construction in the Base Refinishing Shop. Construction of the bathtub took place over a period of weeks as time was available and after hours. The bulk of the lay up and finishing was carried out by the Refinishers while the integral fuel tank and motor mount was produced in Base Workshops.

## BAMSO I

The CFB Comox entry in the great Nanaimo Bathtub Race held 20 July 1980 placed 54th among all the tubs competing - an enviable record considering the relative lack of bathtub experience among the members of the team, and the fact that it was twice sunk during the turbulent start of the race. Many Base agencies had an involvement in getting the tub fitted out and supporting it in the subsequent trials and the race itself. Base Fund provided financing for the tub as the official Base entry and BAMSO personnel the labour and lot of afterhours work to bring it all together. The hull

represents a best compromise in terms of weight, balance, surface wetted, stability, strength, etc. It was laid up, modified and finished by the Base Refinishing Section. Driven by Lt. Doug Baker during the 36 mile race, BAMSO I was powered by a derated 7.5 HP outboard pampered and tuned to burn argus fuel by team mechanic Sgt. Gerry Murphy. Trials and coordination were handled by MWO Art Orvis. Teamed with the motor vessel Genie as a guide boat skippered by WO Cec Wilsher of the Marine Section, the bathtub made the crossing at a speed of 24 MPH.

## the race...



**RESCUED** by a helpful spectator who happened to be anchored in the right place at the right time. Doug Baker and an equally sodden tub and motor make first contact with their guide boat after the first sinking.

## trials...



**CONSTRUCTION** completed BAMSO I undergoes first trials at Airforce Beach. A number of modifications were required to prepare the bathtub for the Nanaimo - Vancouver Race.

Interview with Lt. Doug Baker the driver of the Base entry in the Great Nanaimo Bathtub Race.

Lt. Baker has been at CFB Comox for 18 months. Originally the MSO in the BAMSO organization, he is presently ASO with 442 Sqn.

**Had you any previous experience in bathtubting or boat racing?**

No, none at all.

**For this race were you a "pressed" man or how did you come to be involved?**

Maj. Beech started to generate interest in submitting an entry in this year's race which resulted in the creation of an informal bathtub committee of volunteers from the BAMSO organization. I was approached by Maj. Beech and the committee to drive the bathtub early in the planning stages. After committing myself, I did have second thoughts as it later became apparent that they were looking for a driver who was not only light but naive and expendable.

**How much practice did you get in before the big race?**

We had several test runs in the month prior to the race. During this time we experimented with various speed props, motor angles and floatation in order to get maximum speed and stability. Unfortunately due to technical problems and weather we did not get a chance to practice with the escort boat from the Marine Section prior to the race in Nanaimo.

**From a drivers point of view, what does Nanaimo harbour look like at the start of the race?**

Going into the race I felt reasonably well prepared as far as handling the tub and knowing its capabilities. We had carefully planned a start line strategy in order to get the bathtub in behind the escort boat as soon as possible. After we launched the bathtub, 15 min. before start time, I found that I was totally unprepared for the water conditions prior to and during the start. The line-up area behind the start line was so rough and congested that I was unable to move to the far right of start line in order to make visual contact with the escort boat.

The actual start magnified the rough water problem unbelievably; as you can imagine with 140 bathtubs starting up 500 yds behind an equal number of escort boats which were surrounded by a crowd of spectator boats.

The height and turbulence of the generated waves severely impaired my vision as the nose of the tub was, for the most part, above the horizon. We definitely underestimated the water condition during the start of the race so next year's design will ensure that we survive the first 15 - 20 mins.

**How did you make first contact with Genie, your guideboat?**

First contact with the Genie was made by C.B. from the spectator boat which picked me out of the water after the first sinking. Because I



**DRIED OUT** and refuelled, the tub follows close behind the guide boat on leaving Nanaimo Harbour. Butch Day keeps an eye on the tub while Jerry Bush holds a spare bottle of fuel in case an underway transfer is required.

was unable to follow the planned start strategy, the escort boat was unable to locate the bathtub on the start line and therefore lost track of me. After turning the first corner out of the harbour the majority of the wave action came from behind. The motor quit after the second wave crashed over the stern of the tub. Without power and half a tubful of water the following waves ensured that I wasn't going anywhere but to the bot-

tom. Fortunately, I sank only a few feet from a spectator boat who reluctantly let me pull the tub up onto his boat and contact the Genie!

**Do you feel that your tub/motor combination was a good one and how did it compare with some of the others?**

Yes, the only major design problem we encountered was the low bow which tended to produce a "submarine" effect in the extremely rough water. This

contributed to the first sinking, however, once we were underway our speed and stability were very good. The actual running time was approximately 1 hr. 45 min. which is comparable to a 25th place finish.

**What was your first thought on arriving at the finish line?**

After 2 hrs. 20 mins. crouched in the bathtub, with exception to the stretches I got treading water

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**COMOX/EDMONTON BATHTUB TROPHY** presented by BComd. to a few members of the BAMSO I 'tubbers' team. This annual competition was originated by CFB Edmonton in 1972. From left to right Sgt. Dennis Chislett, Sgt. Gerry Murphy, Lt. Doug Baker, BGen. B. Burgess, MWO Art Orvis, MWO Jim Burns and Sgt. Dave Leuck.

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twice, all I could think of was getting out of that tub, running the 30 yards to the finish line and ringing the bell. The first step proved too difficult; however, after two attempts I managed to get both my feet out of the tub and securely planted beneath me. The 30 yard run with both legs cramped was even more challenging, however, the final step of ringing the bell proved beyond my capabilities. As my legs buckled for the final time, I reached to ring the bell...and missed! Determined not to be beaten by No. 55 stumbling close on my heels, my head struck the bell just before two officials caught me from tumbling off the finish platform.

#### Do you know what prizes were awarded in the competition?

Each tubber who finished the race received a trophy and there were special trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. There was also a trophy for the first tub to sink after the start.

#### Would you go in the race again another year?

If you would have asked me immediately after the race, I would have said no, but by the time next year's race comes around I probably will be willing to do it again.

## DET 5

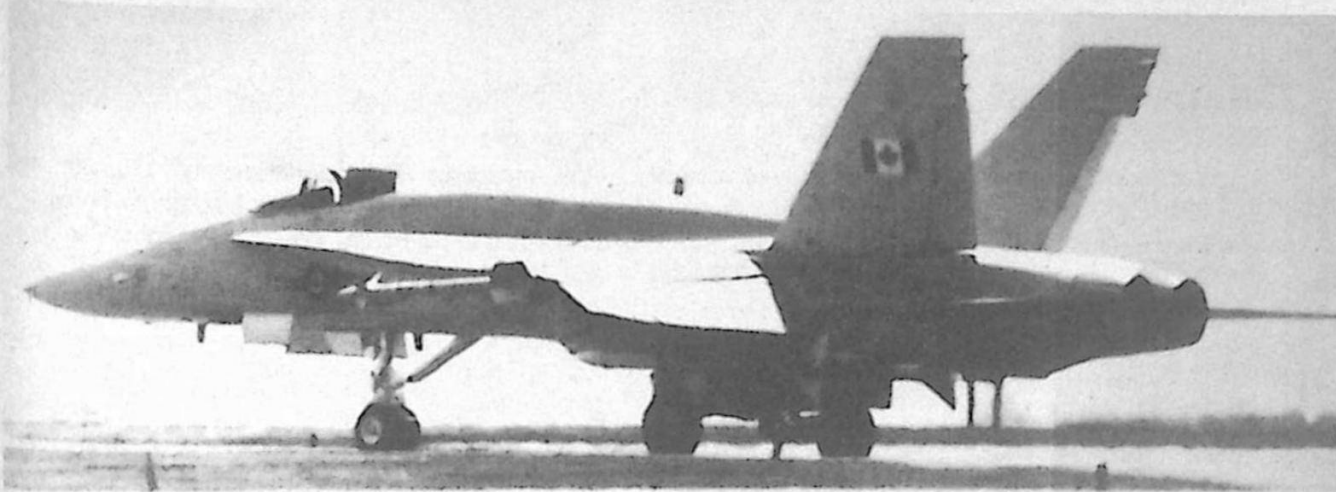
DET 5, USAF, entered two tubs in this year's World Championship Bath Tub Race. This project involved numerous personnel within the DET: SSgt. Bill Chestnut, Chief Designer; SSgt. Greg Bullard, Chief Engineer; Capt. Jack McKinley, Overall Project Officer; Capt. John Reid, Navigator and Spotter; Lt. Fred Alvarado, Advertising Director; Lt. Nunnally, Finance Officer; SSgt. Archie Wingo, Driver; Sr. Chuck Powell, Driver; CMSgt. Don Pierce, Backup Driver and Spotter; TSgt. Tom Weber, Chief Mechanic and Spotter;

Maj. Bill Wright, Spotter. In addition to these DET personnel, escort boats were provided by Mr. George Howard, Cpl. Carl Charko, and Cpl. Zane Slater. One tub developed structural damage and did not finish, while our other tub finished a respectable 74th. This years project cost us over \$1000. and hundreds of man hours. In return, we received a \$5.00 trophy. Was it worth it? You bet!

Finally, we want to thank the following businesses for their contributions in helping us finance this year's race:

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## New Replaces Old



CANADA'S NEW LRPA the CP-140 Aurora and NFA the CF-18A Hornet were both on display at the Abbotsford International Airshow August 8th, 9th and 10th.

## PROTESTANT CHAPEL TO HOLD 200TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Two hundred years is a long time. That is exactly how long the Protestant Sunday Schools have been in existence. In 1780, Robert Raikes founded the first Sunday School in Gloucester, England. That Sunday School was vastly different from our twentieth century North American Sunday School. It gave the poor children in the slums of Gloucester the only formal education they would ever receive. In addition to religious knowledge, it taught the 3 R's. Although the format has changed, the Sunday School movement has grown until today it literally circles the world.

In recognition of the 200th Anniversary of Sunday Schools, the Sunday School of St. Michael and All Angels Protestant Chapel will be having a special service at 1100 hrs. on Sunday, 21 September. The service will feature the lighting of candles on a Birthday cake. Following the service, the cake will be served to all at a coffee hour in the Annex.

Registration for the Sunday School will take place on the previous Sunday, 14 September. Parents are asked to bring their children

between 1000 and 1100 hrs. in order that they may meet their children's teachers. Regular classes will begin at 0930 hrs. on 28 Sept.

The Sunday School is just a part of the program at the Protestant Chapel. The regular service of worship is held at 1100 hrs. every Sunday. There is a special Christian Education program in the Annex during the service for preschool children and children of any age whose parents are attending chapel. The Sacrament of Holy Communion (ACC) is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Presbyterian Communion is usually celebrated once in each quarter. Baptisms are conducted on the last Sunday of the month during the regular service of worship. Parents are requested to make arrangements with one of the Padres at least three weeks in advance.

St. Michael and All Angels also offers something for anyone with a musical inclination. For the children there is a Junior Choir which practices in the Chapel at 1830 hrs. on Thursday evening. The senior choir practices later the same evening at 2000 hrs. Both choirs also

participate in the 1100 Worship Service on Sunday.

For the ladies, the Ladies' Guild meets at 2000 hrs. on the second Wednesday of the month in the Chapel Annex. This is a very active group concerned not only with missionary efforts but also with matters of more immediate concern.

St. Michael and All Angels Chapel offers something for everyone wanting involvement in an active Christian community. All families are invited to join the Chapel family and become involved in its life and activities. If there is interest in additional programs or events, these can be arranged as the need arises.

For anyone who would like to see either Padre Coleman or Padre Clifton personally, the Chaplain's office is open Monday to Friday from 0730 - 1530 hrs. (during summer hours) and 0800 - 1600 hrs. (during winter hours). The chaplains would also appreciate hearing about anyone who would like a visit; particularly those in hospital. The padres can be phoned at 339-2211, Local 273.

## Summer Savings

So summer is here once again and all thoughts of energy conservation have been deep sixed. WAIT! Don't do it, there are several ways you can conserve energy this summer.

Laundry consumes a large amount of energy. Savings can be realized by doing cold water washes when practicable and by hanging clothes out to dry rather than using your clothes dryer. Further savings can be gained by doing only full loads.

Cooking! Let your food thaw before cooking. Did you know that it takes two

thirds more energy to cook a frozen rather than thawed roast?

Try walking! Short trips in nice weather need not consume precious gas. A walk may be just what the doctor ordered.

If you have been conscientious and saved energy, you will find extra money in your pocket this summer. Please don't waste it buying high energy demand items like a big gas guzzling car or a heater for your swimming pool.

Don't just observe - help conserve!

## F-4s for Goose Bay

Defence Minister Gilles Lamontagne has announced that military aircraft and crews of the Federal Republic of Germany will begin flying training operations at Goose Bay, Labrador, later this month.

Six F-4F Phantoms will arrive at Goose Bay July 22 to conduct low level, tactical flying training over Labrador on a trial basis until the end of September.

On July 24, Defence Minister Lamontagne and Revenue Minister Bill Rompkey will officially welcome the German Air Force. The ceremony will include a four-nation military parade involving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Air Force, United States Air Force as well as the German Air Force.

The Germans joined

other NATO allies who utilize the Goose Bay facilities. The RAF has used the base to support Vulcan Bomber training since 1967 and the USAF has a small detachment in support of strategic airlift operations. The Canadian Forces operate the Melville air defence radar and the terminal and precision approach radars. Canadian Forces Station Goose Bay also supports search and rescue and air defence operations.

## An Old Flame Rekindled

As oil prices soar, many Canadians in both rural and urban areas are considering the fuel of their forefathers — wood.

However, the situation has changed since those earlier days. Cities are larger, while woodlots are not only smaller but further from the population centres. Is wood heat still a viable option? Like any heating fuel, wood has its advantages and its disadvantages.

#### Renewable Fuel

At its best, wood heating can be economical, reliable, and comfortable. If forests are well-managed, wood is a renewable fuel. Harvesting fuel wood in the right manner can also improve the quality of a woodlot or forest. Money spent on fuelwood stays within the local economy.

There can also be personal benefits such as exercise, fresh air and a sense of self-reliance when you heat your home with the wood from your own woodlot.

#### Can Be Expensive

At its worst, unless a reasonably priced source of firewood is available, wood heating can be as expensive as heating with oil or

electricity. Wood, cut with a chainsaw, and transported long distances, may also have a high energy cost. Harvesting wood can also be very dangerous, even for the experienced.

Wood heating could cause some environmental pollution in heavily populated areas. Wood heating, unless careful installation standards and maintenance procedures are followed, can pose a fire hazard.

#### Before you Buy

If after weighing the pros and cons, you've decided that wood heat is suitable for all or part of your heating needs, you must now set out to acquire the skills and knowledge that our forefathers (and mothers) took for granted.

Here are some points to consider when choosing and installing a wood stove or furnace:

- Do you have access to a reliable source of wood at a reasonable price?
- Is your home suitable for heating with wood? Will you, for example, have to install a chimney? If this is the case, a building permit may be necessary.
- Have you determined whether a wood stove or furnace is best for your needs? A fireplace, pleasant as it may be, is not an

efficient way to produce heat. In fact, because cold outside air is drawn in to replace warm room air that is sucked up the chimney, a fireplace contributes little or no heat to a room.

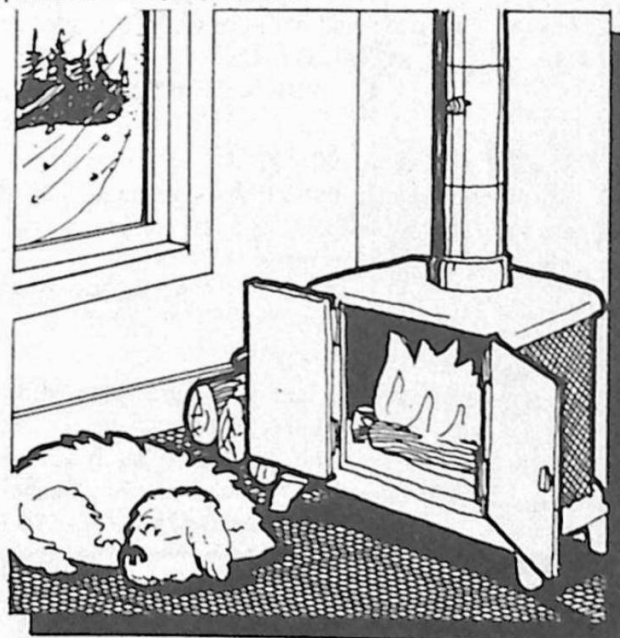
- Is the heater you're considering well made and airtight?

• Have you considered all aspects of the heating system? This includes not only the heater but also the stove pipe, chimney, floor and wall protection as well as any modifications that may be required. Look for the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters' Laboratory of Canada stamp of approval.

• For safe, efficient, wood heating, correct installation procedure is essential. The Canadian Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Code sets out specific guidelines for installing all types of wood heaters.

• Your insurance agent must be notified if you install a wood heater. Since insurance premiums for wood heated homes can vary, you may want to do some comparative shopping.

• There are a growing number of books on wood heat that can be helpful to the new buyer. Talking to reliable dealers and the owners of wood heaters is also a good idea.



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Copies of this paper are available from the following Ministry of Forests Regional Offices:

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540 Borland Street  
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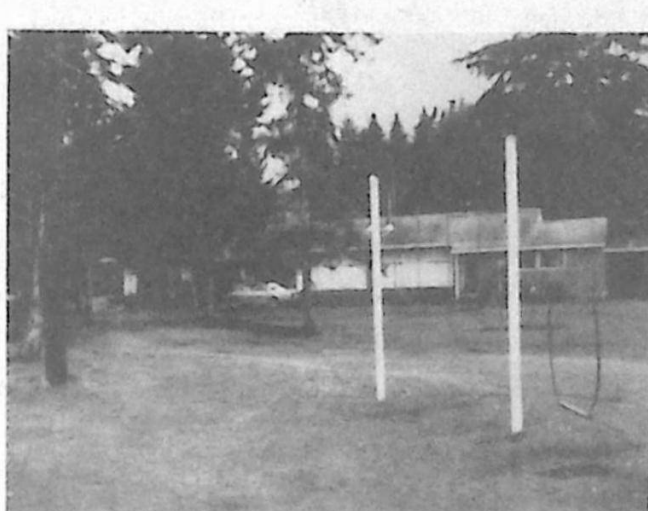
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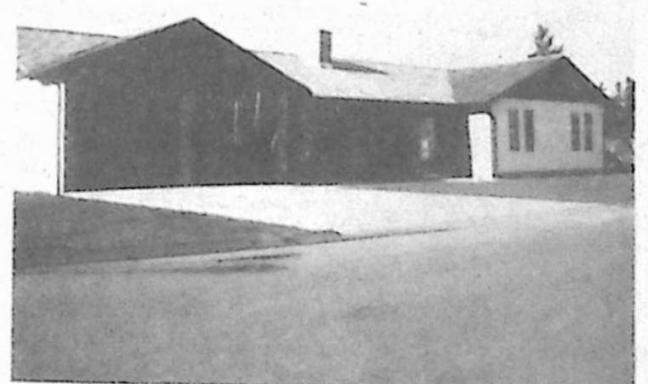
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