



# TOTEM TIMES



*A man who rests on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place.*

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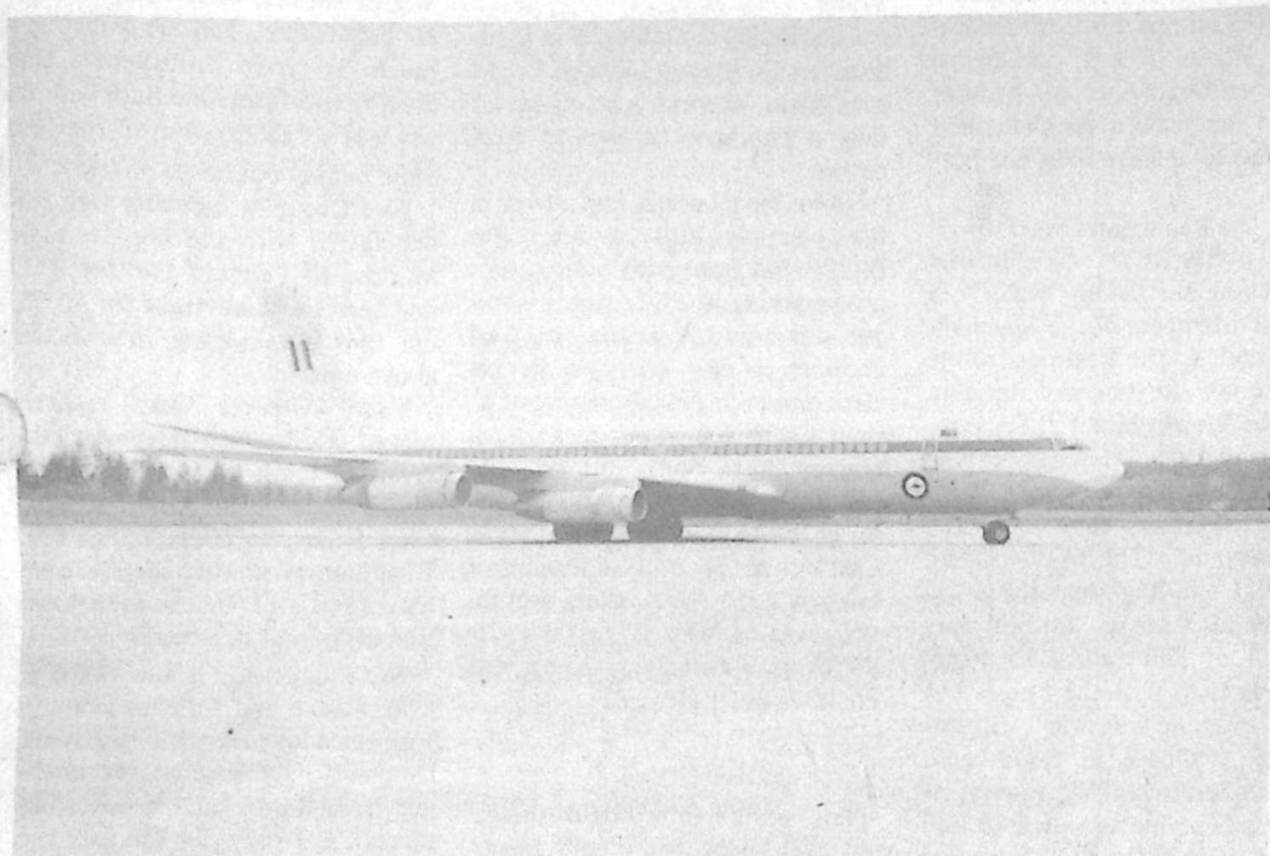
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*Excellent Service At Comox..... News Travels Fast*

## Bo'ing Bo'ing! ....Visitors Gather From Afar



RAAF Boeing 707.... Troop Exchange Program

### NATO E3A Visits Comox

The first NATO AEW (Airborne Early Warning) aircraft to visit CFB Comox arrived here on Sunday and will be here for a few days. The aircraft is called an EA3 or AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control Systems) aircraft. The function of the EA3 is to detect enemy aircraft and direct fighter aircraft to combat them.

The aircraft looks like any other Boeing 707 except for a large dish above the rear of the fuselage. This disc houses the radar antenna. It is approximately 10m (33 ft.) in diameter and 1.5m (5 ft.) thick at the centre. When the aircraft is flying this large disc rotates: the crew refer to it as "the frisbie".

Normal operating altitude of the EA3 is around 30,000 ft. and mission duration is nine and a half hours. The radar can detect low

flying objects out to a radius of 400 km (250 miles). The heart of the machine is its computers that can sort and store vast quantities of data and can transmit this data to ground stations via data-link.

This particular aircraft is here in support of Maple Flag which is a NATO exercise that is being conducted at CFB Cold Lake, Alberta. There are literally hundreds of aircraft in this exercise and very little room to park them, and that is why this aircraft is at Comox.

There are eighteen EA3s owned by NATO and they operate principally from Geilenkirchen in N.W. Germany but they are responsible for providing radar coverage of an area from northern Norway to Turkey. The crews are from most NATO countries and are always of mixed nationalities. As many as

nine nations have been represented on one crew.

Initially there were reservations that so many nationalities on one crew would cause problems, particularly in emergency situation, but these concerns have proved to be unfounded. The working language on the aircraft is English. Major Gudmund Taraldsen is the Aircraft Commander of the aircraft now at Comox and he finds that one of the most satisfying aspects of his job is working with other nationalities in a highly technical environment. Major Taraldsen is from Norway; other members of the crew are from Italy, USA, Britain and Canada.

Should you see a large aircraft with a giant "frisbie" turning slowly above it you will now know what it is.



NATO E3A

Maple Flag Bound

### Gads! ... There went the Kads

Leadership by example can be painful! The recent Snow-to-Surf race provided an opportunity for the BComd to "volunteer" a group of older types to form the Comox Kads Team. He continues to believe that he is not getting older just better and insisted that that his senior staff join in proving his philosophy. Thus, on a cloudy Sunday morning, his very own team amongst 100 others including 20 from the Base, started the race from the top of Mt. Washington. Major John Finn roared down the icy slopes defying death and destruction to hand over the arm band to an eager BComd who slithered away on his newly waxed cross country skies.

The cross country course winds its way through the beautiful Alpine meadows of Mt. Washington which is distraction

enough but coupled with all the sweet young things joining him in the fresh mountain air, it must have been difficult to concentrate on the race. He arrived red faced at the change over point to hand over the arm band to BAdO Branch old timers.

The team of LCol Jack Jackaman and Major Doug Carmichael dashed along their 7K downhill runs, a total of one hundred and six years of manhood between them. Their pounding legs and flashing smiles bringing a sparkle to the eyes of the lady spectators. But how they paid for the show of masculinity -- even now a week later their legs remain stiff and painful.

At the bottom of the mountain Mr. Flight Safety, Major Don Harrington was astride his ten speed and on the handover was

soon speeding his way through the lanes to the Courtenay airport. 24 Ks later a weary cyclist feeling that he would rather be flying handed over the arm band to nautical types who were casting off in their canoe.

The strong arm team of Majors Doug McGill and Mike Oades paddled off down the river to the open bay and finally the Comox Marina. By this time the team was fighting a rear guard action and it required some tough canoeing to catch up with other teams. The wind had got up and the tide had changed but our intrepid boaters forged ahead and even made up some positions so that we ended up in sixth place! Not bad for the old timers -- we could have ended up much worse -- like fourth place -- from the end that is!!!

### Big Deal Eh!



### Lieut. Governor To Sail In Kootenay

The Honourable Robert G. Rogers, Lieutenant-Governor of B.C., accompanied by his Secretary, Mr. J. Michael Roberts, and Honorary Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant-Commander Mark L. Crofton, will visit a number of British Columbia communities during a Spring Tour which will take place from May 13th to 17th, 1985.

His Honour's party will travel by Canadian Armed Forces' destroyer-escort HMCS Kootenay.

The Tour will commence in Esquimalt on Monday, 13th May, 1985 and will include visits to Squamish, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Powell River, and Nanaimo.

His Honour will take part in local events and meet members of the communities at each of the stops.

The Tour will conclude in Nanaimo on Friday afternoon, 17th May 1985.

### Contract Awarded

Edmonton—Edmonton-based Northwest Industries Ltd. has been awarded a \$2.6-million federal contract to overhaul and rewire 12 training aircraft for the defence department. "Thirty jobs for aircraft technicians will be created in the Edmonton area," said Supply and Services Minister Harvie Andre.

### Thanks Guys!

I am exceedingly pleased with the professional excellence so prevalent in this command, particularly:

**a. Combat readiness.** The excellent showing by the fleet in winning the LW Murray Trophy (AWW), Inter-Squadron Gunnery Trophy, combat readiness trophies (Litton, Mayo, PB) and RAS Proficiency Trophy:

**B. SAR.** The excellence of the RCC and SAR units in this region is almost legion and I would like to add my recognition of your efforts to the many commendations received for the successful response to the major incidents that have occurred in the past year:

**C. Exercises.** The successful completion of the Marcot, Fleetex and training deployments have brought this Command many BZS particularly from CinCPac, CinCPacFlt and C3F. I am pleased to see the professional esteem that our ships are held in by our USN counterparts:

**D. 75th Anniversary.** All concerned deserve a well earned BZ for the excellent showing at the Freedom of the City and Battle of Atlantic Sunday. All events to date have been well organized and executed.

I believe that all our personnel irrespective of service, classification or trade, are living up to our 75th motto of, "Pride and

commitment". I am very proud of your efforts - keep up the good work.

The rapid and dedicated response by all SAR units to the large number of extremely difficult marine distress cases was outstanding. It would be appreciated if you could pass on my personal thanks to all participants for their excellence in carrying out their duties under the most adverse of conditions.

In addition, the Minister of National Defence has asked that all units involved in this ongoing operation be passed his appreciation for their excellent work under most difficult circumstances.

Bravo Zulu.

RAdm Yanow

### Attention

All Former 433 Sqn. Members

On the weekend of July 5-7, 1985, we will receive our Squadron Standard at the current home of 433 Sqn, CFB Bagotville, Quebec.

Concurrent with this presentation, we have planned a Squadron Reunion. All former members are invited to attend.

We would like you to take part! Make your reservations early! Call Maj R. Bellemare, AV 621-9406 or write: Standards Coordinator, 433 ETAC, CFB Bagotville, Alouette, P.Q. G0V 1A0.

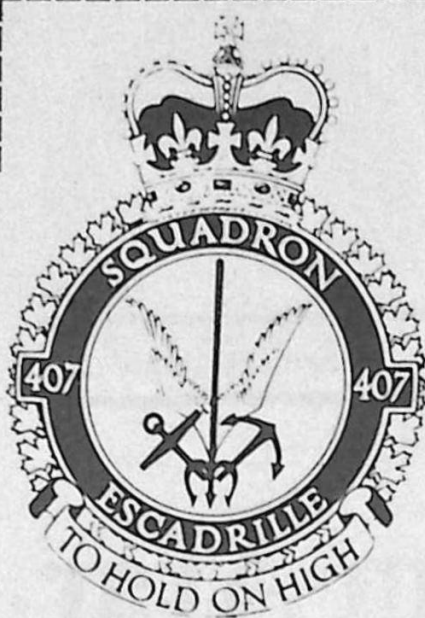
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They saw it first in the "Totem Times"... Big Jim the BFC was so overwhelmed with Dave Allens special offer that he brought over the Fleet...and then everyone gathered round so they could get their picture in the paper. Old "Snap On" and the boys at the Canex Service Station are not only offering fine service but Deals too! See Dave for details.



# Section News



## Demon Doins

### AIRCREW

New faces have recently appeared around the aircrew lounge, welcome back from MOAT to Capt Zannusi, Lts Cox, Mackay and Rodzinyak.

Once again, Crew 1 Standards has scammed a trip to Hawaii, this time using Steve Brabants, VPC checkride as an excuse. By the time Steve returns he should be 407's newest VPC.

Congratulations go out to Kevin Murray, who recently upgraded to ASO 1.

Crew 3 Subbusters were once again on the road, this time travelling to Bangor, Wa. for a tour of the USS Ohio, a Trident Missile carrying submarine. From there they carried on to Centerville Beach, Ca. and a tour of a NAV-FAC facility. Joining the Subbusters on the trip were the CO as well as a host of others from the squadron.

Readies 85-2, which will be held in NAS Moffett Ca. will be attended by Crews 3, 4, and 5. Sounds like a big one, with ships and aircrew from Japan augmenting the exercise.

Crew 4 recently held a Polyester Party, always popular. Those in attendance were seen in the latest of fashion from the Goodwill Store.

Complaints were heard coming from Crew 5's office after their recent return from an FDS-OMS

visit to Greenwood. It seems that Moe Palahicky was cracking his whip at all his slaves working on the SS MOEBOAT.

Crew 6, after performing numerous SAR missions, has allegedly received the honour of becoming 407's official SAR Crew. Rumour has it that Crew 6 will be serving round the clock standby during the next herring season.

It seems like Crew 7 as we know it will soon be history. Numerous postings, changes, etc. have torn the MOOSEMEN extensively, we hope the Order of the Moose will always be remembered.

### MAINTENANCE

#### ARMPO

Well, here we go again! Yes, it's time to play the posting game! First up is MWO F.L. Code who is leaving us to join the never ending paper war at NDHQ Ottawa. Have fun sir. Next on the list is MCpl A.G.V. Laporte who gets to find out the true meaning of an Oktoberfest in Germany. Looks like you finally got out of Maintenance Al. And finally, but not least, MCpl J.J. (Streethawk) Allard who is leaving us to give CFB Greenwood a hand at Standards training. Bonne chance Jacques. Congratulations to all on their transfers. We will miss your guidance, jokes and homemade beer!

We at the Armament shop would like to welcome to our organized confusion Sgt J.P. Zotek from 1 F.S.U., your local Rent-a-Tech outlet. Welcome aboard, Jim.

Now, as for promotions, Pte Dev Reynolds has just received his Cpl hooks. The amazing part is that he got them ten (10) months in advance. Way to go, Big Stick! When's the party?

On a sadder point the CAF is losing yet another soul to the lure of quiet mornings of sleeping in, staying up late and chasing the women. I am referring to WO Ed Kew. Flight Sergeant Kew (as he prefers) has seen a lot of the Forces as he started out with the PPCLI in 1948 and stayed with them for a full year. Then in 1954 an older if not wiser person, Ed joined the RCAF and will retire as he says "Still in the RCAF!" Good luck Flight Sergeant and enjoy yourself. We

here at Comox, especially the Armourers who have had the pleasure to work with you, wish you the best of luck in the years to come. Well, that's it for now from Arm't. See you next time.

### PHOTO

Greetings all; we Photo Techs have once again ventured from the darkness to give our 'Doins' update.

It's been a busy month here at Photo; what with Pte Bonin away on his Pre-POET course in Greenwood and Pte Duguay going straight from her Processor Maintenance course to her Pre-POET as well. Quite soon, we'll be losing Cpl Mackay to maternity leave. All of us here are, no doubt, anxious to know the results of that one. So keep us posted, eh, Chris.

A hardy welcome back is sent to Cpl Lambillion, whom returned May 7 from his POET course. And good luck is wished to both Jenny Matthews on her TQ4 exam, to be written June 5 and to MCpl Goulet who will soon become an Officer Cadet.

A final note wishes MCpl Matson all the best on his upcoming NORPAT assignment. Well, having exposed our antics for another month, we'll now go back to our darkrooms but we promise to keep you posted on what develops there. Until then, have a good one!

### DIAC MAINTENANCE/ TRAINING

Moving day finally arrived and the training cell is now out of the Headquarters building and relocated in their shiny new facility, the former VooDoo OFFT. Many thanks to CE for delivering a quality product on time.

Posting rumours have now become fact and our half of the Coulombe crew has just returned from a successful HHT to Winnipeg. Mike also dropped in to have a look at his future place of work, but his comments cannot be revealed here, this being a family newspaper.

Kurt Paulekat is awaiting the final message to send him on a southern posting for a couple of years, with Cold Lake a good possibility after that.

John Jorgensen is into his third week at the SLC. We haven't heard from him yet, so not news must be good news.

Every now and then we get a visitor to the shop inquiring about electronics terminology. This is no doubt due to the increasing number of people who are acquiring home computers and other digital gadgetry, so since there is a fair amount of interest in this area, we offer here a sampling of electronic terms and their definitions:

**Electron charge** - two bits.  
**Negative charge** - you pay them.  
**Positive charge** - they pay you.  
**Pauli principle** - never mix gin and bourbon.  
**Planck's constant** - two board feet.

**Gallinger's constant** - Crown Royal on the rocks.  
**Silicon** - a gay prisoner.

**Germanium** - would have been a flower but someone misspelled it.  
**Atom** - part of American colloquial expression "up and atom".

**DCTL** - don't complain if the transistor's lousy.

**Micro second** - the time it takes for the guy behind you to honk his horn when the light turns green.

### AMCRO

The Amcro's sweatbox...  
"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder when we're going to get an air conditioner?"

If you have visited the Amcro/Research section lately, you will have noticed that the temperature hangs around the mid 80's. The problem has CE mystified so we are forced to simply sit here and sweat. Marylyne is the only one who doesn't seem to mind the heat. She must be putting ice in her panty hose.

The Amcro has taken to looking a little worried every Monday morning as we all compare our Lotto 649 numbers. I think he's concerned about what we might do if we ever win big.

I have also been noticing a few cases of "Leeward itch" developing. We must be overdue for a (Samo take note) luncheon. "What's that Jim? Do I know CPR?"

I hope he's not having the big one; I can just imagine what the heat in here would do to a dead body.

... Bozwell

## Strathcona's Rally

Calgary -- Cavalry trumpeters no longer sound "Rally" to collect their squadrons or regiments after a battlefield action; but Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and other Regiments of Armour still use the spoken term on their radio nets to achieve the same purpose.

Now the Regimental veterans of the LdSH(RC) Regimental Association are using "Rally" to direct all Members of the Regiment and Friends of the Regiment to the Strathcona's Regimental Reunion 85 at the Westin Hotel in Calgary, 10-12 May 1985. Members of the Regiment include any who have ever served in any capacity in any component of "The Myrtle Green Mafia" from Regimental Brat to Regimental Veteran. Straths may come from and return to many Corps/Branches of the Forces but there are no former Straths because; "Once a Strathcona, always a Strathcona!". Friends of the Regiment include civilian and military neighbours and supporters of the Regiment from all of its garrisons, training areas and battlefields.

Attendance will cost \$40.00 per person (\$80.00 per couple) plus accommodations and personal expenses. The Westin Hotel, a Friend of the Regiment, is offering special low rates to Straths. And the \$40.00 registration fee includes all organized entertainment and several meals.

Contact: Captain J.A. MacDonald, Regimental Secretary, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) CFB Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T3E 1T8. Telephone: (403) 240-7304.

Perseverance!

## Base Supply

Well, it's that time of the year again when the weather gets warmer, the sun shines and the days become longer - so much for Spring! Love is in the air with the coming of Spring, for some it's good for other not so good.

Mal and Suzie celebrated their second wedding anniversary on the 3th of April. Congratulations.

Chuck Harvey is engaged to Sharon and plans to be married this summer. Congratulations Chuck and Sharon and best of luck in the future.

Cam Bailey is making new friends at the Courtenay Library. By the way, Cam, there are better places than a public washroom to meet people.

There have been a few moves in Base Supply this month. Jim Bulmer has gone into hiding, he's now working at POL; don't worry Jim it is only for six months. Carl Scribner is now our new budget clerk and loving every minute of it, right Carl? Ken Minor and Chuck Harvey have both moved into MPO, the question is who's going to be doing the computer work. Last but not least, WO Beachey is our new A/MCO/D taking over for WO Adams who is partaking in RV85 at Wainwright, along with Pte Price and Lt Russell.

Now to the lighter side of things with the latest news and gossip from the different sections. Kathy Segriff is in training, she is now learning how to operate the forklift so anyone going down to General Stores be on the lookout for runaway forklifts. CRS has been relatively busy with the exception of Cpl Cal Francis who is looking forward to Germany. Rumour has it that Cal has found a new love but when he tried to kiss her, she bit him. Cal, when a dog doesn't like you, you shouldn't force yourself upon her.

Three Supply Group is in a state of turmoil due to an asbestos problem. They are re-decorating and as a result their efficiency will be slightly less than perfect. No news from 2 Sup Group but they want to know if the rumour is true - Is two Group really going to move to One Group?

In a previous issue of the Totem Times, Mike Channen of 1 Supply Group was mentioned because of his recently purchased mountain bike. Well, now he's towing the Vortex shuttle, that's the name of his new trailer. Tell me Mike, how much is your insurance? Kim Heath, also from One Supply, is on her way to Edmonton on the 18th May, not jail but home on leave.

Five Group is working well under-staffed with the departure of Martine to Penhold for her JLC and Sean to Wainwright for RV85, but they are keeping their heads above water.

Carol Greaves just recently moved into her new house and she seems to think that it is haunted. She called the local "Ghost Buster" Cam Bailey, to check things out. Cam assures us that there are no ghosts so Carol you can calm down and enjoy your new home.

WO Fredrickson is now riding a scooter back and forth to work. I hope she didn't take driving lessons from Cal. Cpl Gagnon has returned from Borden and it was a big success, not only did she pass the course she was also able to quit smoking. Congratulations Claire. We also lose another one to Borden this week, Cpl Dan Brown will be leaving on the 17th May. We all wish you luck Dan. Lee Ann Buxcey will be due for her TQ5 course with her recent accelerated promotion to Cpl. Congratulations Lee Anne, when is the party?

I sign off leaving you with a question - Will Hutch ever ask Shelley to work for him again while he plays ball?

## OFFICERS' MESS

May, 1985

Mondays to Fridays  
COFFEE HOUR

Coffee will be served in the Lounge daily at 1000 hours.  
Dress will be dress of the day.

Fridays, May 24, 31

REGULAR TGIFs  
Food 1700 - 1800 hours. Free taxi - ask at Bar.

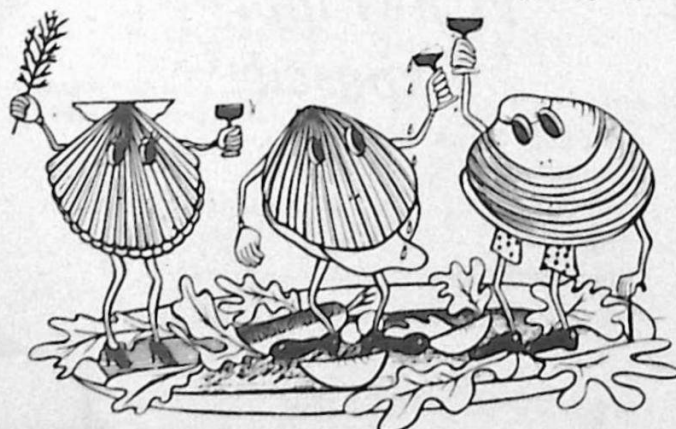
Wednesdays, May 8 and 22  
OWC BRIDGE CLUB

Friday, May 17

MONSTER TGIF-- HOST THE  
AIR FORCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER IS.  
BBQ steaks, baked potato and salad will be served  
1700 - 1900 hours. Dancing to DJ will follow 1930 - 2330 hours.  
There will be no charge for this evening so come out and Welcome the Air Force Officers Association of Vancouver Island.

Saturday, May 25  
SEAFOOD NIGHT

Dinner at 1900 hours will be followed by dancing 2100 - 0100 hours to the music of Meyer and Gooding. cost per couple: members - \$30 guests - \$35. Dress is casual. Reservations should be in to the Mess Manager by 1200 hours Wednesday, May 22.



## JR. RANKS MESS

MAy, 1985  
Thursday & Friday, May 16 & 17  
DJ - AUDIO EXPRESS

Thursday & Friday, May 23 & 24  
DJ - WAYNES MUSIC

—ALSO—

Friday, May 24

GREASER NIGHT

Come Greaser Style and win some excellent prizes.

Thursday, May 30

DJ - SUMMIT MUSIC

Friday, May 31

Back my popular demand the  
"ROCK VIDEO PARTY"  
Cost is \$2.00 per person.

### SPORTS

May 17 -- EUCHRE

May 24 -- CRIB ★ May 31 -- DARTS

### SUNDAY TOURNAMENT

May 19 -- CRIB ★ May 26 -- DARTS



# Section News

## BAMSO NEWS

### PHOTO

Holy Toledo Batman! We've been so busy around here that we didn't realize that it's *that time* again. So what's new you ask? Well, morning coffee conversation now revolves around golf, golf, and more golf. Attilio has discovered "the Joy of Golf", so he and Doug have been comparing notes on various woods, irons, and putters (it's obvious I know nothing about the sport).

Gilles returned safe and sound from San Diego with a good sun tan and lots of respect for Tracker crews. He had a good trip and got some good photos, especially at Sea World.

So the active posting season is here, and it seems that everybody and his brother is posted to Germany. We have been kept busy doing passport photos (now little boy, please don't wiggle around while I take your picture) besides the *usual* stuff. Good old Base Photo.

The Photo techs from 407 Squadron and Base Photo recently had a little "do". Many thanks to Chris McKay for allowing us to ransack her home in Royston and farewell to those Photo Techs who are leaving for greener pastures.

Hey, did you hear the one about the base personnel who had to do the FOD walk? Look for a photo somewhere in this issue. Yours truly had to go to the patio and stand in the fresh air and sunshine to take photos. MWO McKendry was supervising the activities from 407 Servicing Hut.

Well, my space is up.  
Don't forget to smile!

### AS THE MACHINE TURNS - Base Workshops

We bid farewell and good luck on their postings to MCpl John Goid and family, Cpl Max Haskell and family, and Pte Kevin McPherson and family. We will really miss them (we are getting no replacements).

We have many summer taskings. Just to mention a few of the lucky guys: there's Cpl Mel Bolton who went to Ottawa from April 26 to May 3 for a week of night life; Cpl Frank Thalhofer went to Alert from May 3 to May 19 for two weeks of *fun-in-the-sun*; Pte Kozakevich is in Borden from May 10 to July 21 for TQ3/4 Material Tech MOC 441 training; and Cpl Miles Knap is going to Wainwright from June 4 to June 30 for a camp-out with the grunts - sorry, I mean army - no, that isn't right either - he's going on a camp-out with the land element. Sgt Locke is going to Chilliwack from 14 June to 30 August... he actually *volunteered* to instruct Officer Cadets.

We wish a happy and speedy recovery to "Evil Knievil" Silk, and his side kick "Hop-a-long" Haskell.

Welcome home to Cpl J.C. Maquis. Where's the tan, J.C.?

### BRAKE AND WHEEL

Here are the latest observations from BAMSO's smallest section, Brake and Wheel. We are the smallest if you don't count Tool Control and NDT, and I don't know anyone else who does.

Sgt Ted Stenson has smoothly taken over the reins of command and is very busy mastering the many intricacies and complexities of his new job. (The water has to be cold and then you add 2 1/2 scoops of coffee).

Ball season is near and Pierrot Larrivee is trying out for his regular position on the BAMSO ball team; "left end and guard". When we asked him if he wasn't confusing baseball and football he said "no, that is the position I always play. Left end of the bench and guard of the water bucket."

Caroline Bellot is busy taking a course in chemistry, hoping it will help her in her ongoing effort to remuster to dental assistant. She's proven to be not only the beauty, but also the brains, of the outfit.

Doug Poole has been quite excited lately. He just learned that Peking China is opening its first golf course next year which will fit in very nicely with his plans to become a golf pro when he retires. He would only have to learn to speak Chinese, an accomplishment that, most who have golfed with him agree, would be easier than straightening out his slice.

### NAVCOM LABS

We have a bunch of good news to report today. To start off, both Joe Glidden and Don Haberstock received their hard earned Corporal's hooks, and to celebrate they threw an all out bash at Joe's new home. Unfortunately, everyone behaved themselves but we now know where to hold our future section parties.

Richard Viger has been accepted for UTPM, and although he knows that he will be going to Chilliwack for officer brainwashing, he hasn't decided on a university yet. A second congratulations are in order for Richard as he is soon to be a daddy. His wife, Anna Maria, is expecting the first of many, many, many babies.

Warren Sutton has finally been reunited with his wife, Kim. They have both taken leave for a few weeks and everyone has been wondering how they are making out

(pardon the pun). Cliff is sure they must be pretty Warren out.

We will be saying goodbye to Don Haberstock this month, as he will soon be in Baden harassing Esther and Robin. Dave Maloney is in Chatham on the APN 503 course. It's odd how many times you hear a tech's name mentioned when he is away on course. Enjoy Chatham while you can Dave. Another tech is expected to join us in Labs. Pte Aitken, an ex-523 tech, has been posted in from Chatham and will arrive in July... we can't win them all.

The RTT shop is still under construction and if it isn't completed soon, our canteen fund may have to buy new chairs for our coffee room to replace the ones that the RTT techs have worn out to *butt fitting* comfort. Cliff Perry has returned from his extravagant trip to Disneyland with talk of retiring (we didn't realize that he would miss Goofy that much). Marc Neumann and Sylvie Locas have now become platonic housemates. Marc assures us that Sylvie won't cramp his Don Juan style and Sylvie insists that she doesn't mind sharing the shower.

Our esteemed team of athletes, the Snow-to-Surf Smurfs, were at it again this year. Jean-Claude Ouellete got them off to a flying start in the Alpine section, where he passed off to Gerry "Flash" Flemming who cross country skied through heavy fog and ice to the Dynamic Downhill running duo of Dave and Duane, who really enjoyed their romp through rain, snow and mud to the bottom of Mt. Washington, where "Bernie the Biker" took over. Bernie passed everybody in sight to put the paddling partners of John and Harold in a good position. To make the race more competitive and sporting, they decided to swim the final 300 yards, but the nit-picking (that isn't what Harold called them) rules committee found two rather obscure clauses to disqualify the team. One was that you must finish in your own canoe, and the other clause mentioned something about littering of gumboots on the bottom of Comox harbour. Better luck next time, guys.

On a happier note, Barry Whillans finished the recent Vancouver marathon with an excellent time of two hours, fifty minutes, and twenty-five seconds (2:50:25). Unfortunately, one of Barry's runners must have gone flat after the race, as it was noted that on Monday morning he arrived at work on four wheels instead of the usual two.

Finally, to our utter disappointment, our FOD walk was postponed. We understand that John and Eddie were the most upset and were hoping for another chance to show off their superior skills and knowledge. Stop the presses. They got their second chance.

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### VU33 Aircrew

Once again our chief scribe is absent but this time with just cause. Bob has found the 3rd love of his life in Halifax and will be driving back to Comox with her. Apparently she's from the far East with some pretty smooth curves so we'll be looking forward to seeing her parked in front of the mess.

The squadron adventure training has been approved with three very different but exciting trips to choose. The first is a canoe/hiking combination to Della Falls from 8-14 July. The second is a hiking trip along the West Coast Trail from 22-28 Jul and the third is 6 days of hiking and camping in the Cape Scott Park from 12-18 Aug. Rollie has worked hard on putting this together for the squadron - Thank you!

A plaque is now hanging on our briefing room wall because VU33 has won the "A" league intersection volleyball championship. Congratulations to Randy Batson, Dave Brown, Mike Woodworth, Al Nickleson, Terry Patterson, Chris Shelly, and Glen Litchfield.

Speaking of sports champions, VU33's Snow-to-Surf team have once again excelled with an outstanding effort by all members. Involved were Major Owen, Mark Mulaire, Chris Shelly, John Reimer, Rollie Acorn, Al Ashcroft and Randy Batson. Randy, however, was our secret weapon used to undermine any female team. For example, the Lab team from St. Joseph's would have eaten a box of litmus paper (or paid 25¢)

to have a peak or a squeeze of that muscular hulk. The Major, taking cue from Randy, was seen dropping his drawers for several female spectators following the race. They weren't from 442 were they?

In closing, it wouldn't be right not to have mentioned VU33's latest honorary member acquired at the monster TGIF. Thanks for the help Gord Jones. We sure cleaned 407 in crud, but being the smart guys that they are, I saw them taking notes on our style and technique so they may have a chance yet.

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### SERVICING

What is grey, dull, cold, wet and windy? That's right, springtime in Comox. Just remember that no matter how miserable our weather, it is important not to let the "Easterners" know. Besides it could be raining harder.

Although the weather may not be in our favour, spring fever has struck. John Dimock and Phil White have new cars, Bill Kerekes a new truck, and Pte Morro has a new motorcycle. He says it will save him money on gas, but the real reason is that he won't need as many haircuts due to the "helmet-head" syndrome.

Speaking of new, it is the time of year when new faces will start appearing around the hangar. Already here from Cold Lake is our new SWO who already has his job well in hand. Welcome to VU33 WO Gerow.

Unfortunately, the appearance of new personnel means that others will be leaving. Darryl Mackinnon has left for his BOTC in Chilliwack and Dave Cunningham to Cold Lake for the F-18 course. Good luck to both of you.

I guess Pete Wybenga is having good luck, he has been on his motorcycle to Mexico for a week

now, and we still haven't read anything about him in the newspapers. I wonder what the yard sales in Mexico are like?

Certainly they're not as good as George Ledrew's barbecue's. George roasted a ninety-one pound hip of beef and then hosted many of the squadron at his house this past week. It was very tender and extremely tasty, thanks George. (How many empties does it take to get fifty dollars back?)

Here is a hint for next ski season - don't go skiing if Wayne Southward has his snowmobile out. Rumor has it Wayne enjoys broadsiding innocent snow-to-surf skiers. Of course, that wasn't the only skier to wipe out, but I won't mention any names. The squadron team had a respectable showing in the race, they not only beat their team number (100), they also left room for next year's team to improve. The squadron team was made up of our CO Trevor Owen, Rollie Acorn, John Reimer, Chris Shelly, Randy Batson and Al Ashcroft. They also brought in a ringer from MSE for the cross country skiing - Marc Mulaire.

Apparently, it is going to be up to the baseball team to bring home a trophy. Yes, it's that time of the year again, so for some good entertainment get out and support the ball team. Season starts May 20, so let's see more participation at the practices.

There has been a new invention at the hangar this past week, it is called the W.M.M.M (the Wrightson Motor Mouth Muffler). It is very simple to use and should prove quite effective - open mouth, insert sock, stuff in with big stick. See Ray Morrison for more details.

Everyone be sure to compliment Glen Litchfield for his art work on the new Armament sign. Word for the week is - muffed - you'll have to ask a tutor pilot for an explanation.

R.B.

## No FOD on the Field

Who said that? A lot of us said that. But on the bright and sunny morning of 9 May, MWO McKendry (he said it too) and a sizeable group of his FOD-pickin' friends proved us wrong. They had volunteered to do the job a couple of weeks before but had to cancel. The weather was so bad we were afraid that more FOD would be added than removed.

When the right day came, however, in a massive demonstration of co-operation, (or was it competition?) techs from all the squadrons and BAMSO combed the grasses of the airfield finding

everything from dead birds to sticks, to pop cans and much, much, more. The only thing they didn't find was any more of those (expletive deleted) mystery handles. Meanwhile MWO McKendry orchestrated, choreographed and directed, from the tarmac, from tool control, and like Captain Ahab looking for Moby Dick, even from the poop deck high atop 7 Hangar.

At one point I heard a voice in the wilderness call, "The guy who finds the nicest piece of FOD gets a prize". There is no prize but you can

be sure that the Base Fire Chief is very happy to get back the prize-winning piece of FOD.

Thanks to the BATCO staff who kept us out of conflict with the flying program, and to BTnO and Company for the bus ride to the button of two-nine. To the BISO, who called for the extraordinary FOD walk - How can we have doubted you? Most of all, however, to all those who participated so productively, even though they thought they were embarking on a wild good chase - Thank you for a job well done.

I repeat, "There's no FOD on the field."

## BADO Burlblings

A recent message detailing the possible impact of changes in Government policy on PMQ and SQ rents has caused some concern within PMQs. The message implied that an increase in rent could be anticipated in November 85. I have been trying to obtain more definitive information on the subject. It would appear that there is a meeting taking place in NDHQ at the end of this month and we shall perhaps have more information at that time. In the meantime there are all sorts of horror stories making the rounds that imply rent increases of more than 100%. I would find that this sort of increase highly unlikely. The history of PMQ rents would indicate that what ever happens there would be significant restrictions to just what increases would be made or tolerated.

The history of PMQ rents show that they have been based on an

average of 80% of the appraised values with percentage restrictions placed on the actual increases required by the increases in appraised values. There is a regulation to the effect that accommodation costs will not exceed 25% of basic pay. This means that Privates and Officer Cadets enjoy a certain amount of protection. For more wealthy members 25% of basic is a significant amount. An average Captain (if there is such a thing) could pay up to \$783 a month rent if it was based on 25% of his pay. Although the present government limit of 4% increase in the cost of goods and services has been lifted I cannot see the military authorities that look after our conditions of service allowing rents to make a dramatic increase. When this situation came up some years ago there was an effort made to phase rent increases over a period of years

to ensure that no hardship was experienced. We continue to be on the good side of rent charges. PMQs are the best housing buy in this area by far. Ask anyone renting a house in the local area. There is no question that rents will go up to bring them more in line to the local housing costs but I suspect that they will still be a bargain.

For those of you who go back a few years will remember that when they revised our pay scales to bring them in line with the civilian world they also insisted that we had to bring our costs in line. It was at that point that PMQ rents started to go up to reflect the rents being paid by our civilian counterparts. It could be argued we were better off in the old days when we had low wages but also low PMQ and SQ charges but then that is all history. In the meantime I have no news of the specific charges but rest assured that we have people at the various

HQs looking after our interests as best they can. The rent increases when they come may be uncomfortably higher than we would want but they will be realistic. I will continue to pressure higher HQs for detailed information and will forward it on to you as soon as it arrives.

Last weekend was a sad one for several motor cyclists. We had one couple badly injured and another young man was slightly injured in a mishap. I have stressed in this column many times that motor cyclists are vulnerable not only to their own mistakes but also to the mistakes of others. Please drive carefully and above all do not mix alcohol with any sort of driving. We continue to get individuals who feel that they are not going to get caught and take the gamble. It is an expensive one and from the number of reports passing over my desk it seems that some folk have a lot of spare cash to give out to the courts and also to pay for the inconvenience of losing their driving licenses. Get a friend to drive you home or take a cab.

## M.S.E. Driver Safety

### What would you do??

You've been driving along a rural lake road and were forced off into the shoulder and into the lake. The car is going down fast and there's no chance of getting out before it submerges. What should you do?

- ☐ Loosen seat belt, exert pressure on door to open, get out and swim to surface.
- ☐ Loosen seat belt, relax and float as water fills car. Keep face in air bubbles at top of car. Then roll window down or open door, get out and swim to surface.

Answer On Page 6

J.J.

**DID YOU KNOW....** That if you observe a really happy man, you will find him building a boat, writing a symphony, educating his son, growing double dahlias in his garden or looking for dinosaur eggs in the Gobi Desert. He will not be striving for happiness as a goal in itself. He will have become aware that he is happy in the course of living life 24 crowded hours of the day.



# Editorial

## I like S.D.I.

Hey....

They've moved the campers off Parliament Hill and thank goodness for that! They've outlived their usefulness and their message was beginning to sound like a monotonous overture.

Now, I'm a patient person willing to give my fellow man his fair share of equal time to present his argument. However, my friends in the left hand closet only seem to see it one way - theirs!

Since the humble beginnings of the Nuclear age, our allies to the south have sought preservation of the good life though the threat of retaliatory measures - and up to now, the Russkies have paid heed.

It becomes apparent however, that Ivan speaks with forked tongue. On one hand he repeatedly states that neither super power should gain any unilateral advantage. Meanwhile his factories hum with the manufacture of offensive and defensive nucleau weapons. Hmmm - I think there could be a developing problem of strategic balance.

So now we have the star wars scenerio - Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) and every do-gooder in the country wants to become a martyr. What SDI really does is respond to the question of strategic balance. It will be a defensive system and has potential for strengthening deterrence - thereby increasing our security. Sounds like a

reasonable approach to me!

SDI would create uncertainty in Ivan's expected outcome of an attack. It would reduce the effectiveness and planned use of nuclear missles and maybe offer some future hope of offensive force reductions.

One thing is clear. As a research program SDI is consistent with the ABM treaty. There is no plan to deploy nuclear weapons in space and any future deployment of non-nuclear weapons in space would be as defensive systems only. Makes sense to me -- because it would prevent the use of offensive weapons transitting space and spoiling my Sunday afternoon Bar-B-Q.

So what we really have is a prompt and reliable attack warning and control over weapons release. SDI will provide for continuous tracking of foreign threat objects from their deployment throughout trajectory.

It would offer a method of intercept and destruction of these foreign vehicles in the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

SDI is one of the most important and challenging programs ever embarked upon. It does offer hope for a future -- yours and mine. So, if you care for yours, you'll possibly re-think your convictions. I care for mine and I have!

G.M.K.

## All About Our Trivia

### .... The Readers Strike Back

Some sharp-eyed readers have finally caught up with us. We weren't certain of the dates for the recent picture of the Comet, so after deep editorial discussion, we did a SWAG (sophisticated, wild - guess) and picked the wrong year. As John Wood and the Green McQueen pointed out, the Comet

in the photo has square port holes which dates it as premodification, or 1953 era. After mods, the Comet sported round portholes as part of the fuselage strengthening work. Keep up the fair work, guys, and keep us honest.

Editor.

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## Law Talk

### Equality Rights

EQUALITY RIGHTS  
The third in four articles on equality rights under the Charter.

When the Queen proclaimed Canada's new Constitution on April 17, 1982, most sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms came into effect immediately. Important rights - such as the right to a fair trial and the right to freedom of speech - were henceforth guaranteed.

But other important rights were delayed for a period of three years. These rights - the right to be considered equal before and under the law without discrimination - came into effect on April 17, 1985. Even then, however, they can be prevented from coming into effect in certain cases.

Why the delay? And why would a government stand in the way of such rights coming into effect in the future?

According to Peter Hogg, law professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Ontario, the purpose of the three-year delay was to give the federal and provincial governments a chance to bring existing laws into line with the equality rights portion of the Charter. This reflects the fact, he writes, that this section "has the potential to be the most intrusive provision of the Charter ..."

Likewise, Marc Gold, also an Osgoode Hall Law School professor, says, "Of all the provisions in our new Charter of Rights, those concerned directly with equality are some of the most problematic and controversial."

As we near the deadline, how are the various governments across Canada doing in bringing their laws into line? University of B.C. law professor Robin Elliot says, "Some governments - notably the federal government - have been working very hard on this. Others don't seem to be at all. They're leaving themselves open to challenges."

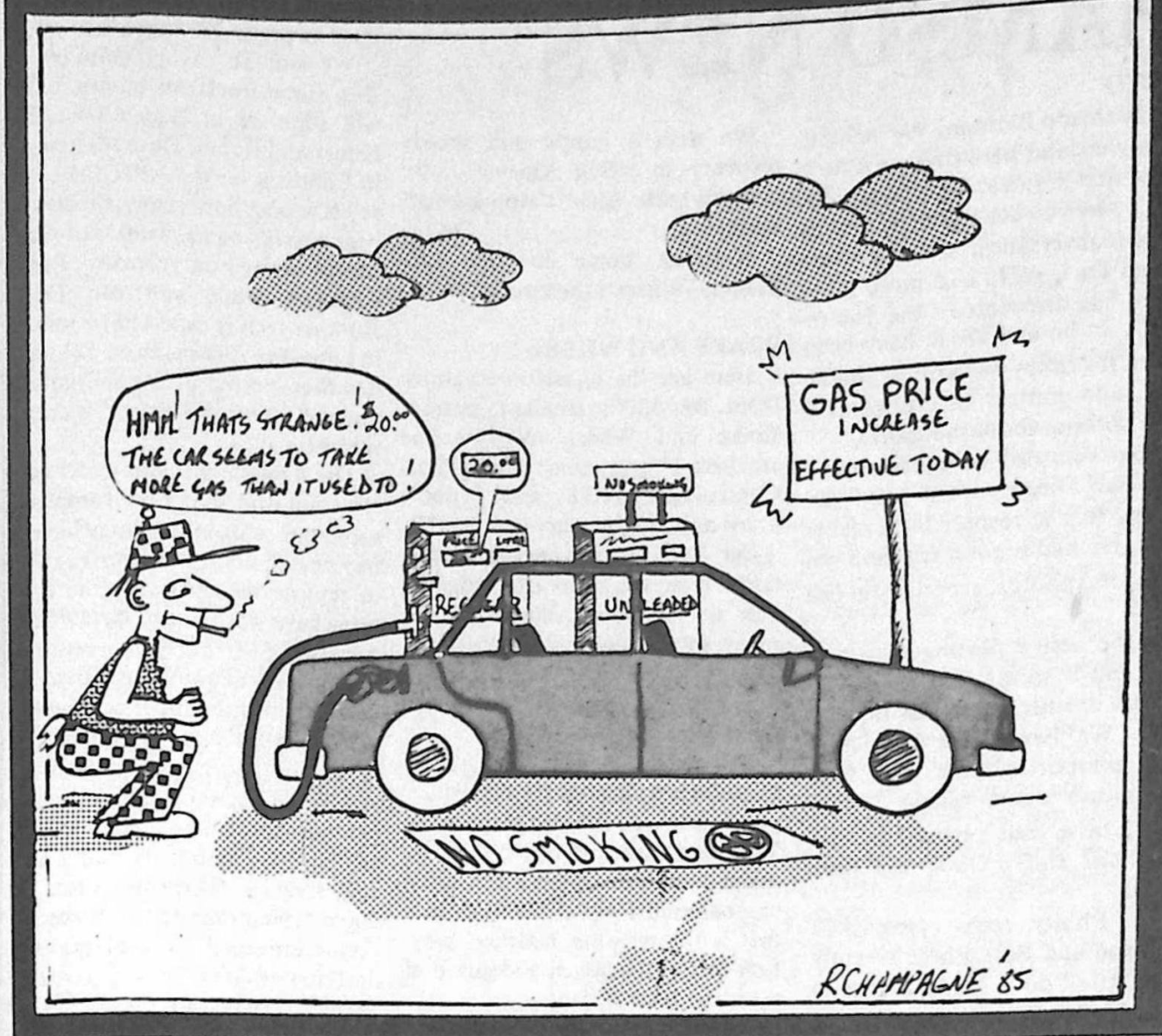
(If a law is challenged in court as contrary to the Charter, a judge may strike it down.)

What Professor Elliot fears is that some governments, facing the risk of having their laws struck down by the courts, may invoke another provision of the Charter which allows a government to pass laws which are contrary to the Charter. This is commonly called the *notwithstanding* provision or, in lawyer's Latin, *non-obstante*.

A government may override portions of the Charter, including the equality rights provisions, by including a special clause in a law which says that the law operates notwithstanding the Charter. In other words, the federal or a provincial government will be able to prevent portions of the Charter from having effect on laws which contain the notwithstanding clause.

The notwithstanding clause was the result of a compromise during the long and sometimes bitter constitution debate between those who favored guaranteeing equality rights by means of a Constitution interpreted by the courts and those who thought rights were better protected by elected representatives. The provincial Premiers, in particular, opposed giving judges the final say in all cases involving rights. As one legal commentator said, our fundamental liberties "are simply too important to be left, ultimately, to our judges."

It was only when the federal government agreed to the notwithstanding clause that the provincial governments (Quebec excepted) dropped their opposition to the Charter, clearing the way for the adoption of the new Constitution.



## Curiouser & Curiouser

Courtesy Mainstream Canada

Some days, to read the newspaper is to wonder whether you've stepped through the looking glass and found yourself, like Alice, in a world of confusion and unreality..

Item: Some school board workers in Toronto say they were offered too much in contract talks. The five workers want less than the 4-1/2 percent raise the board proposed. A 55-cent-an-hour increase is sufficient, they say, rather than the 76 cents offered.

Curious.

Item: In a national referendum in Switzerland, that industrious nation's citizens reject a proposal for an extra week's vacation for workers older than 40. Voters in 14 of the country's 24 cantons (states) oppose the idea which would have increased the mandatory annual vacation to five weeks from four for those employees.

Curiouser.

Item: Alberta's unionized electricians agree to a three-year basic wage freeze in a pact which includes a clause allowing the basic wage to be cut on certain jobs. The contract also provides for renegotiations if the province's economy improves and that, if a deadlock arises on a new wage rate, the union will forfeit its right to strike and agree to binding arbitration.

Curiouser and curiouser.

There's an ever-growing trickle of stories such as these cropping up in the press in recent months, bits of evidence that suggest the world is changing.

On their way out, it would seem, are the days when jobs were plentiful enough so that workers could push for every cent and every day off they could get.

Slowly, the realization is dawning that compromise and flexibility are the keys to a new world which is emerging.

This new feeling of living within the realities of the day is reflected in other statistics, especially one which shows that Canadian workers settled for average wage increases of 3.6 per cent last year, almost 20 per cent below the annual inflation rate of 4.4 per cent.

That's also well below the 1983 average of 4.7 per cent and marks the third straight year the average has declined.

There is much to be said for the reasonableness of the people who are accepting these raises.

We will be reading more stories like this in the coming days, weeks and months as we move more fully into a time when our ability to adapt in the workplace, and do it quickly, will become an essential tool of whatever trade we practise.

But while Alice found strange and at times dangerous creatures in her trip to Wonderland, we need not fear the coming change.

## Air Force Trivia

What? Where?

Why? When?



## Trivia answer

From Last Issue

What: Canso amphibious flying boat of 121 Search and Rescue Flight, Sea Island

Where: Kodiak, Alaska

Why: SAR Operations

When: Sometime in 1956

(P.S. know the difference between a Canso and a Catalina?)

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# A.F.V.C.

## Mot du president

Je tiens à remercier tous les francophones attachés à la Base de Comox pour le support que vous avez apporté jusqu'à présent à votre Association locale.

L'histoire de l'Association prouve que vous êtes tous autant que moi attaché à votre patrimoine linguistique. C'est en effet un groupe de francophones attachés à la Base qui en 1979 fonda la première association française dans la Vallée réunie sous le nom de "Gens du Pays". Tous les francophones de la vallée s'en rappellent et s'en rappelleront longtemps. Grâce à eux aujourd'hui, nous formons un groupe dynamique et plein de bonnes idées à vendre pour l'année 85-

86. Beaucoup d'activités sont à venir: entre autre une St-Jean, la Fête du Canada, un super-spectacle et beaucoup, beaucoup plus tout au long de notre planification 85-86. Votre carte de membre vous fera économiser beaucoup cette année sur le prix des spectacles.

Je vous attends tous, membre et non-membre, à participer à notre prochaine assemblée bi-mensuel, jeudi le 23 mai à 19:30 heures, au local de l'Association. Apportez vos idées et votre dynamisme en dégustant des beignes et un café.

Votre Président,  
Serge.

## Bilan culturel

Cette année, nous aurons le plaisir de présenter un volet culturel divertissant, varié et qui saura certes plaire à tous. Les activités seront axées sur un tremplin d'être soi en C.-B.

Nous vous promettons de présenter Joëlle Rabu en octobre, dans un spectacle "à plein coeur", où des chansons inoubliables de Piaf et vedettes françaises seront interprétées. Nous tâcherons aussi de trouver le décor adéquat de cabaret.

De plus, "La Bottine Souriante", un groupe folklorique actif, dont le style artistique est comparable à celui de Barde, Eritage et Garoulou, sera ici le 5 février. David Kaetz, chansonnier

pour enfants; une troupe de théâtre à deux représentations, l'une française, l'autre anglaise avec un goût de paix (pour nos amis de Lazo); ainsi qu'un spectacle de cabaret par Lucie Tremblay, qui nous offrira un peu de country et soft rock; sont à l'horaire pour la saison.

Enfin, pour compléter notre calendrier, nous pensons vous présenter un spectacle de théâtre qui sera réalisé avec la participation de nos enfants francophones et francophiles de la vallée. Ce théâtre "participe-actif" sera organisé cette année et la représentation aura lieu après Noël.

Nous croyons que toutes ces activités offertes pour 85' et 86' accroîtra la par-

ticipation des francophones et francophiles. Il ne faut pas oublier non plus que vous pouvez devenir membre de l'association et que le papier que nous vous remettrons, soit la carte de membre, est digne de porter le nom de votre voisin! ou de vos amis.

Et enfin, deux autres éléments viennent s'ajouter à notre programmation culturelle, soit une activité pour la St-Jean Baptiste le 24 juin prochain, et enfin la possibilité de posséder des films vidéo français que les membres ou non membres pourront louer.

Notez, en terminant que nous vous offrons divers services dont celui de la

bibliothèque où vous retrouvez toute une panoplie de livres, périodiques, encyclopédie, journaux, etc. ...

Nous avons besoin de trois volontaires à qui nous donnerons une formation sur l'art de produire des spectacles donnée par l'agent provincial. Ceci aura lieu le mois prochain. Donc veuillez contacter Jean-Charles au numéro de téléphone suivant: 339-5884 ou la secrétaire de l'association: 338-6125. La carte de membre n'est pas obligatoire pour les volontaires.

Au plaisir de se rencontrer lors de nos futures activités.

Jean-Charles Lemieux  
Directeur de comité culturel

## Sport

Un merci bien special . . .

A tous les francophones de la base qui ont bien voulu se présenter au "Snow-to-Surf". C'est avec honneur que le "Fun Bunch" a su relever le défi cette année.

Leur présence est digne de mention et nous en sommes tous fiers. Souhaitons que d'autres initiatives de la part de francophones viennent réjouir nos oreilles.

Comme directeur des loisirs à l'association, n'hésitez pas à me contacter cette année si vous desirez un support lors de tel événement. Je fais le voeu pieux de faire mon possible pour vous aider.

Josée  
dir. sports-loisirs

Profitez des services que le gouvernement du Canada met à votre disposition dans la langue officielle de votre choix.

## C\*O\*N\*C\*O\*U\*R\*S

A l'occasion de l'Année Internationale de la Jeunesse, le Bureau de Commissaire aux Langues Officielles lance un concours de composition pour les jeunes Canadiens. Le thème: vivre dans un pays qui reconnaît deux langues officielles. Les deux catégories: de 15 à 18 ans et de 19 à 24 ans. La date limite est le 15 juin. Vous pouvez présenter des textes en français ou en

anglais dans n'importe quelle forme fictive. Les cinq gagnants de chacune des catégories recevront chacun(e) \$500.00 pour les droits d'auteur.

Nous vous souhaitons la meilleure des chances.

Pour de plus amples informations, contactez votre association ou la Fédération des Franco-Colombiens.

### Fete du Canada

Josée et Jean-Charles présenteront prochainement une demande de subvention pour une activité à la fête du Canada. Lors de la fête nationale, il y aura donc la participation de l'association; un kiosque sera sur place, rappelant l'existence des canadiens français en sol Colombien, et diverses informations seront disponibles à ce kiosque.

### Greetings,

I am pleased to inform the readers of the "Totem Times" the confirmation on our cultural agenda "1985-1986".

Joëlle Rabu shall perform "Piaf" and other french classics in October of this year.

February shall be warmed-up when the "Bottine Souriante" shall offer us some toe-tapping folk music.

A theater group called "Parminou" shall offer both french and english performances this fall.

We shall organize a Canada Day celebration. More information in the next issue.

Another "Souper-Spectacle" package is being planned. (Patience is a virtue.)

Yours,  
Jean-Charles

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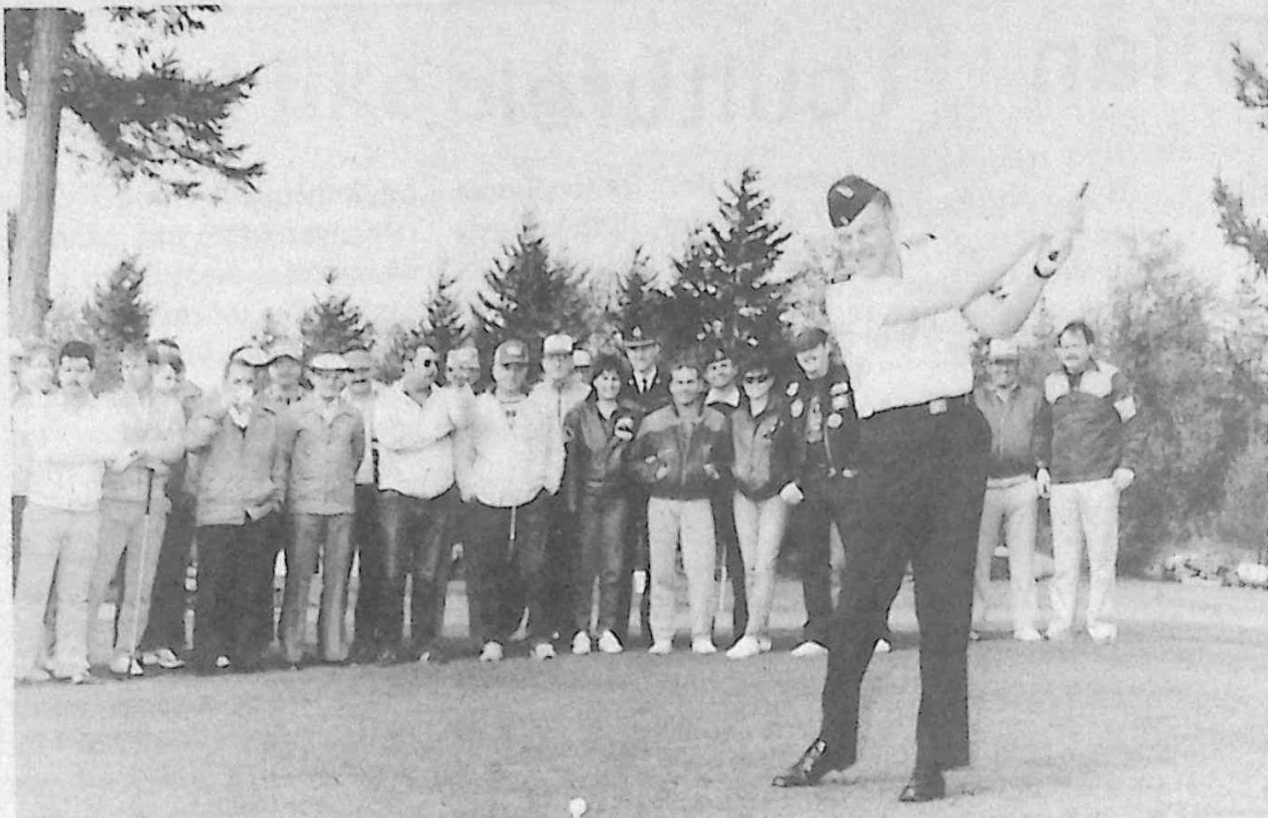
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# Sports



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## THINK



## SUMMER

## Pipe Smoke

By Gerry Gerow

How many times have you heard the expression "Limited Out"? Perhaps we can use this all-consuming passion to "Limit Out" to solve one of our problems. For years, people have been trying to find ways to get rid of dandelions. If we could get them to pass a law putting a limit on the number of dandelions you were allowed to pick, everyone would ensure he took his legal limit. Some would even try to sneak a few extra. Now if we put an open and closed season on them a number of people would take a few before opening day. Opening day itself, would be a real riot, with everyone doing his utmost to "Limit Out" by whatever means.

Once the dandelions started getting scarce, someone would invent a dandelion finder to help locate them. Then of course, we could have a law passed making it legal to pick dandelions with two hands instead of only one, to increase the possibility of "limiting out".

It's more than time we got the "sport" back into sport fishing. Times have changed. Nowadays anyone who wants one, has a boat of some sort, usually complete with motor, down rigger, fish finder, etc. Not to mention four wheel drives, all terrain vehicles, all

terrain cycles and snowmobiles. Gone are the days where access to remote fishing areas was restricted to the privileged few. Today, almost everyone has the means to fish anywhere he chooses. While it's nice to see the little guy finally getting a break, the pressure on our sports fisheries is more than they can stand.

The day is not too far away when almost all fishing will be catch and release. There are ways to postpone this inevitable day, however. We need laws outlawing barbed hooks, treble hooks, and other tackle that makes it difficult to release a fish, once caught. We need laws that allow an angler to keep one fish and release the rest. We need to greatly curtail commercial fishing by restricting new licences and by finding a way to compensate commercial fishermen for not fishing.

I like a good feed of fresh fish as much as the next guy, but if we're going to continue to enjoy this resource, then we have got to start to respect it.

At one time in Canada we had a twenty-five cent bill. It was ridiculed and frowned upon because of its low value, and was

informally nicknamed the "Shin Plaster". Due to its disfavor it was withdrawn in preference to the much more popular coin. It is interesting to note that at the time of its withdrawal the purchasing power of 25¢ was at least three times that of today's dollar. And yet the authorities hesitate to bring in a one dollar coin. In actual fact, we need not only a one dollar coin, but also a two dollar coin. A number of European countries have coins equivalent to our one and two dollar bills and while I was in Europe, I found them much more convenient than bills of the same denomination. A few years ago the French brought out a twenty franc coin which is worth almost three of our dollars and it was well received. And what about the one cent coin? Isn't it about time that it also faded into history. I mean, what good is it? Our merchants, in what I consider a feeble attempt to mislead us like to price a five hundred dollar item at \$499.99. Would it really hurt them if they had to make it \$499.95 to achieve the same effect? I doubt it. Items presently priced at, say, \$2.89 would probably go to \$2.90. So what? It wouldn't make a bit of difference to our overall income and expenses. It's time we stopped living in the past and faced up to the realities of today's world.

## Answer to MSE Safety Quiz

Loosen seat belt, relax and float as water fills car. Keep face in air bubbles at top of car. Then roll window down or open door, get out and swim to surface, is your best choice.

There will always be an air pocket or bubble at the top of the car. The shape of the roof causes it to be compressed up there. You can push yourself to the top where the air is and float there until the water fills the car and the car settles. Then the pressure inside and outside will be equal and you can easily open the window or door, climb out, swim to the surface and out.

## A Test for the Air Element

Question: Was ist ein Helikopterluftkapitan?

Answer: Ein Helikopterluftkapitan ist ein Herr ben sitzen on der richtig side in der Helikoptermaschinen und venn tings wronggoen, ben schouten "Grosser dummkopf! Vy ben uppullen mein wheelen venn ich down-puschen mein Unterwassersonden Ball shouten!" Und later in Haus ben screamen und hair-tearen und schouten at der schmall Kinder und kicken das Poochen-pup und der liddle Kitty und nicht ben speaken mitt der neighborvolken fur ein week.

Courtesy Esquimalt Lookout

## Upper Island Health Unit Notice To Public

Effective May 21, 1985 - Public Health Nurses Serving, Comox Area will be based in Upper Island Health Unit, 480 Cumberland Road, Courtenay. Child health conferences will continue at the Comox location, by appointment through Courtenay office. (334-3141)

## Upper Island Health Unit Public Notice

Effective May 27th, 1985 - The Comox Health Centre will operate from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday. On Mondays, an answering service will take telephone messages, including Telephone Device for the Desk (T.T.D.) calls.

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# Sports



## SUMMER FUN!

With Sarilyn & Brad

Summer is just around the corner! This year the Leisure Activities Services is fortunate to have with them, for our summer day camp, two friendly and eager students -- fresh out of University with new and exciting ideas which will make this year's day camp unsurpassable. The program will include arts & crafts, games, beach explorations, hikes, swimming, special events, and a variety of different activities. The day camp is open to all CFB Comox personal & DND dependants.

The two recreational leaders are: Brad Whiteford, who is in his 3rd

year of kinesiology and P.E. with experience in day camps from both the Comox and Courtenay Rec centres as well as counsellor and recreational leader for VIPSC in Courtenay; and Sarilyn Timche, who has one year left in her leisure services degree, with vast experience in the Comox and Courtenay Rec centres.

The summer day camp program promises to be fun for everyone.

Further information on times, dates of the program and registration dates will be available soon.

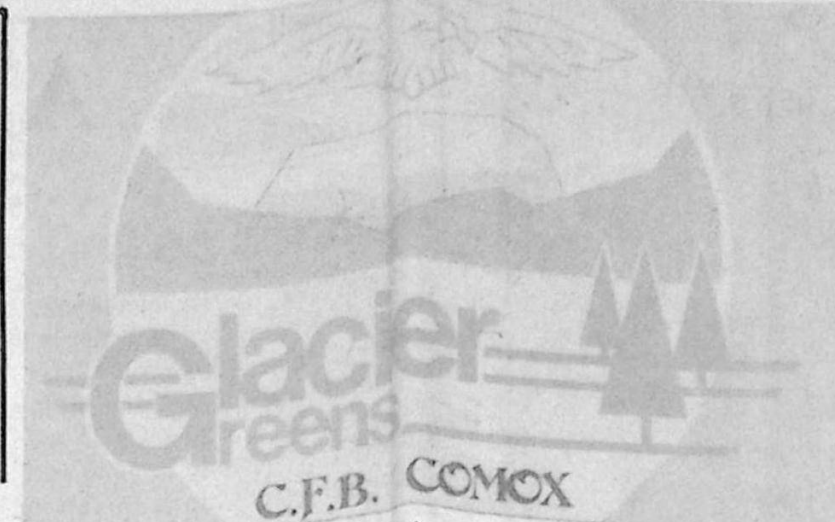
## Steelhead News

B.C. anglers who have received a steelhead harvest questionnaire from the Ministry of Environment are asked to complete and return the postpaid questionnaire promptly.

In this annual survey a random selection of steelhead licence holders are asked to supply information on where, when, and for how long they fished for steelhead, and to report their success or lack of it in each area fished. Contacted steelheaders who did not catch a fish or never went steelheading last year should return the questionnaires in any case, so that fisheries managers get a true picture of

steelhead fishing effort. The information gathered through the survey helps Ministry staff plan future steelhead management programs, including provision for additional protection or enhancement where necessary.

Returns from last year's questionnaire show an estimated 14,900 steelhead in B.C. spent approximately 173,000 days angling. About 8,600 of them were successful, catching an estimated 98,600 steelhead. Of the total, anglers kept 10,600 wild steelhead and 4,500 hatchery raised fish. They released 69,900 wild, and 13,600 hatchery steelhead.



Glacier Greens annual Early Bird Golf Tournament was held Sunday, 29 March with over 80 golfers competing.

In the men's division, Phil Nakashima took home the Comox Moving and Storage trophy with an astounding score of 62 net. Arnie Mathus won the gross with a 73, followed by Steve Bailey, while Gene Miles and Karl Parker were 1st and 2nd low net.

The Ladies division saw Marg Shaw presented with the Goods Groceries trophy by Jim Bourque for her winning round of 64 net. Pat Verchere was low gross for the day with a 93, with Kay Banks close behind at 96. Rose McCleish had a low net of 68, followed by Roberta Morris at 69.

Rob Hudson won the junior division, sponsored by Watson & Ash, the only tournament of the year in which the men, women and juniors all compete and play together. Scott Bainbridge won the low gross, and Ray Hunter, the low net.

GLACIER GREENS LADIES NEWS

The ladies of the Club have had a busy couple of weeks. May the 7th, they were the guests of the Gabriela ladies, where a fun time was had by all, they even switched the sun on

for us, that was at least some compensation for us duffers who were playing their course for the first time. The lucky winners were Pat Verchere - 1st low gross, 1st low net - Claire Rathbun, 2nd low gross - Frankie McCaffrey, 2nd low net - Millie Legg. May 9th saw some of the ladies on the road again this time to Marsh Meadows where the Grandmothers tournament was held. Our six Grandmothers put up a good showing but Claire Rathbun was the only one to win. Claire took 7th low net, congratulation Claire.

Once again the sun was shining and the course marvelous the ladies arrived home tired, but happy and looking forward to next year's tournament. Report on the Presidents Cup will be in next issue. Till then good golfing.



SUMMER



## Silk 'N Air

### CFB Comox Sport Parachute Club

Another season commenced with club members combining the best of both worlds by dropping into Forbidden Plateau for skiing, sunshine, and good vibes in Feb./March. April saw our first students trained, experiencing their thrill of a lifetime and coming back for more. All the way from Port Alberni via Cadillac. Class act, these people. With spring exams over, eight students from Royal Roads decided to clear their heads of all that intense studying by dropping out -- of the aircraft, of course. Smiles all around as they loved it and stuck around to make as many as possible before getting back to the grind. Moving on towards the senior students, the club will be saying farewell shortly to Clive Barratt whose sense of humor will be missed (say some!), as well as his short notice availability as backup jump pilot. Best of luck in Ottawa from the entire club.

A milestone was reached by one of the club's instructors - Carol Lanyon recently passed the 500 jump mark and was duly congratulated by club members in the traditional style of cream pies to the face. Rumour has it the guys

had to be fought off volunteering to lick it off.

Grant Patterson, another jumper residing in Campbell River is now jumping camera and we can expect some freefall photography competition to our resident longtime camera jumper Ron Dionne; whose photos have appeared over the years in both Canadian and U.S. magazines.

Upcoming events that will find the skydivers training hard for, is the 18th Annual Kamloops May Meet - a provincial level competition. Good representation will be had by our club as we hope to usurp the Mainland teams and show them how it's done on the Island.

Further down the road are the B.C. Summer Games in Nanaimo in August, the B.C. Provincial Parachuting Championships in Princeton, in July, and the Canadian National Parachuting Championships in Claresholm, Alberta in July/August. Al Sharpe is hoping to unveil his secret weapon at the Canadian Nationals, thereby assuring gold medal placement.

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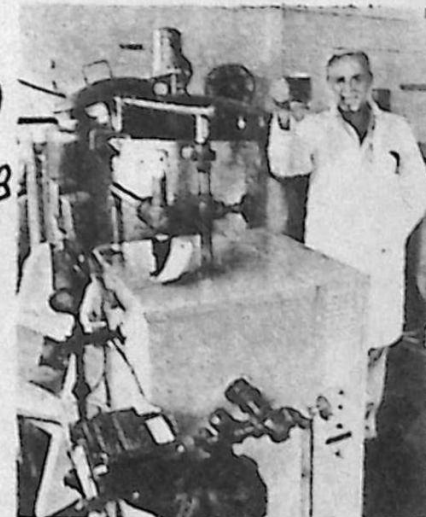


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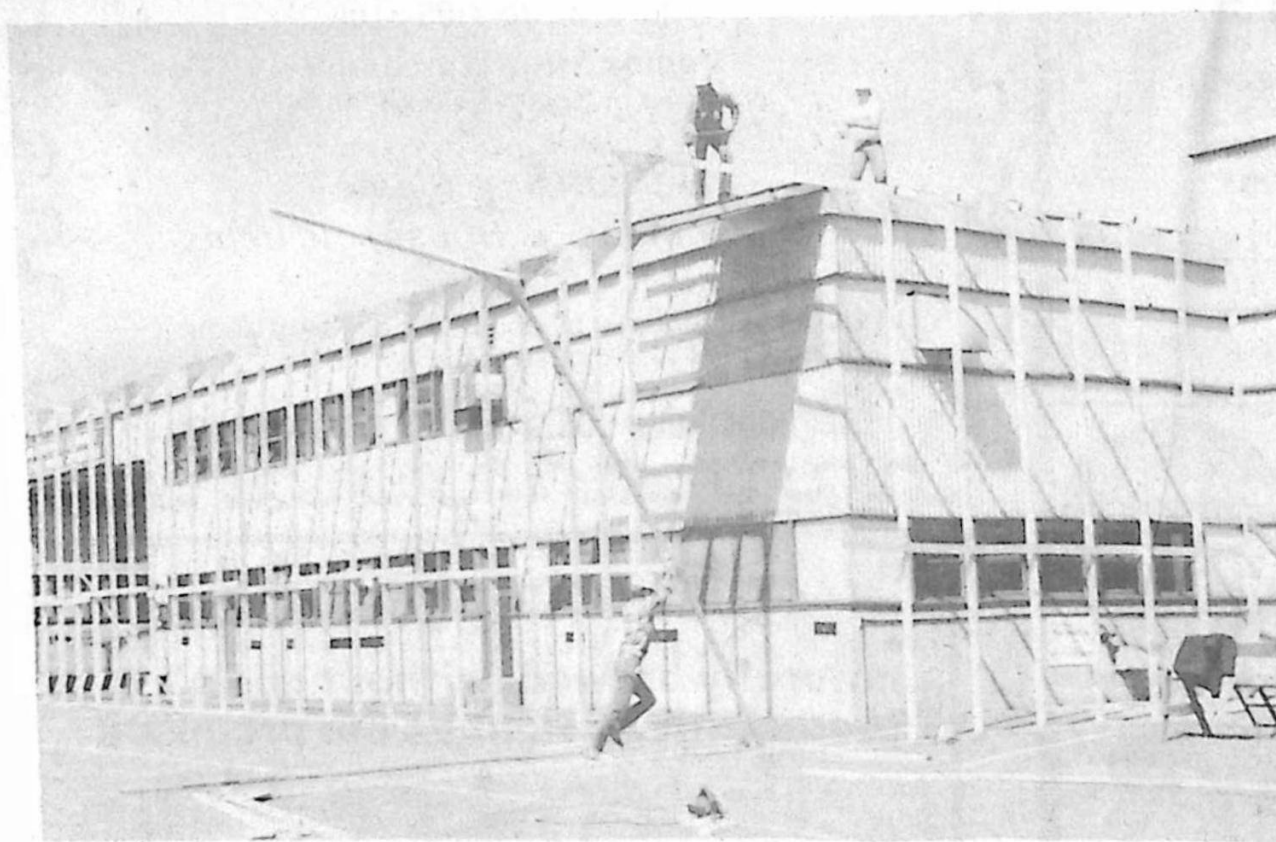
# Happenings



The above civilian employees recently received Long Service Awards for 25 years of Public Service. The awards were presented by the Base Commander, Col Kadonoff. Back row (left to right): D. Rough, P. Vogel, R. Duval, F. Cochlan, P. Svetich. Front row (left to right): J. Clark, J. McDonald, BComd, R. Clarke, L. Simmons.



Frank Kerkhoff and WO Neil Peters accept the new Laser Ceilometer Installation from Mrs. Becky Milo. Mrs. Milo was out from the Directorate of Meteorology and Oceanography at NDHQ. Two new Laser Ceilometers have been installed at CFB Comox. They are the new all singing, all dancing version to measure cloud bases and replace the old rotating bean Ceilometers.



Greenhouse effect to be used over at Transport Section . . . or is it Rose's Garden? Anyway activity proceeds at a frantic rate to get things into shape for the summer gardening season.



BTNO Olympic Torch! . . . The torch is lit and the athletes are . . . Hey, where are the athletes? The new propane installation required some adjustment last week and the burn off was required.



## A Big Year ... For Canada's "Big" Island

Islands '86 is an ambitious, creative response to the opportunities presented by Expo 86. This non-profit society is designed to bring visitors to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands in 1986 and for years beyond. It is in fact a major promotion of the Islands and their existing events and attractions. These will include Island wide events of a cultural, educational, sporting and recreational nature.

Islands '86 executive consists of a sixteen member Board of Directors, representing all areas of Vancouver Island. The president is Mayor Robert Ostler of Campbell River and the Executive Director is the enthusiastic Pat Deakin.

Islands '86 is a registered charity, the first of its kind in Canada and is primarily funded through self generated revenues, most of which are supplied by our lotteries and business canvass.

Mostly, however, Islands '86 is a commitment to the economic recovery of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. By attracting visitors here, and by encouraging them to stay longer, Islands '86 hopes to bring much-needed tourist spending to record levels. As our logo implies, we are working hard to make 1986 "A Big Year for Canada's Big Island."

### Events Update

Since its inception in November of 1983, Islands '86 has been the recipient of some 80 events proposals.

Those proposed events were examined for their potential to satisfy a number of criteria including:

- their ability to attract visitors to, or focus media on, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands;
- their ability to demonstrate the physical, economic or cultural diversity of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands;
- their likelihood of being organized and staged by 1986;
- their probability of becoming an annual event;
- financial self-sufficiency after their initial year of operation.

Nine of those proposals satisfying these criteria have since survived feasibility studies and all are now in varying stages of development.

A brief description of those events follows:

### Sporting and Recreational Events

Scheduled for June 1986, the *Vancouver Island Odyssey* is a month-long circumnavigation of the Island. Noted Canadian author Peter C. Newman will be a featured participant in a flotilla of 86 boats. The Odyssey Committee is now looking for corporate sponsorships. As well, the Committee has prepared a complete schedule for the voyage, and is working with host communities to prepare local welcoming festivities and related yachting events. Documentaries of this event are being discussed with CBC-TV and Equinox Magazine.

The *Vancouver Island World Games* will be 29 week-long sporting events taking place in communities throughout the Island. Most events will occur in the month of May, 1986, and all are designed for mature athletes (30+). If you would like more information about the events and the communities hosting them, please contact Don Shaw at 386-1986.

The *Vancouver Island Bicycle Race* is scheduled for September 8-14, 1986. Islands '86 is developing a six-day stage race from Port Hardy to Victoria, with the aim of attracting top quality riders and enthusiastic audiences. As well, bicycle tours will be arranged in each of the communities where the race stops overnight.

The *Sextathlon - A Multi Event Race* will run from Long Beach to Victoria on August 9 and 10, 1986. Its title is derived from the fact that it is comprised of six events: a half marathon, a bicycle race, a mountain run, a two-mile swim, a kayak and canoe race, and a 10 km run. This race is open to teams and individuals competitors.

### Educational Events

A *Conference of Islands of the World* has been scheduled for May 8-13, 1986 and will take place in Victoria, Nanaimo and Courtenay. Representatives from islands around the world will meet to discuss their common goals and concerns, including cultural and economic development, recurrent trends, and appropriate technologies. A series of lead-up seminars have also been scheduled for 1985 and 1986.

*Project 20/20 A.D.* will be detailed analysis of Vancouver Island's future, presented at an International Futures Conference held here in the fall of 1986. The Vancouver Island chapter of the World Future Society has unanimously agreed to make the project its first priority. They will solicit from every sector of Vancouver Island three scenarios for the future: a best case, worst case, and middle case. Their findings will be presented to futurists from around the world for their interpretation.

The *E & N Last Spike Re-enactment* is an historical event scheduled for August 13, 1986. This date marks the 100th anniversary of the driving of the last spike in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway; Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has been invited to drive the ceremonial spike, as Sir John A. MacDonald did then. Currently, the E & N Celebrations Committee is negotiating with CP Rail on the details of our centennial celebrations.

### Artistic/Cultural Events

The *First Peoples Cultural Festival* will be a month-long celebration of native Indian culture: arts, crafts, dance, festivities, food and more, taking place during August, 1986, all over Vancouver Island. The Committee is taking steps to form a native Indian tourism association.

The *International Wood Carvers Exchange* will bring world-renowned wood carvers to Vancouver Island to live, work and teach alongside local carvers in 10 communities. Each will leave behind examples of their work, and take with them examples of our local carvers' art. Many Vancouver Island communities have already expressed enthusiastic support for this event.

Several organizations and communities have been inspired by Islands '86 to develop new events, to embellish existing events, or to tie proposed events into the work being done for 1986.

These events now stand at 15 in number and are also all in varying stages of development. Some of those events will be offered in 1985 to test the preparations.

Islands '86 will also promote, with the organizers' permission, the 60-70 major events which already take place on an annual basis on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

For more information, please contact Marc Fike at 386-1986.

### Lottery Information

Last year, Islands '86 gave away an island. How can we top that? Easy. This year, we're giving away five islands.

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The main prize will be drawn on Friday, October 4, 1985.

In addition to the main prize, there are also seven Early Bird prizes of \$1,986 each, to be drawn on June 6 and 27, July 11 and 25, and August 1, 8, and 22. Winners will be notified by telephone or registered letter immediately following each draw, and all remain eligible for the main and any other draw.

Tickets are \$2 each, and a book of six tickets is \$10. Tickets go on sale May 16, 1985, at the usual outlets. Purchasers must submit their ticket stubs to Islands '86, Ste. 104 - 1208 Wharf St., Victoria, B.C., V9W 3B9. Tickets can also be obtained by writing this address, or by phoning (604) 386-1986.

Local Lottery Ticket Captain is Pat Kirk. She can be reached at 334-3810 for any ticket information you may require.

G.M.K.

## Barque Up For Grabs

Pacific Petrel, the half-finished cadet training vessel, will be sold to the highest bidder.

Major General George MacFarlane, chief of engineering and maintenance, said last week in an interview from Ottawa that Defence Minister Erik Nielsen has approved disposal of the 49-metre barque by Crown Assets Disposal Corp. and the matter has been referred to Supply and Services Minister Harvie Andre.

The ship has been under cover at HMCS Quadra, the sea cadet training base on Goose Spit near Comox, since October 1983.

A subsequent inquiry found that \$1.1 million of government money had been spent on the project and the total cost to complete the vessel would be \$5 million.

The confidential report criticized the financial operations, personnel management and accountability at the Canadian Forces' Pacific region level.

Cadet funds were rerouted to finance construction.

Building of the three-masted sailing ship began in June 1981, but about 20 months later design problems were found with masts, rigging, stern design, sea handling and interior layout, the inquiry report said.

At a subsequent court martial, regional cadet officer Maj David letson, now retired, was cleared of fraud charges in connection with construction of the vessel.

MacFarlane said the Defence Department had received two bids

on the Pacific Petrel, one from a group of Vancouver businessmen.

The other proposal came from the Canadian Tall Ships Association, a group of six Comox-Courtenay businessmen and professionals headed by Douglas Ante.

"Neither of them (the two groups) could come up with the money," said MacFarlane, who would not say how much was offered.

"The Vancouver group wanted to hand it (the vessel) over to a profit organization but couldn't meet one of stipulations that the Petrel finished for the use of the such as cadet training."



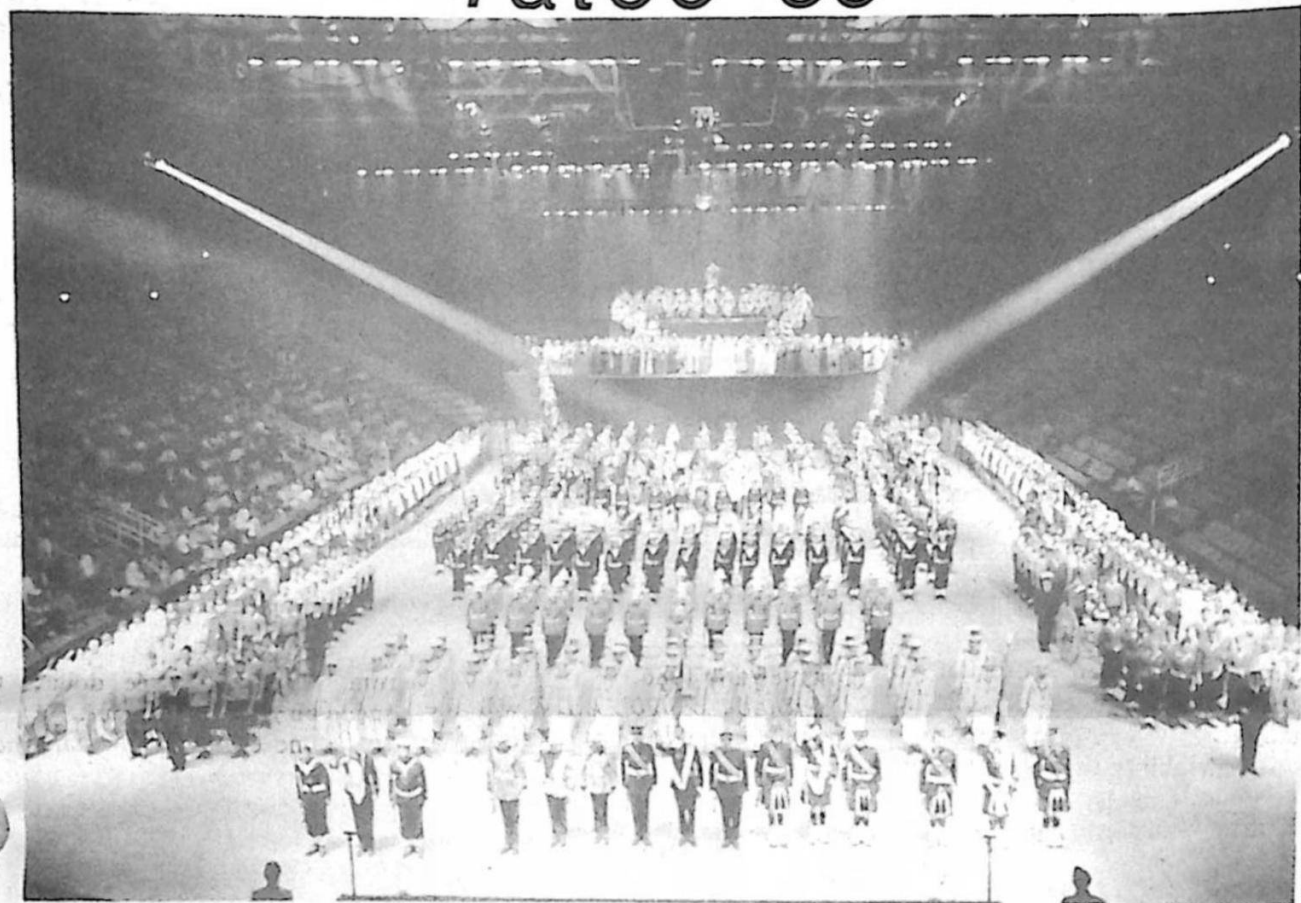
# Canadian Forces Update



**The Right Stuff** -- Royal Air Force aircrew stroll to their Tornado fighter-bombers at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake prior to air combat manoeuvres during Exercise Maple Flag XV with their American and Canadian allies. The daredevil British pilots fly their Tornados 30 meters above treetops at 900 kmph on bombing missions. The British are making their first tour of Canada with the Tornado, an aircraft built in cooperation by the British, Italians and West Germans.

Canadian Forces Photo by Sgt Dennis Mah

## Tattoo '85



An evening of spectacular entertainment at the Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 concludes with the moving Tattoo Finale in which the entire cast assumes formation on one command. Pictured above is the finale scene from the Nova Scotia Tattoo, an annual event co-produced by Maritime Command and the Province. The Canadian Forces Tattoo is an all new production being staged by Maritime Command for the 75th Anniversary of Canada's Navy.

The Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 is an entertainment spectacular which has evolved from military traditions dating back to the 17th century.

The origins of the Tattoo are found in 17th century Holland during a period when English troops were billeted with the local townspeople. It was the custom each evening to recall the troops from the local inns by marching a drummer through the streets to tell the innkeepers to turn off the beer taps. In Flemish, the command was "doe den tap toe". This phrase was shortened by the soldiers to "tap toe", which in time became Anglicized as 'tattoo'.

The custom was carried back to England and the 'tattoo' custom began a process of evolution. The first change saw pipers and other musicians being added to the drummers as the tattoo became a daily routine. The quality of the tattoo became a matter of pride and an avenue for inter-regimental competition. This competitiveness led to the first military tattoos in which bands from various regiments and services performed in a large outdoor show.

As the tattoo evolved, various elements were added; military drill displays, musical rides, simulated battle scenes and historical pageants lent colour and excitement.

In England in the 1930's, the tattoo came of age as a form of high quality entertainment. At this time, lighting was introduced with the use of searchlights. These tattoos were grand events with some productions fielding thousands of troops.

After World War II, tattoos returned to Great Britain on a regular basis but on a considerably reduced scale. These productions include the Edinburgh Tattoo, the Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo, the Wembley Military Pageant and the

Royal Tournament. United Kingdom Tattoos are characterized by the 'prepackaged' performances of marching bands from the British Army, the Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force. These productions are presented at night on a castle esplanade, in a courtyard, in front of a basic facade representing a fort or castle or simply of doors on a large field.

The tattoo has also been a tradition in many other European countries. The Delft and Arnhem Tap Toes have been produced on an irregular basis in the town squares since the 1950s. The principal performers in these productions are military bands from the various NATO member nations serving in Europe. Similar productions have also been produced in Germany, France and Italy.

In Canada, the tattoo has evolved beyond the patterns set by the European tattoos. In the late fifties, the Canadians began to experiment with new production techniques. Tattoos were presented in ice hockey arenas as well as traditional outdoor settings. Elements from the various European productions were combined to produce a uniquely Canadian production. The most radical change was the introduction of theatrical elements such as lighting, costumes and proscenium stages.

Col. Fraser has applied his 'Canadian Concept' to the production of the Nova Scotia Tattoo, an annual event in Nova Scotia since 1979. After six years of success, the Nova Scotia Tattoo has become recognized as the best indoor tattoo in the world. The secret of this success has been careful planning and the presentation of a highly creative show in a military context. By introducing a number of civilian

items such as choirs, gymnasts and dancers, the Nova Scotia Tattoo has brought about the evolution of the Tattoo concept from a purely military display to a celebration of cultural, as well as military heritage. The Nova Scotia Tattoo is a joint production of the Province of Nova Scotia and Maritime Command.

The Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 is being produced by Col. Fraser's company, Targe Production Limited, under contract with Maritime Command. The show will employ the 'Canadian Concept' to produce the most remarkable entertainment event since the national tour in 1967. As a result of the tour, the Navy's 75th Anniversary will be a coast-to-coast event not soon forgotten.

### The '85 Tour Schedule

The Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 is an event completely separate from Maritime Command's (MARCOM) participation in the Nova Scotia Tattoo. MARCOM has been co-producing the Nova Scotia Tattoo with the Province for the past six years. MARCOM is undertaking the staging of the Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 tour as its contribution to the Navy's 75th Anniversary celebrations. The Tattoo will perform in the major arenas of Saint John (July 5-7), Moncton (July 10-12), Quebec (July 16-18), Ottawa (July 21-23), Montreal (July 25-27), Toronto (August 1-5), Winnipeg (August 9-11), Edmonton (August 15-17), Calgary (August 20-23), Vancouver (August 26-30), and Victoria (September 3-6).

The Canadian Forces Tattoo 1985 is the largest show to go on tour since the Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo which performed to over two million in 49 communities in 1967.

## Still Bearing The Scars Of War

### Canadians In Vietnam

They are the Canadian veterans of Vietnam—the uncounted thousands who for reasons as varied as their numbers chose to fight in a war their country wanted no part of.

A decade after the war's end, American veterans are only just coming to terms with their country's bitter division over its role in the conflict. Reconciliation is that much more difficult for the Canadians who laid down their lives for a cause no one asked them to believe in.

Even their exact number is uncertain. Estimates range from 40,000 suggested by some veterans to fewer than 2,000 calculated by the federal department of veterans' affairs. Even the U.S. government is unable to offer a firm figure but suggests roughly 6,000 Canadians served in the U.S. forces, while others joined the Australians.

Douglas Clark, a reporter and author in Fergus, Ontario, who is writing a book on Canadians in Vietnam, estimates about 20,000 Canadians took part.

One of the few figures is that there were 56 Canadian casualties — 54 dead and two missing in action.

Among those killed was Richard Dextra, son of Gen Jacques Dextra, former Canadian chief of defence staff. Dextra enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1967 after having his father arrange the necessary visa and died two years later, at 21, when his patrol was ambushed near the North Vietnamese border.

"I asked him why he wouldn't join the Canadian Forces and he said we weren't at war anywhere," his father recalls. "He kept saying the Americans were our friends and we had to do our bit to help them. He honestly believed that."

For others, the decision to fight had less to do with ideology than with personal circumstance. Some were living in the United States and were either drafted or enlisted. Others like Dextra, deliberately headed south to sign up.

"I was a 17-year-old kid that had no respect or any pride with himself," says Shane Pollock, now 34 and a mechanic for Parks Canada in Waskesiu Lake, Sask.

"I wanted to become something. I thought maybe if I went overseas, I'd come back something other than a snotty-nosed kid."

Raised in Saskatchewan, he had moved to Washington state with his father after his parents split up. By his teens, he had been in trouble with the law and his father gave

him a choice — a foster home or the army. He could have returned to Canada but turned to the U.S. Marines, knowing that he would end up in Vietnam.

He spent a year in the jungle, witnessed the My Lai massacre and "I came back as a man. I went in there to prove to myself that I could be something and so something, and I did that."

The war was also a coming-of-age ceremony for Angus Canadian and Marvin Zacharie, from the Caughnawaga reserve south of Montreal. To them, the war offered travel, adventure and a chance to carry on the warrior tradition of their Mohawk ancestors.

The experience left different marks on them both. Canadian is 45 separated from his wife unemployed and fighting alcoholism and the profound depression common to many Vietnam veterans.

Haltingly, he describes himself as "very, very unhappy. No self-esteem, if you know what I mean... suicidal tendencies."

"I did a lot of nasty things and I saw a lot of nasty stuff and I couldn't tell anybody," Canadian says. "I tried to tell my wife but she didn't want to hear it. It's all bottled up."

Zacharie, on the other hand, is 43, runs his own heating oil business and says the war fulfilled a promise of adventure and personal honor.

"With me, it was the glory," Zacharie says. "A long time ago (my ancestors) considered themselves warriors and I still consider myself that. I went to see if I could withstand the stress. And I did — I did fantastic."

Still, Zacharie carries scars from the experience—he is deaf in one ear, was wounded twice by shrapnel and was stabbed in the back with a bayonet. And he, too, fights frequent bouts of depression.

Nightmares and depression were common among the returning veterans and there were other curious side-effects of adjusting to life far from the hostile jungles where they fought.

"I was in the washroom at the Eaton Centre and when I opened the door to leave, there was a small Oriental man standing there," recalls Don Carson. "I decked him, knocked him flat. I realized immediately what I had done and tried to console him. He didn't want anything to do with me and kept screaming for help so I split. I've never been back."

Carson, now a constable with the Ontario Provincial Police detach-

ment in Chapleau, served two years with the U.S. 82nd Airborne. For him, the post-war turning point came when a friend from basic training committed suicide. He snapped out of his depression and has painfully adjusted with the help of his wife.

Author Clark notes that the plight of returning Canadian veterans who suffer depression, survivor-guilt and flashbacks can be more acute than for their American comrades-in-arms. They have no congressmen to write to, Canadian veterans' services are not geared to their needs and bureaucrats on both sides of the border can complicate claims for benefits.

In fact, Vietnam veterans are covered by an agreement signed by Canada and the United States at the end of the Second World War in which each agreed to look after the other's veterans. As well, veterans living in Canada are entitled to all U.S. benefits except housing assistance and vehicle conversions for paraplegics.

And the alienation felt by American veterans returning home from an unpopular, failed war also applied to the Canadians. But here, disapproval and hostility was compounded by public disbelief because they didn't have to fight.

Shane Pollock has never stopped believing that serving was the honorable thing to do. "As far as I'm concerned, I was over there to help the southern part of Vietnam establish a government and stand on its own feet. I've lived by that for 15 years. That's all I care to know."

But Arthur Diabo, 35, a Mohawk who has become unofficial leader of Vietnam vets in Quebec, isn't so sure.

He enlisted while he was living in New York City because he was bored and his best friend had been drafted.

"We went there believing we were going to save them from communism," Diabo says. "When we got there, we weren't welcomed. I don't think anything changed because we were there, other than that we ruined their country."

Without recognition, honor or glory, many veterans prefer to remember the camaraderie.

"I'd go back tomorrow," says Diabo. "Even as bad as the situation was there, we were treated a lot better than they treat us here."

Public hostility of indifference "makes us feel we should be back there again," agrees veteran Yvon Roy, 41, now a Montreal lawyer. "And I'm not the only one. Every Vietnam vet I know would like to go back."

—Courtesy Canadian Press

## CME Colonel Extended

**Victoria** -- The Chief of the Defence Staff, General Gerard C.E. Theriault has announced a 20-month extension of the appointment of Colonel Malcolm Sutherland-Brown, DSO, CD of Victoria as Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Military Engineers. Col Sutherland-Brown has held the appointment since 1982.

Col Sutherland-Brown began his military career in 1933 when he served in the 58 Field Battery, RCA, as a Gunner and Lance Sergeant. He attended Royal Military College during 1934-38 and following graduation was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Immediately prior to his retirement in 1968, he served with the Canada/U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence first as Canadian Chairman of the Mapping, Charting and Air Photography plan of North America and later as the Assistant Canadian Military Member.

He is currently a consultant and referee on the Advanced Light Rapid Transit Project in Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster, B.C.

## Sarex '85

**SAREX 85** -- The twelfth annual Canadian/American military Search and Rescue (SAR) competition, hosted by 440 Transport and Rescue Squadron, Edmonton, will be held from May 18-23 at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, Lancaster Park. The event involves the participation of Canadian and American Search and Rescue units in six days of intensive SAR competition.

The units which will be participating include:

### Canadian Forces

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- 435 Transport Sqn, CFB Edmonton;
- Survival Training School, CFB Edmonton;
- 424 Transport and Rescue Sqn, CFB Trenton, Ont.;
- 413 Transport & Rescue Sqn, CFB Summerside, PEI; and
- 103 Rescue Unit, CFB Gander, Nfld.

### United States Air Force

- 1550 Technical Training School, Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico;
- 55 Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron (ARRS), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida;
- 67 ARRS Royal Air Force, Woodbridge, United Kingdom;
- 71 ARRS Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska;
- Air National Guard: 129 ARRS Moffett Field, California; and
- Air Force Reserve: 301 ARRS Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

The major event will involve approximately 200 personnel including rescue specialists, flight crews, maintenance personnel and competition officials.

Each of the teams will compete in three concurrent sub-events. These include the individual parachuting competition, which is based solely on the total distance away from a target after four jumps; the search and rescue phase, which simulates actual SAR missions; and the medical phase, which is a demanding test of rescue specialists, skills in first aid.

The entire exercise will be held at CFB Edmonton, Lancaster Park and the general public is welcome to attend. The competitions are held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. commencing May 18.







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Faces created the make-up for the models and Cream of the Crop the hair styles.

A special treat during the even was a demonstration of aerobic dancing led by Barb Buchanan and Tanya Kidlark.

There are many to thank for making the evening such a success but we would especially like to express our gratitude to Gay Gray our Commentator; Peter Apostolakos for providing the music; Tom and Barb McNee from Comox Florists for providing the corsages and boutonniers presented to the models; Kim Lamillon, photographer; the managers and staff of Roxannes; Pant-a-mine; Comox Mens' Wear, Faces and Cream of the Crop for their time, cooperation and generosity and of course our members who helped out setting up, cleaning up, providing refreshments etc. A good time was had by all!



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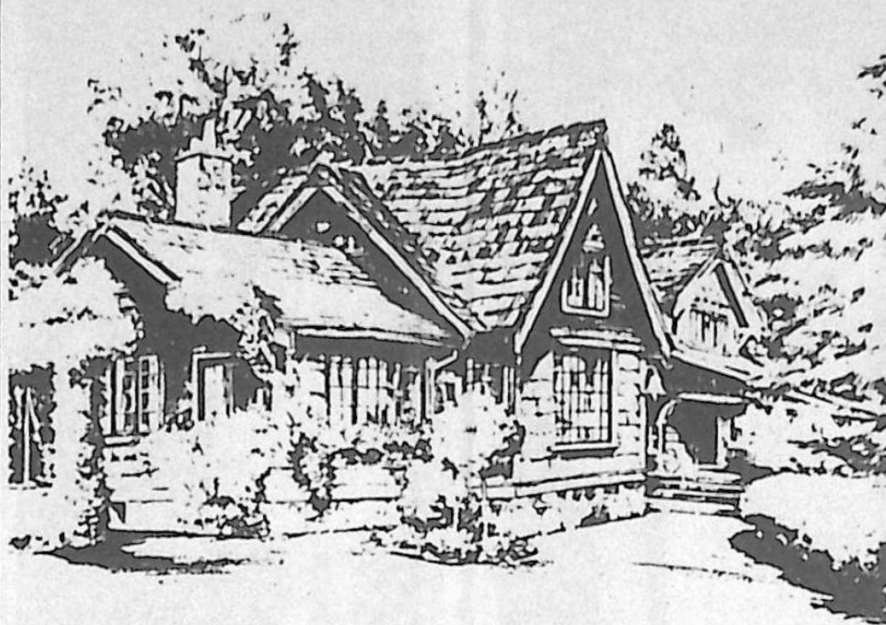
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All members of The Regiment and members of The RCR Association have been requested to donate items of military memorabilia in support of this endeavour.

It is anticipated that a large variety of military kit and accoutrements will be available for both auction and sale.

More information may be obtained from one of the following:

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## Across my kitchen table

— by Rosemary Gibson



Why do most of us tend to leave things until the last moment, when the pressure of that moment forces us to accomplish what we have been putting off? Perhaps because most of us work better under pressure of time. I know I do. I am a procrastinator.

I know that this column is due every two weeks, and yet every second Monday morning finds me frantically scrambling for material. And each time, after I deliver my effort to the Totem Times office, I vow to prepare my next column early. But suddenly it's two weeks later, and here I go again!

I've known for months about my family reunion to take place Victoria Day weekend, but here I am in the last week surrounded by urgent lists of things as yet undone, things to gather up, and things to cook. My husband just shakes his head at me, and then quietly comes to my aid. It is amazing how much -- with his very capable assistance -- can be accomplished under pressure. Tasks which have been on our "to do" list at the lake have almost miraculously been completed and crossed off. There is nothing like expected company to get the place spruced up!

Here's a new favourite of ours. They're nice and crunchy.

### CRACKER JACK COOKIES

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 cups rice krispies

#### Method:

Cream together margarine and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Mix together flour, baking powder, baking soda, oatmeal and coconut. Mix into creamed mixture. Stir in rice krispies. Drop by spoonful on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350° F. for 10-12 minutes. Makes about 5-6 dozen cookies. This recipe halves well.

My cousin in Ladysmith passed this poem along to me. We are both grandmothers and we think it's priceless.

### GRANDMOTHERS

A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with little boys, and they talk about fishing and trucks and like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have lots of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They should never say 'Hurry up.'

Usually, they are fat but not too fat to tie a kid's shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards except with us. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why cats hate dogs and how come God isn't married. They don't talk baby talk like visitors do because it is so hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip words or mind if it is the same story again.

Everybody should try to have one grandmother, especially if you haven't got a television, because grandmas are the only grown-up who have got time.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

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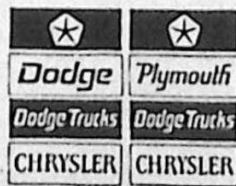
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# Around & About

## 888 Wing

As we near the end of our social- and membership-year, let's look at some of the forthcoming events. First, there is the *Ladies' Auxiliary Garage Sale* this weekend, May 18th, at the mini-warehouse at the corner of Pritchard and Knight. Donations have been reasonable so far, but more is needed. Have a look in those dark and dusty corners for hidden treasures. Remember, the ladies recently made a donation towards Air Cadet fees, so please support them next Saturday.

On Thursday, June 13th, our own 386 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets holds their annual Inspection and Awards presentations. It was agreed this year that the annual banquet was too expensive, so the Awards will be made in the Base Theatre following the parade. No word on the Inspecting Officer yet, but there is a Sponsoring Committee meeting shortly and we will have details for the next edition of the *Wrapper*.

The new executive takes over on August 1st, so Joyce Hallowell is busy with plans for *Comox Day*, August 4th and 5th. Air Cadets will be the theme of the float, and many, many volunteers are needed for the booths. Also, the lottery to support the cadets is planned again, with a side of beef first prize. As soon as we get the lottery number tickets will be printed and we will be asking Members to help sell them.

Also in August the annual BBQ at Air Force Beach is planned for Saturday the 17th. We are awaiting the OK from the Base, and details will be available at the Hangar.

The fall season will get under way on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, with a short general meeting under the auspices of President John Haughton, followed by a wine and cheese get together. Don't forget to

bring a friend.

On Thursday, Sept. 5th, weekly Bingo starts at the Lions' Den in Comox. We really hope to boost the building fund through this, so plan to attend. Also, more volunteers are needed to assist.

The WingDings which were initiated a couple of years ago have proven popular, so the next one is planned for Sept. 21st at the Native Sons in Courtenay. Of course, there will be a fashion show and entertainment.

In October the Thursday bingos will continue if they are successful. On Saturday the 26th, it's time for Oktoberfest again, at the Lions' Den, food once again courtesy of

Doris Cameron.

And so on towards 1986. We hope the bingos prove out, and at least one major event per month is on the books. All we really need is good member turnout in support.

It's time to consider membership renewal. Ken Durrant explained it in the last issue of "Contrails" which, hopefully, was mailed to everyone on our current list. So be a "Pathfinder" and re-up early, and bring a friend.

Speaking of "Contrails", next deadline is May 31st, so drop your contributions off at the Hangar - ad, anecdotes, articles, etc. Or call Bob at 339-5485 and I'll try to write it up for you.

## For the Child in Everyone

What started originally as a one time event has become a popular annual one. Looked forward to by not only Comox Valley and Vancouver Island residents, but also folks of all ages from other parts of our great country, the *Doll & Toy Show, Sale and Tea* will be held Saturday, June 1st from noon until 4:30 p.m. in the Courtenay & District Museum and the Lower Native Sons Hall (the big log building opposite the post office on Cliffe Avenue). To mark the fifth year the *Dolls Birthday Party* seemed a fitting theme and besides last year the teddy bears held a picnic and the dolls did not want to be outdone. Primrose, the large Ger-

man antique doll who makes her permanent home in the museum, will be party hostess. Other museum displays will include the *Mad Hatters Tea Party* with tea being served to the public from 1:00 p.m.

The sale is downstairs in the Lower Native Sons Hall where only dolls, toys and related items will be offered, including antique, modern, collectable and handcrafted. Clothing for Cabbage Patch Kids as well as the older doll, lovely children's books, teddy bears, stuffed animals and doll stands are just a sampling of the many related articles that vendors and dealers will have for sale. Some of the sellers are coming from distant places.

There will be door prizes. Everyone is invited to attend.

The unique building where it all takes place portrays the rich Comox Valley history and is itself a museum piece. Why not make it a family event? There is something for everyone and it will be a day of enjoyment for all. Sponsors are the Courtenay & District Historical Society whose members have been preparing for months and selling raffle tickets on the 1920's wood composition and cloth doll in a wooden bed, cabbage patch kid with several outfits, collectors plates plus several other prizes. Proceeds to the Courtenay & District Museum.

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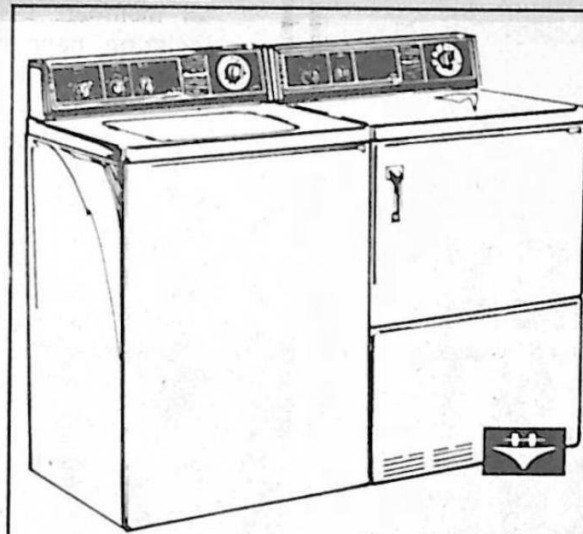
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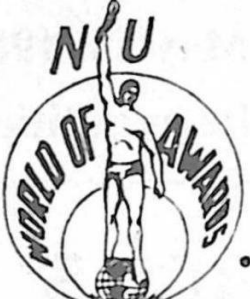
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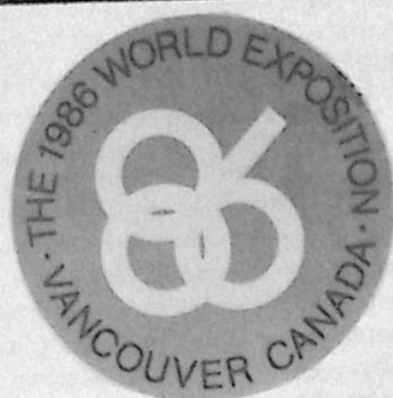
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# People & Places



## Expo Update

### The Bygone Era of Steam

Vancouver: SteamExpo, the largest-ever assembly of steam locomotives since the 1948 Chicago Rail Fair, joins the roster of EXPO 86 "once-in-a-world" Special Events. More than 25 operating steam locomotives plus vintage rail cars will gather in Vancouver, B.C., from May 23 to June 1, 1986.

This splendid celebration of the bygone era of steam enhances the 1986 World Exposition's transportation and communications theme. It also marks the centennial of the completion of the transcontinental railroad in British Columbia. As well, the May 23 opening date of STEAMEXPO commemorates the arrival of the first transcontinental passenger train in Vancouver in 1887.

"STEAMEXPO is guaranteed to make train buffs of hundreds of thousands of visitors," says Claude Richmond, Minister of Tourism/EXPO 86. "It's a thrilling addition to the Exposition's already unparalleled programming."

Initial response to STEAMEXPO has been overwhelming. All participating nations have been invited to send steam locomotives for public display and demonstration. From North America alone more

than 25 groups have now expressed strong interest. Participants will absorb their own transportation costs.

STEAMEXPO will be held at the C N railyard on Terminal Avenue, adjacent to the East Gate on the main Expo site. EXPO 86 is upgrading the display area and will contribute to participants' expenses during this Special Event.

STEAMEXPO will generate enthusiasm and excitement amongst railway aficionados around the world. Inquiries are already pouring in to EXPO INFO from all corners of the world for information on the STEAMEXPO Special Event.

STEAMEXPO is coordinated by Granville Transportation Consultants Ltd. of Vancouver.

Other Special Events at EXPO 86 include the Tall Ships, the DC-3 Airmada and the Innovative Vehicle Design Competition. All Special Events are included with the price of admission.

The 1986 World Exposition will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from May 2 to October 13, 1986. More than 40 international participants are expected.

Did you know . . . That too many meetings are held each month for no better reason than it has been a month since the last one.

## Inuvik Closing

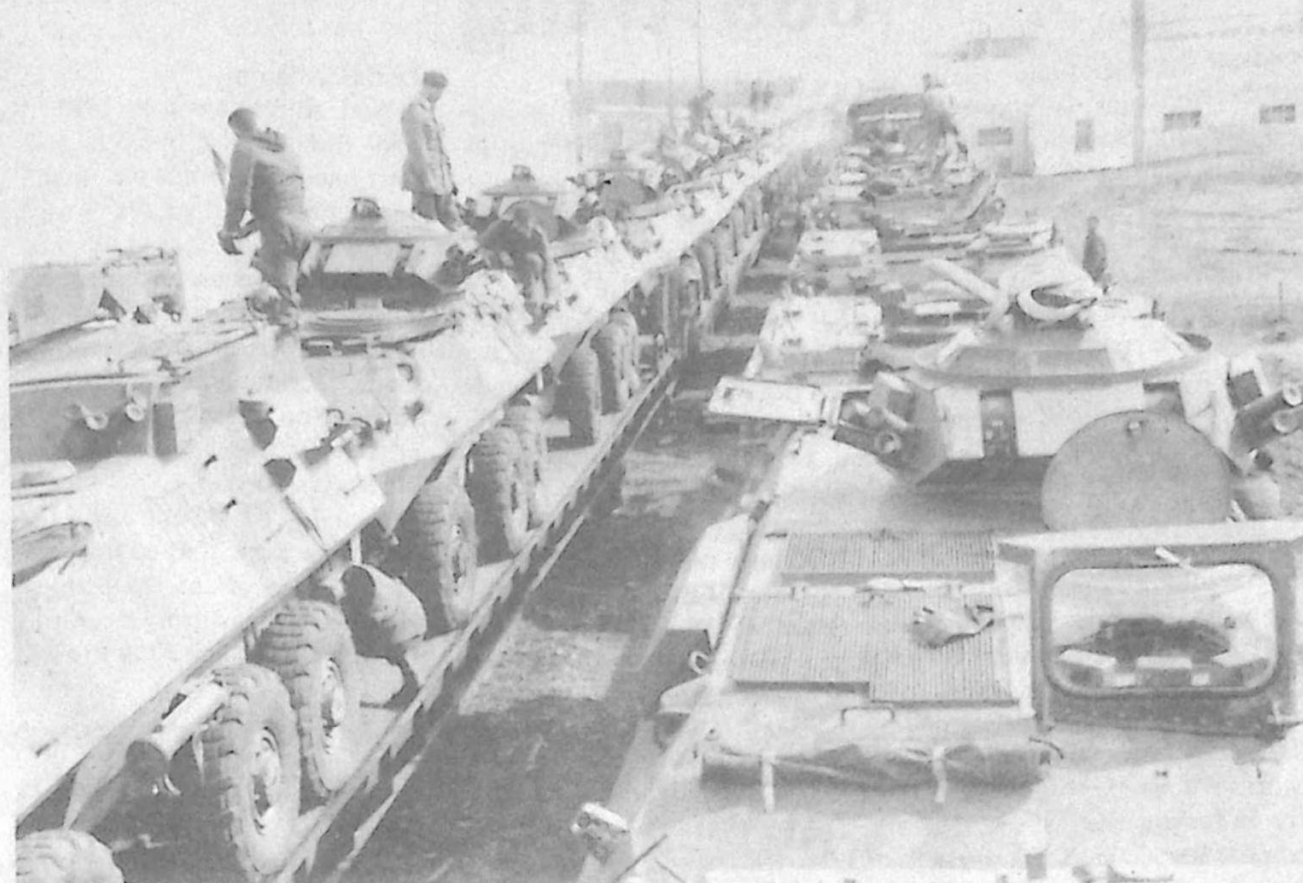
Ottawa -- The Honourable Erik Nielsen, Minister of National Defence, has announced the upcoming closure of Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Inuvik (N.W.T.). The closure will be phased in over an eighteen month period.

CFS Inuvik is part of the Canadian Forces Supplementary Radio System. The decision to close Inuvik follows a review of the total communications research program as a result of changed communications requirements. Redistribution of some Inuvik-based personnel and equipment elsewhere in the system will make that station redundant to Departmental needs. The remainder of the personnel will now be assigned to other important tasks throughout the Forces.

CFS Inuvik employs some 260 military personnel and 16 civilians. A reduction of about 70 military personnel is planned for the summer of 1985 with the remainder leaving the following year. Civilian layoffs are not likely to occur until mid-1986.

An interdepartmental task force will make every effort to relocate civilian employees and to ease the socio-economic impact in the area. Government programs and services such as Relocation and Mobility Assistance, the Industrial Adjustment Service and others provided by Employment and Immigration Canada will be utilized. The task force will consult with elected federal, Territorial and local representatives and union officials.

## RV 85 ....Mobile Command Extravaganza



Wainwright, Alberta -- Over 13,000 servicemen and women will spend the next two months in Alberta for Rendezvous 85 (RV 85). Belonging to military units from across Canada they are now concentrated in Wainwright, Suffield, and Dundurn for the largest in this series of bi-annual military exercises.

Lieutenant-General Charles Belzile, Commander of Mobile Command, Canada's army component, noted that, "Participants have been brought together to ensure that the state of training of our units is such that they can fulfill all their assigned roles and the expectations of our country."

RV 85 will be highlighted in mid-June with a full battle group live-firing exercise. A 25 km assault course will be established using fixed targets. In rotation each in-

fantry battalion will advance supported by the various affiliated units of artillery, armour, engineers, as well as helicopter and fighter aircraft.

For the first time the Canadian Light Field Hospital has been deployed under canvas. Medics in this completely portable facility can provide care for up to 50 surgical patients per day. Its main function is to render first care, stabilize injured personnel, and move them to more permanent facilities.

Rendezvous 85 also provides the opportunity to integrate Reservists with the Regular Force. Over 870 of them are working in this exercise at all levels providing many vital services. Two-hundred and twenty women are also participating in a variety of jobs from financial and supply clerks to maintenance operators and signals staff officers.

An important facet of this exercise is to train and practice the various staffs and supporting service formations in moving, maintaining and refurbishing large groups of people in such demanding environments. Almost two and a half million meals will be consumed by the end of the exercise. The "cupboard" includes 1,200,000 eggs, 540,000 litres of milk, and approx. 9,000 kg of peanut butter. The consumption of fuel is in the order of 4.5 million litres of diesel fuel and 3.5 million litres of gasoline. Just to move to the exercise more than 900 railway cars and over one-hundred and sixty flights were used. This is in addition to nearby units which motored to the exercise area.

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