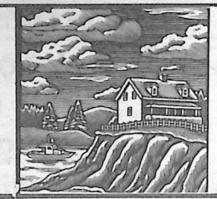
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19 Wing CFB Comox B.C.

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Comox gets first of updated T-33s



Capt Barry Watkin of 414 Sqn poses in front of the avionics-enhanced T-33. The long-time T-Bird pilot was the first man on squadron to fly the "new" aircraft.

by Capt David Krayden, PAffO

It's being called the new T-33 by some. From a distance, with its fresh hull grey paint job, it certainly looks newer. It just doesn't look any differently.

As far as the T-33 is concerned, it has no competition for its status of being the oldest aircraft in Canada's Air Force. The 12 which fly from 19 Wing Comox were all built between 1952-54. That means that 414 Combat Support Squadron doesn't have a single aircraft under 40 years old. Few of the squadron's pilots have ages that exceed that of their jets - one is the CO. So how can we speak of a new T-33?

Well, what the squadron now

possesses - and it is the first in Canada - is the avionics updated T-33 which will enable the aircraft to remain active in joint and combined operations until well into the next century.

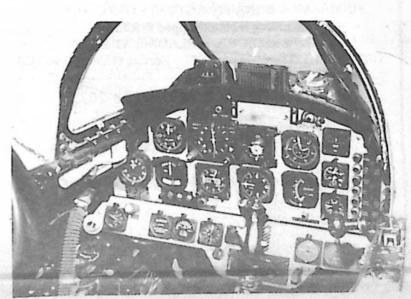
The CO's pride in the new aircraft is evident as he describes the vast number of changes that have occurred. He climbs into the cockpit of a regular T-Bird to outline the current configuration of the instrument panel; the various gauges are of differing size and shape and placed around the front panel with no particular attention to pattern. LCol Al Hunter then directs your attention to the interior of the updated aircraft: it is as if order has been retrieved from chaos. "The exterior is essentially the same but inside this is a new aircraft," he says.

So far, the only pilot on the squadron to fly the aircraft is Capt Barry Watkin, who works within the squadron's standards and training section when he isn't in the air. "I'm happy with the communications. The changes will make this a better aircraft that will allow us to do more with it."

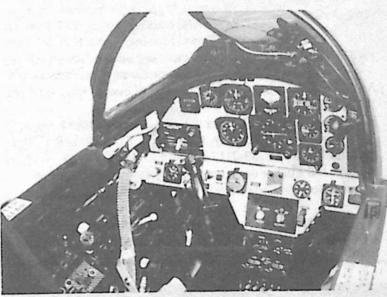
Specifically, the avionics update has reduced the size of the instrument gauges in the cockpit and reconfigures their placement to reflect the traditional "T pattern" of instrument panels, with the more significant indicators, like altimeter and airspeed indicator, centrally located in the letter T formation. The aircraft also has VHF communications capability which will enable the pilots to land safely at more airfields around the world.

The Instrument Landing System (ILS) gives the plane an improved navigational capability. New strobe lights on the side ensure night visibility for the T-33. The same rationalization has also been applied to the interior instruments in the front of the aircraft. Whereas, the position of the various boxes and wires appears somewhat haphazard in the current T-33s, the updated version reflects a desire for neatness and space conservation. Jokes Capt Watkin, "We'll have more room for the luggage in the nose now."

Strategically, the update has broad implications for the squadron and fighter combat support in general. The T-33 has proven to be a popular plane at major U.S. Air Force and Navy exercises. The reason: it can effectively replicate the shape and movement of an exocet missile and it can do so at one-tenth of the cost of a Learjet, the usual choice for such aerial simulation. The aircraft is also called upon to test the defence



Before....



and after!

systems of the Canadian Navy and Canadian CF-18s. The diversity of roles available for the T-33 and its interaction with the various services of both Canada and the U.S. make it a symbol for a major theme of Canadian defence policy: the emphasis on joint and combined operations.

Few would have guessed in the late 1950s that the T-33 would still be operating in the late 1990s, let alone that it would be one of only two fighter aircraft in the

Canadian Forces. But due to its operational cost-effectiveness, multiplicity of roles and smooth maintenance record, the T-33, somewhat ironically, has proven itself to be an aircraft of the '90s and, indeed, the next century.



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Thursday, October 3 marked the official opening of the newly constructed Wing Logistics Officer's office and admin section. The opening was officially hosted by LCol Peter Abbott who had a personal hand in initiating and overseeing the reengineering initiative that increases efficiency while saving person years. A reengineering working group was organized over a year ago and studied all aspects of the former organization, including work space, job descriptions and command and control. The working group included Pat Carew, Sue Gibbs, Barb Casey, Bev Merchant, Capt Pattison and was spearheaded by Capt Angly, an AERE officer now retired The recommendations from the working group were adopted and resulted in a new, more central workspace, the reduction of two secretarial positions and the relocation of the W Log O office. The construction costs were offset by the savings realized from the personnel reductions.

LCol Abbott has not finished yet, however. He has further plans for the former location of his office and staff and intends to explore the possibility of setting up a new conference centre, com-

plete with all of the electronics necessary for teleconferencing. "This may seem a bit ambitious" he said, "but you must plan for the future and recognize that this sort of medium has the potential to

save many dollars." Some of the necessary equipment may be available as surplus items from CFB Esquimalt and his staff is actively pursuing their acquisi-

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Understanding mutual fund investments

by Kim Vogel Financial Advisor Comox Valley Rice Financial

The stock market continues to improve with the TSE and the DOW climbing to new heights. There are some who feel it could reverse, but with little evidence other than that it's never been that high. That's true. It hasn't, but there are valid reasons why the capital markets will continue to soar! It's life and realism after inflation.

Most equity stocks from the 70's to 90's reflected growth from assets that were increased by inflation, not from true corporate earnings. For the past five years, many of these companies have written down values from real estate and capital equipment and have trimmed payroll (with rightsizing through layoffs and severance packages). Their products and sales revenues continue to increase and new market opportuniies are opening up, reflecting strong corporate balance sheets so profits will continue to be strong. Coupled with lower interest rates, this increases the real value of their shares.

Louis Rukheiser, host of Wall Street Week, claims that the past 20 years of growth on the DOW and TSE have not been as a result of real growth. If we adjusted the DOW's returns for inflation over the past 20 years, the actual growth in the stock market would

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be flat or negative. The increase in the past 12 months has been real growth, bringing it back to normal, so there is a long way for the DOW to increase and continue to climb to new levels. We feel this makes good sense over the next five years and investors should react accordingly.

I expect funds to show strong returns over a four to seven year and longer term. Remember, when you buy a fund as part of your investment portfolio, you are looking for "long-term results." Therefore, you shouldn't place too much importance on what happens in the short term, as long as your results are strong in the longer term. Like a five-year term, it's left to mature.

Most good money managers are placing monies in stocks or holdings where they see opportunity for positive results over four and more years. They aren't buying or placing money today looking for an immediate price increase tomorrow based on short term market changes. (Note: some funds are managed in this fashion.) Those looking for good long-term results won't achieve them using short-term strategies.

Funds where the money manager is buying for the long-term gains can show slow, little, or even negative growth in the first two years. However, investment returns will likely strengthen over four to seven years. That's what you should be looking for.

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Russel D. Moore, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific

by Rear-Admiral

National Defence recently released three studies that, taken together, are a comprehensive review of the visits by nuclear powered vessels to Canada. Such vessels occasionally visit the navy's harbours in Esquimalt and Nanoose, B.C., and Halifax, N.S. In their reaction to the studies, critics quoted in the media, say the studies lack credibility because they were not conducted in a public forum, and that the reports "play down" the danger of such visits. Some opponents claim that no risk is acceptable arguing that the vessels should be

Unfortunately, many of those opinions were offered to the media before the critics had taken the time to read the reports. It is equally lamentable that, in many instances, the media did not explain that the people they quoted had not seen the studies.

While it is correct that the studies were not conducted in a public forum, they are available to the public to review. Anyone who takes the time to go through the more than 4,000 pages will come to know that National Defence pulled no punches. A host of environmental, nuclear, and technical experts from the government and the private sector were given a broad mandate to carefully assess the visits and make frank conclusions and recommendations.

Far from playing down the danger of such visits, the experts took a highly conservative approach, opting for the far side of caution. For example, the assessment of risk posed by nuclear powered vessels assumed that there was a nuclear powered vessel in port every day of the year; and that the vessel's reactor operated at high power and pressure continuously. Even with that extreme circumstance as a benchmark, they concluded that the worse case scenario - against one in ten million odds - presented little or no threat to the environment beyond the immediate vi-

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cinity of the vessel. In reality, nuclear powered vessels are in an authorized Cana-

> dian port for only a few days at a time. Over the past five years there has been an everage of six visits annually to Esquimalt and four to Nanoose. Their nuclear reactors run at 10% or less of full power when the vessel is underway. Furthermore, as the vessel is connected to shore power when in harbour, the reactor is placed on standby and is at near zero power and pressure. Moreover, dozens of allied nuclear powered subs have been operating in unforgiving seas for almost 40 years with an impeccable safety record. There has never been any release of radio-activity which has had a discernible effect on the environ-

> > Canada is not the first country to conclude that these visits pose little risk. The allies that operate these vessels have provided every assurance that their vessels are maintained to the highest possible standard. They have good reason to ensure their vessels are safe as they spend far more time in their home ports than anywhere else. They are also very costly to build and maintain. Studies conducted by other non-nuclear allies, like New Zealand and Australia, have also concluded that such visits are safe declaring that "the likelihood of any damage is so remote that it cannot give rise to any rational

With regard to the question of risk. Critics often proclaim that no degree of risk is acceptable. Those same critics accept the

much higher, more frequent, and more probable risks we face daily. Endless amounts of hazardous materials are transported through and used within our cities. Aircraft fly over our heads. Trucks hurtle down our streets. Supertankers laden with petroleum pass down our coasts.

These much more immediate risks are accepted because they are critical to our economy, our lifestyle. The same argument can be made for the visits of nuclear propelled vessels, which present infinitely lower risk. Visits by allied warships to Victoria and Nanoose occur in support of Canada's security policy and our historical commitment to collective defence. Often there are joint exercises associated with the visit of an allied nuclear vessel, combined with crew rest and recreation. The crew members are most welcome guests. Goodwill visits reciprocate those of Canadian vessels to ports of our allies and are a visible demonstration of our

treaty arrangements. I offer one final comment about the presence of marine nuclear reactors. My family and I live in the dockyard at Esquimalt, just a few hundred yards from the jetty used to berth visiting nuclear propelled submarines. I assure you that I would not support the presence of these vessels if I felt there was any real danger. These visits do not present a significant risk and should not be a cause of

> citizen concern. I invite you to visit the CFB Esquimalt base library where you may read each of the reports.





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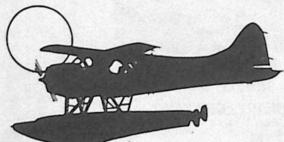
Totem Times complaints department

Or, what to do if we have somehow offended you? Recently, an interesting thing happened while we were starting on this, the latest issue of the Totem Times. A young woman, not dressed in uniform, entered the office through the front door and, saying nothing, took a long look around the room. I was standing at the far end talking to Sergeant Trombley and yes, contrary to popular opinion, we were both in uniform. The woman, obviously not liking what she saw, either because of Sgt Trombley's and my advanced age, good looks, uniforms or whatever, decided to turn to Jenny Cooper, our typesetter and book keeper to lodge her complaint. Now this I found rather interesting since she obviously decided in that moment that Jenny was the easiest target of the three. Let me tell you, nothing could be farther from the truth.

If you have a complaint to make about the Totem Times and God knows, some of you have reason, be sure and pass it along to one of the tall, thin balding types. The females, although appearing to be friendly and very vulnerable, can reduce a human being to a column of ash with a mere glance. Especially if you interrupt their work while trying to lodge a complaint. The Editor is usually doing nothing anyway, so pick on him and he'll do the appropriate thing. I can only warn you once. Save yourselves while you can.

Interesting aside. Klementine, the mascot of the Kiwi Club is still missing. As I was over visiting the Wing Logistics Officer, LCol Abbott, he pointed out that the cage that used to house Klementine is now a hat rack. He also indicated that the abduction, as reported previously in the Fishwrapper was an inside job and the banditos are likely still at large, if not still on base. I would say that whoever is in charge of filling the W Log O's hat rack with a wood carving has fallen down on the job. Could this be an indication of the level to which the esprit de corps of the wingless wonders has plummeted?

Joel Clarkston



Letters to the Editor

(The following is a statement by Jack Frazer, MP Saanich-Gulf Islands, presented in the House of Commons on 25 Sep

Yesterday, the disabled vessel "Alexis le Trotteur" declared an emergency in 100 kilometre plus winds and two storey waves off the coast of Nova Scotia.

First a Hercules and then an Aurora maritime patrol aircraft arrived but high winds and rough seas prevented rescue. Even a nearby container ship was unable to respond.

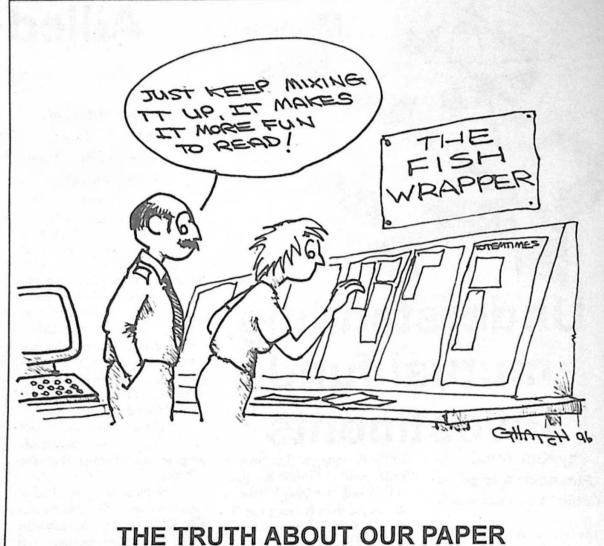
When the Canadian Forces Search and Rescue helicopter arrived the size of the Alexis and the rough seas forced them to abandon their usual procedure. A do their job.

crewman jumped into the huge waves and swam with a lifeline to hoist four men and women, one at a time, to safety. This 40 minute dangerous rescue left the Labrador at critical fuel levels, so they flew to St-Pierre-Miquelon.

This is yet another example of exemplary performance and heroism by a Canadian Forces Search and Rescue team. Their dedicated teamwork, training and bravery made possible their success. Despite ancient and severely limited equipment, their professionalism shone through.

Canadian Forces Search and Rescue units deserve our recognition and praise but, even more, they need new tools to help them

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Computers donated to local school boards



The race to jump into the 21st century's computer technology has produced new opportunities for local school boards and their students.

The Comox Base Telecommunications Section is wiring buildings and updating computer equipment in a concerted effort to provide CFB Comox with a local area network which will improve communications, save time and reduce operating costs. To provide this capability, the Base purchased a number of Pentium computers to both bring the network hardware up to the required standard and to replace all of the older Intel 386 processor-based computers.

Opportunities for local schools arose when it came to the question of "How does the Base dispose of surplus computers?" The federal government, in an effort to support public education, while maximizing tax dollars, has decreed that the only way that the Department of National Defence can dispose of computers is through the "Computers for Schools Program" which is administered through Public Works and Government Services Canada. Since the beginning of the disposal process, approximately 69 computers were earmarked for the Schools Program, of which a substantial number were in need of repair to be in operating condition. Through the efforts of the CFB Comox Telecommunications techs, 55 computers were prepared for issue to local school district coordinators.



Depicted above is Col Brian MacLean passing the first of 30 computers to Mr. Clyde Woolman, School District #71 Superintendent, while MCpl Peter Durst and Cpls Chad Murray and Randy Kopetch, who prepared many of the computers, look on. The remaining serviceable computers will go to School District #72 and the unserviceable equipment will go to one of the schools' repair facilities in Nanaimo.

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Base Rec Centre schedule

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College at

home

by Pat Allan,

CFCCN Co-ordinator

The Comox Valley is a wonderful

place to live and work. Its small

population gives it a personal fla-

vour which is often difficult to

find in large cities. However, be-

ing a small centre also means that

aren't available, such as diverse

opportunities to take college pro-

grams when we can fit them in.

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Noon Hour Sports: Floor Hockey 1145 - 1245 hrs 1145 - 1245 hrs every Tuesday every Thursday 1145 - 1245 hrs

Base Arena Schedule

Casual skating: 1330-1545 hrs 1230-1345 hrs Fees: Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00 ***FREE for Rec Pass holders Arena skate sharpening: Mon to Thurs 1700-2000 hrs Sat & Sun 1100-1400 hr

Base Diamonds closure: The 19 Wing Comox Ball Diamonds will be closed for the season effective 20 October.

19 Wing 96/97 Inter-Section Hockey League Schedule Secretary: MCpl Dunn (8344) President: Maj Cutland (8573) Scheduling: Cpl Carr (8315) Statistician: Cpl Burton (8399) Ref-in-Chief: MCpl Cobham (8524) Capt Proteau (8693) 407 Demons Russ Parker (8304) 19 AMS Wings 442 Snakes Cpl Kilpatrick (8744) Cpl Benjamin (8374) AEF Kevin Kimler (334-5942) RCMP Cpl Rheaume (8479) 414 Knights 407 Devils Capt Masutti (8936) MCpl Girardi (8534) 407 Rebels October 1715 - 4 vs 1 1715 - 3 vs 4 1845 - 2 vs 7 1715 - 4 vs 2 1715 - 4 vs 5 1845 - 7 vs 3 2015 - 1 vs 5 1715 - 8 vs 4 1715 - 6 vs 4 1845 - 3 vs 6 1715 - 4 vs 7 1845 - 8 vs 2



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442 Sqn

by Cpl Jon Scotton

442 takes the Slow-pitch Com-

mander's Cup for a second year in

a row. It was a hard fought vic-

tory for a team that was decided

upon at the last minute. With the

number of people being away,

and the SAR standby precluding

players from attending, there

were very few players to draw

The tournament started on Sat-

urday morning at 9:00 with the

Wing Commander saying a few

words and the first game of round

robin play. Our first game was to

be at 11:00 am vs 407. We had 12

players out for our first game but

with the second batter of the game

coming up to the plate our starting

pitcher Buzz Lapalm and rover

Wayde Simpson were paged for a

SAR launch. Wayde was not to

be seen for the rest of the week-

end. The game was a close one

with 407 winning 8-7. This was

to be our first and last loss during

round robin play. In the end, three

teams ended up tying for first with

Wops/MP's/etc getting the fourth

We met up with 407 in the

semi-finals Monday morning at

8:00 am where we redeemed our-

selves with a resounding victory.

The final was against the

Wops/MP's/etc team at 11:00am.

With the sun climbing higher and

hotter the spectators were treated

to a very intense game with great

plays by both sides. In the end

though, they were no match for

the cohesive playing of the

The games had many memora-

champs from 442.

birth into the finals.

ble events like John McKenzie

and his wheels in the field and

base running, Chuck McCulland

with his gun for an arm, Derrick

Ross and his extraordinary game

saving catches, Marc Charron and

his ability to talk his wife into

letting him go play ball the week-

end they were moving, Jeff Kilpa-

trick and his big defence at third,

Joe Gautreau using his head in the

plays, Dennis Bellamy's gymnas-

tic stunts at first, Dale Warren's

slow pitch curve ball, Buzz La-

off time so that we had 10 players

for one game, Derek Russel for

coming out for the final and

rounding out our numbers (in case

of an injury), our Coach Jeff

Clairmont for the MVP trophy for

the tournament and his home runs

and, finally, my home run (I had

to make up for my terrible bat-

In retrospect the victory could

not have been had without the

support of the section supervisors

and all of the personnel at 442

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407 Sqn



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The more things change, the more they stay the same and 407 Maintenance/Engine Bay has been as busy as ever. The engine techs put in a lot of overtime to get 117 out in good condition. It finally flew serviceable, to the relief of Ted and his hard-working

Posting season is now over; however, people are still coming and going. Replacements have arrived for the few who were posted out and those who left under the latest FRP package. Cpl Gibeault and Cpl Rodgers were recently posted in. Cpl Martin Sylvestre, MCpl Bruno Roy and MCpl Rick Roy have come to us from servicing. Rick has been feeling mysteriously ill lately and we all hope that today's medical technology can figure out what the problem is. The AVS clan has a new leader in Bruno. You've got some pretty big shoes to fill...Good luck!

Sgt Berube came from servicing while Sgt Jensen came down from AMCRO in exchange for Sgt Patrick, who is going to servicing. Either he was really good or he left such a mess that it takes two to replace him! Go figure!

Cross-training is still going strong. Lucy will soon be going to the booming metropolis of Greenwood along with Jeff for the propulsion portion of the master plan. Claude Marcotte just came back from there after "graduating" from the flight portion of the course. As with everyone who has ever spent time in Greenwood without actually living there, he was very impressed with the place!

Of course, leave is also a bit of a factor in the availability of manpower in maintenance. Now that we have to take it all in a year, time and personnel management are of the essence. Despite everything else that is going on, we are still supporting a wide variety of secondary duties: Radmon, WASF, etc... The latest additions to the list are: Monty, Jerry and Mike. They can be found garbed in green, checking your ID card in the next time WASF is called out.

Our congratulations go out to Cpl Chris O'Brien and his wife Lynn on the birth of their new daughter Autumn. We wish them all the best.

And that about covers it for maintenance and engine bay these days. Despite everything, life goes on and things are running as smoothly as possible.

Until next time!

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, B.C.? CICBC YOUR LOCAL POLICE

The struggle to juggle

by Rosanne Farnden Lyster

(Program Director for the B.C. Council for the Family)

One of the key determinants of health concerns the world of work: employment and working conditions. The inter-relationship between work and family is an example of the correlation between working conditions and

In the past, most of us were encouraged to consider work and family as separate spheres, areas of our lives that we should try to keep separate. A later view was that these two worlds sometimes spill over, and we needed to learn how to manage the spill. Increasingly, we are recognizing that a more valid perspective is one of interaction; work and family as two parts of the whole that is our

And interact they most certainly do! Most working Canadians report some degree of difficulty balancing work and family life. A recent Conference Board of Canada study indicates that two-thirds of employees experience some difficulty juggling work and family. For one-fifth of employees this balance is very difficult. Four-fifths of the em-

ployees reported that they experience stress or anxiety as a result of having to manage work and family. For one quarter, the level of this stress was more than moderate. Who is the most susceptible? Parents of preschoolers and workers with dual responsibilities for the care of children, the elderly, the disabled or infirm family

Certainly, over the last 20 years, the labour force has changed, and so have families. For example, the percentage of women with children who work continues to increase. In 1967, 32.7% of all husband/wife families (including common-law) were two-pay cheques. By 1991, this had risen to 61.2%. As of the last Canadian census in 1991, 68.4% of female spouses with children under the age of six were in the labour force. This represents a significant change. In 1981, 49.4% of female spouses with children under six were employed. In lone parent families, the majority of parents are working as well. For lone parent females, 60.1% were employed, for lone parent males, 76.7%.

What this implies is that for the majority of Canadian families, no one is at home during the day. So

how do you balance a sick child or a visist to an educational specialist with your work responsibilities? One study suggests that parents of preschoolers can expect their child to be sick enough that they can't attend daycare six to seven times per year. An infant is likely to be sick nine to ten times per year. If the majority of parents are working, how do they manage these regular occur-

Another demographic change is related, in part, to our ageing society. In a recent study from the University of Guelph, 31% of employees responding to a survey had care responsibilities for a child under 19. It noted that 20% provided some level of care for an elderly relative, 26% provided care for both, while 23% had responsibilities for neither group. A total then of 46% of employees have some elder care responsibilities. This number is likely to increase as the boomers age along with the generations before them. By the year 2001, 22% of the labour force will be aged 45-54. Most of these will have some responsibility for older family members, whether this is as simple as mowing the lawn or providing transportation, or as complex as having a parent with early Alzheimer living in their home.

The reality that many employees need to balance work and family commitments is bringing about change in the workplace. Indeed, many businesses are finding that for the health of both their employees and the bottom line, it makes sense to implement work and family policies. The progress in this area seems to follow three main tracks: alternative work arrangements, family support benefits, and leaves of absence.

Alternative Work Arrangements

A number of work options are increasingly available to make the workplace more flexible. The idea being that the more flexible

we can be with how work is structured, the more options there are available for juggling work and family. Examples of these strategies include: flex-time (flexible working hours); permanent parttime; job sharing (two people sharing one job between them); satellite offices (a branch of the home office in workers' communities); telecommuting (working from home, often through the use of electronic supports such as Email and fax); shorter work day; and compressed work week (e.g. work nine longer days in two weeks, with one two-day weekend and one three-day weekend).

Family Support Benefits

Through the provision of supports to assist staff in balancing work and family, employers are finding that they have a more effective and dedicated work force. Some of the family supports being put into place include: information and referral service regarding child and elder care; parenting education seminars; caregiver support groups; employee and family counselling; on or near site child care; and wellness seminars.

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The Security Section normally deals with everything which does not involve Law Enforcement, Community Policing, or Training. As you may imagine, this leaves a great deal to be handled.

One primary role of this section is to perform all initial/annual Physical Security Surveys of all DND buildings belonging to the Wing (including all Cadet and Reserve/Militia Units within our geographical area). These surveys, which are basically a detailed inspection of a facility, are performed to ensure the overall integrity of a building, from a security perspective. Should there be a problem with anything from a door/window lock, to how classified matter is stored, to the design of a weapons lock-up, this survey will

Another responsibility of this section is ADP (Automated Data Processing) Security. One of the section's Corporals is dedicated full-time to this, as well as both the regular force Master Corporals being involved when necessary. ADP Security verifies the integrity of all computer systems on the Wing, as well as being the Guardhouse's computer specialist, keeping our own systems up to date.

Other duties handled by this section include, but are not limited to, Security Clearance checks, briefing/debriefing all personnel either proceeding to or returning from scheduled countries, and dealing with all security infractions on the Wing. They provide security lectures to other units, as well as being available to all unit CO's to provide advice on all security matters. As previously stated, they also maintain our computers by obtaining and up-keeping programs for everything from Military Police Reports, to our Daily Occurrence Book, to a format for Reports to Crown Counsel.

Next time we will talk about our Headquarters/Training Section.

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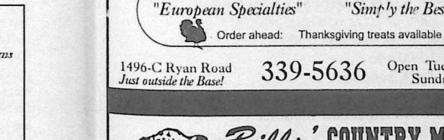
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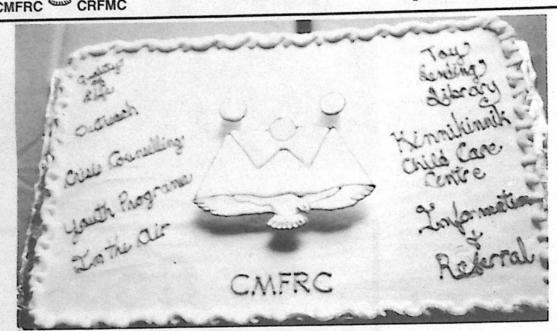
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Amidst children's singing and the charming sounds of the bagpipes, people gathered for food, fun, and great conversation at the CMFRC Open House on Thursday, October 3rd. The day was marked by the grand opening of the new CMFRC Program Building, with Mrs. Mary MacLean on hand to do the ribbon cutting honours.

The afternoon was sparked by meeting new friends and reminiscing with old friends. Young and old alike were entertained by Lawrence, (Lots of Laughts Productions) and his balloon art, as well as the melodic voices from the Kinnikinnik Child Care

Centre, and the skirl of the

The staff of the CMFRC would like to thank all those who joined us in the grand opening of the Program Building. We would especially like to thank the following businesses for their support: Little River Nursery, who provided the beautiful plants that decorated the buildings; Zellers, Smitty's, Comox Flower Pot, and Regal Capital Planners, who provided the fabulous door

Congratulations go out to Padre Chuck Massey for winning "The Wealthy

Barber". Dave Cherry for winning "Pictionary". Brian Dekker for winning the \$20.00 Gift Certificate and Colleen

Howard for winning the

enjoy your prizes!

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Come out and see the new building and take part in one of the up coming workshops offered by the CMFRC. The CMFRC is located at 119 and 120 Kinnikinnik with the Child Care Centre at 118. For more information or to register for a program call 339-8290



Mrs. Mary MacLean and Mrs. Karen Nogue officially opening the new program building of the Comox Military Family Resource Centre, located at 120 Kinnikinnik

Counselling Services Now Available! Call 339 - 8286

Hi! My name is Coreen Cherry and I have just started at the CMFRC as the Coordinator of Family Counselling Services. I have a background in Social Work and have worked with children, youth, and families in various capacities. Please feel free to call me about any family issues you may have at 339-8286. I am available at various times throughout the week.

Adult Programs

Parenting Teens

This six session workshop will cover a number of topics including adolescent development, communicating effectively with your teen, and setting limits and consequences. Each session will have lots of examples and practical tips, time for discussion, questions, and plenty more, including laughter. Date: October 15th - November 26th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm Location: 120 Kinnikinnik Fee: \$45/single \$60/couple Registration: Call 339-8290

Facilitator: Wendy Case, Parent Educator & Mother of a teen.

Building Friendships

All of us have had friendships, some of which hit and others that miss. Often we really don't know what it is that works. Come out and join us in learning how to build and maintain strong friendships.

Facilitator: Michele Jackson Date: October 17th

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 (Thursday evening) Location: CMFRC Administration Building, 119 Kinnikinnik Fee: \$12.00. Fee due at time of registration Registration: Call 339-8290. Limited space available, register

English Conversation Group

Come and practice your English conversation skills in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We will be starting up again Thursday, October 17th 10:00 -11:00 am at the CMFRC Program Building #120 Kinnikinnik. We will meet most Thursday mornings after that. Call Mara at 339-8290 for dates or just drop-in.



Lone Piper Scott Sinclair entertains at the Comox Military Family open house.

Youth Activities

"Perceptions of Youth" Video Creation

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Date: October 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th Time: 4:00-5:00 pm Location: 120 Kinnikinnik

Attention Work Experience Students

Are you a student in one of the following career prep programs? Here are some opportunities for work experience: Journalism- contribute newspaper articles to our quarterly newsletter. Computer Application - help design flyers for youth workshops and events. Communications Technology - learn about video taping. Community Recreation - help run and participate in gym nights every Wednesday night. Theatre - learn about writing a script, acting it out, and producing a video. You can obtain a letter of reference and collect work experience hours. Phone Jill @, 339-8211-8565.

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Teen Centre

Schedule of Events

October

Sat. 19 - Teen "Painted Faces" Dance, 7:30-10:30 pm. Wierdest, ugliest, funniest, scariest, etc.

Tues. 29 - Hand Reflexology for Teens, 7-9 pm. \$1.00 per person. Register soon. Location 120 Kinnikinnik. Facilitator: Michele Brunskills. (Ever wonder why some people who are studying for exams tap their fingers? Do you believe this helps them think clearer? Did you know when you massage your finger tips you are stimulating your brain to work more efficiently? Are you interested in learning more on how to think clearer or relax before exams? If so, come check this workshop out.)

November

Sat. 2 - Video (2) Night, 7-11 pm.

Thur. 14 - Survival Skills for Teens living with Parents, 4:30-6:00 pm at CMFRC. \$1.00 per person or FREE.

Sat. 16 - Teen Dance, 7:30-10:30 pm.

Tues. 19 - Eat & Exercise to be Energized, 7-9 pm. 120 Kinnikinnik. Free. Registration call 339-8290. Facilitators: Bobbi Howard & Jill Sturrock.

Thur. 28 - Youth Circle Meeting (FRC), 4-6 or 7-9 pm at 120

Sat. 30 - Paint Ball. Cost \$15 - \$30. For further info & registration call Carmie at 339-7696.

Sat. 7 - Teen Christmas Party, 7:30-10:30 pm. Wear a Santa or Elf hat and get in FREE.

Sat 14 - Babysitting from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for parents who want to do some Christmas shopping without their children. \$1.00 per hour, per child, \$2.00 for lunch. If late returning, then \$4.00 per hour, per child.

Sat. 21 - A Super Nintendo contest during Christmas break.

Gym Nights

Time: 7-9 pm. Place: Base Gym. Cost: FREE drop in. Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. November 6, 13, 20, 27. December

Drug & Alcohol Prevention Video Creation Yes! This is the making of a video and you, the teens, will be doing the work and making it.

Dates: October 2, 9, 23, 30. Time: 4:00-5:30 pm.

November 12 - practice

November 18-22 presentation. Time: 10 am - 12 noon. Location: Base Messes with Brian Butnor. Cost: FREE. Registration: CMFRC.



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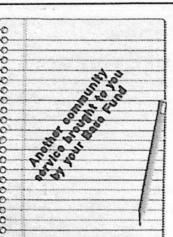
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attention you normally pay to your dog after the baby or child arrives. If the dog is still getting the same amount of your time, it will not be put out about the "new puppy" coming into the house. If

An excellent gift for the dog lover in your family or circle of friends. You may find it on the shelf of a good book store, or you can ask them to order it for you.

This week I have an interesting

coffee table type doggy book: In

Praise of Dogs, by Tara Darling

and Kathy Darling. (Howell

Book House, Macmillan Publish-

cover book, full of colour photo-

graphs of various breeds of dogs.

There are representatives of every

group. A brief description of the

dogs accompanies each picture,

but this is basically a picture

book, and a very good one.

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represented in this 127 glossy

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ing, New York. Can.\$41.95).

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 1996

Dog Talk

by Gerry Gerow

The "Interloper"

What happens when you introduce an interloper into your dog's world? Frequently this takes the form of a new baby. Particularly in a previously childless home, this can be a really big problem to the dog. To his or her little mind, you have gone out and got a new puppy and he/she thought they were doing a real good job and there was no reason for you to get another pet. Then, when the dog notices that you are paying more attention to the newcomer than to it, noses get out of joint.

When my grandchildren come to visit, my dogs don't like it a bit. In fact, the resentment becomes quite clear when these loving family pets become suddenly aggressive towards the newcomer. A properly bred and socialized dog will never actually attack the child, but a warning to back off can come easily.

It is very important to condition your dog to children before the dog to places where there are lots of children around so it can get used to the noises and activities of children. Above all, do not neglect the

they arrive, not after. Take the

dog to obedience training so it

will learn to walk quietly beside

you when you take the baby out

in the stroller. You can also take

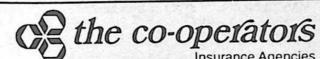
anything, you should increase the attention to the animal and try to include it when you are doing things with the baby.

On the other side of the coin, I have found that my dogs will put up with things from small children that they wouldn't put up with from adults. They can seem to sense that a child is the same as a puppy and horse-play is accepted in the same manner it would be from a puppy.

Your dog needs to learn quickly that the new child is part of its family, and not a threat to the things it considers as its own. Also, be sure to inform all children who may be in your home not to go near the dog when he/she is eating. Food dishes are very private. My dogs are best buddies and play together all the time. If a plate of something is put down for both of them they will cheerfully share what is on it. But if one of the dogs goes near the other's regular food dish, look out for flying fur.

Dogs need to feel secure in their environment and if you ensure that they feel this way you will eliminate all the problems before they start.

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Changes in Legal Aid

Effective immediately, except as noted in the following paragraph, the provision of legal assistance by the office of AJAG (PACREG) to CF members for private civil matters is suspended. CF members requiring private legal assistance should be referred by units to the Dial-a-Law program at 1-800-565-5297, which consists of prerecorded messages on different topics of law, and also 30 Hairdo to the lawyer referral program available in B.C. at 1-800-663-1919, where the members can obtain legal advice from a lawyer practicing in B.C. at a cost of

The office of AJAG (PACREG) will continue to prepare Powers of Attorney when such is required, due to a deployment. Then, it is expected that all service members requiring a Power of Attorney go through the Coxwain (for MARPAC units), the Wing Pers Admin Officer (for Comox), or the Base Pers Admin Officer (for Chilliwack, Massett and Aldergrove). This will assist the AJAG office to schedule at the same time appropriate times to do all Powers of Attorney required for deployment.

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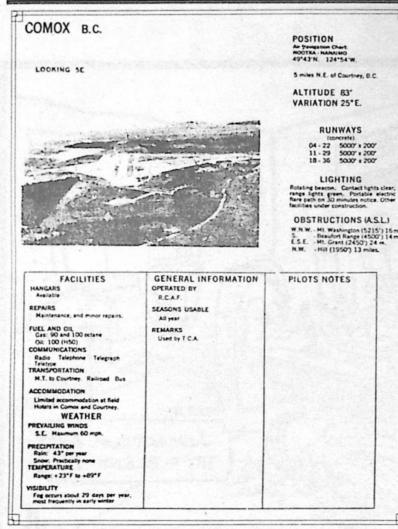
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So what was it like to fly into Comox in 1947? Not a lot different than it is today. The information plate depicted above was taken from a pocket manual produced by the Vancouver Junior Board of Trade. It was published in 1947 under the title Airfax - Pacific Coast Pilots Manual. The small booklet was privately funded (commercial placement advertising can be seen throughout) and it covered most things that are today found in the VFR charts and books. (Courtesy Air Force Museum.)

Heritage Happenings

The more alert members of 19 Wing may have noticed that the C-47 "Dak" located in the Heritage Air Park has been missing some parts of late. The fabric covered rudder, elevator and ailerons have taken a beating over the years, particularly with moisture infiltration and a fibreglass surfacing modification that did not allow the innards to dry out after an inundation. The ailerons were looking pretty sad over the summer months with large pieces hanging down and even blowing away in heavy winds. Now the Heritage Committee volunteers have taken it upon themselves to remove these surfaces and locate a contractor to refabric them. This sounds easier than it is be-

cause, apart from a few small air-

all that common any more. And the job is a lot bigger than one would first suspect. There is as much fabric on the tail surfaces of the Dak as there is on a complete small Piper aircraft. So you can see that the amount of materiel and labour required is substantial. The tail surfaces are currently stored inside the Dak while a suitable contractor is found. In addition, the Air Force Museum Committee must reconvene to see if they want to allocate the substantial funding that will be required. It is anticipated that the recovering will cost in the neighbourhood of \$3,700.

craft maintenance facilities that

look after private aircraft, the art

of putting fabric on aircraft is not



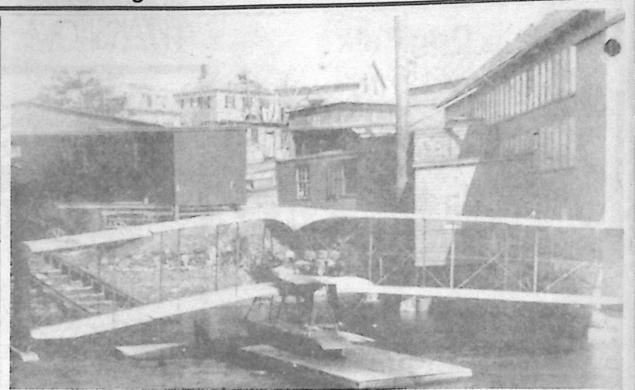
Comox Air Force Museum

(located at the main entrance to CFB Comox)



Open 10:00 a.m.. till 4:00 p.m. Weekends and Holidays.

Gift Shop is well stocked with aviation related items.



The Burgess-Dunne biplane was the first military aircraft in Canada. Purchased from the Burgess Aircraft Company (USA) in 1914 with an appropriation that was not to exceed \$5,000 Cdn, it was shipped overseas with the Canadian contingent, which included two trained pilots. It never saw any action and was soon reduced to a "worthless pile of junk" after arrival in England. It is interesting to note the similarity between this tailless biplane and today's modern hang gliders. Both are very stable flying machines and both employ similar control surfaces for turning and climbing. Of all the Canadian war machines, this would perhaps be the most interesting for replica construction and flying. It is certainly of historical significance.

SPILOT AND TO THE PARTY OF THE

New Manager for the Rowe Library

Peg Johnson, the former manager of the Alberta Aviation Museum, has recently relocated to the Comox Valley and will be joining the volunteer staff of the Comox Air Force Museum. Keenly interested in all things related to aviation history, she will be responsible for the management of the hardcover books and artifacts of the Rowe Library. The library has been under-utilized in the past because of a lack of volunteers to organize and research the various topics of interest that are expressed by the many museum visitors. Mrs. Johnson has made her research services available for one day per week to start and may be able to devote more time in the future. She brings with her to the Air Force Museum a wealth of knowledge and con-

The Air Force Museum staff take this opportunity to welcome her to the Comox Valley and 19 Wing. She is available to meet with visitors on Fridays from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

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WWII Airmen honoured in new book

Atlantic Canadians who gave their lives in the air war of 1939-45 are the subject of the latest World War II release from General Store Publishing House, Burnstown, Ontario. Through Footless Halls of Air: Stories of a Few of the Many Who Failed to Return (311pp, \$24.95) by Floyd Williston, is an exhaustively-researched telling of the brief life stories of a representative few, culminating in the details of their last flights.

Two of those casualties were the author's brothers. Floyd Williston's original intent was to write a book about his brothers' lives. "I became painfully aware that, even though their sacrifice was a great loss to our immediate family, it was rather insignificant when viewed against a background of the large number of families who had shouldered similar and even greater grief," he writes in the introduction.

Instead of concentrating solely on his own family, Williston set out to identify airmen from each of the four Atlantic provinces who had given their lives in the struggle. There is a long list to choose from.

Through Footless Halls of Air documents the life of each airman from his family roots through schooling and training to his career in the defense of democracy and his final flight. Profusely illustrated with archival photographs and maps, the stories are rich in technical detail and clearly reveal the human dimension that makes each sacrifice unique.

Three cheers for the man on the ground

Wherever you walk, you will hear people talk, Of the men who go up in the air, Of the daredevil way, they go into the fray; Facing death without turning a hair.

They'll raise a big cheer and buy lots of beer, For a pilot who's home on leave; But they don't give a jigger, For flight mech, or rigger With nothing but "props" on his sleeve.

They just say "Nice day" and then turn away, With never a mention of praise, And the poor bloody erk who does all the work; Just orders his own beer, and pays!

They've never been told, of hours in the cold That he spends sealing Germany's fate. How he works on a kite, till all hours of the night; And then turns up next morning at eight.

He gets no rake-off for working till take-off; Or helping the aircrew prepare; But whenever there's trouble, it's "Quick at the double;" The man on the ground must be there.

Each flying crew could tell it to you; They know what this man's really worth, They know he's part of the RAF's heart, Even though he stays close to the earth.

He doesn't want glory, but please tell his story; Spread a little of his fame around. He's one of the few, so give him his due; Three cheers for the man on the ground.

by E. Sykes, 1942