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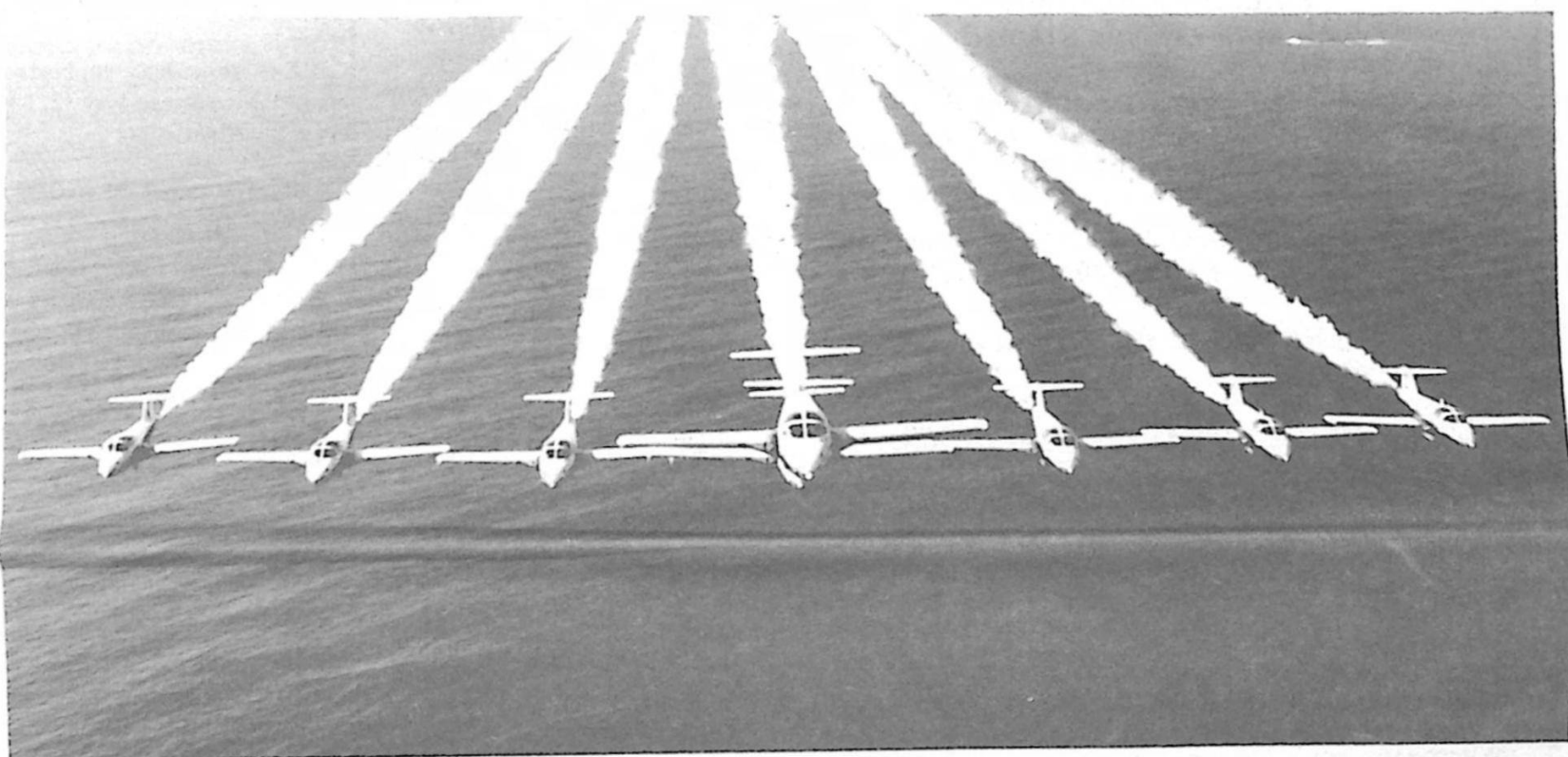
Snowbird deployment wraps up

by Capt David Krayden,
WPAffo

For the first time in recent memory, the annual deployment of 431 Air Demonstration Sqn (The Snowbirds) to 19 Wing was completed to everyone's satisfaction.

The team enjoyed two weeks of perfect flying weather: sunshine and blue skies. Local press were treated to a media day and the public was able to view the twice-daily aerial shows from Air Force Beach and, on occasion, the flight line. The squadron even entertained a group of Brazilian guests, visiting Canada under Rotarian sponsorship. There was none of the rain and logistical problems that marred last year's experience. Mayor Rob Webb of Courtenay experienced first-hand the thrill of flying with Canada's most renowned pilots.

The Snowbirds were able to practice their routine over land and water; they leave Comox with a polished aerial routine that is ready for their demanding summer air show tour. Once again, we fortunate few in the beautiful Comox Valley, were offered a sneak preview of that show and were able to share the magic and aerial poetry of this professional group of pilots and ground technicians.



Snowbirds over Georgia Strait last week. (Photo by Cpl Colin Kelley.)

Tyee Park closing June 97

After more than 40 years, the Tyee Park lease will come to an end on 30 June 97. Throughout those years, the park's 100 units have provided affordable housing to many military families. Occupancy rates for both Married Quarters and Tyee Park have fallen dramatically and many

units are either vacant or occupied by single personnel. After careful examination of all the available options, the Canadian Forces Housing Agency and 19 Wing have decided not to renew the lease for Tyee Park.

The Tyee Park lease has been under review for several years and the original agreement expired in December 1995. Between the Department of National Defence and the owners, Tyee Lands Corporation, it was agreed to extend this lease until 30 June 97. During this time, the tenants were kept advised of Tyee Park's status by letters. Consequently many eligible personnel have applied for a Married Quarter at the Wing. Other personnel have chosen to take advantage of the fa-

vourable real estate market and low interest rates and have purchased a home in the Comox Valley. Still others have decided to rent non-departmental housing. Single members have the option of occupying Single Quarters.

The Wing is examining ways it can assist personnel with relocation. It has asked the Canadian Forces Housing Agency to identify if there is any financial assistance that can be provided. Tenants will be advised as soon as a response is received. Other forms of local assistance such as trucks, work parties and special leave are also being considered. For those personnel who will be posted during this active posting season, Commanding Officers will be requested to negotiate an

early Change of Strength date so the member will not be required to move twice.

Tyee Lands Corporation is still deliberating what it will do with the property but its options include sale and rental. It has been made clear that all present tenants will have to vacate Tyee Park completely by the end of June 97. There are no immediate plans to demolish units and tenants will be expected to undergo a standard march out inspection when they vacate.

Tenants with questions concerning the Tyee Park lease, Married Quarters and Single Quarters availability should contact the Wing Accommodations Officer, WO Chris Vanderheyden at 339-8211, loc 8322.



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REGULAR EVENTS:

BINGO.....every Thur, Fri & Sun 7:00 pm
MEAT DRAW.....every Fri 6:30 pm. Also every Sat 3:00 pm
DANCE.....every Friday night, 8:00 pm

18 April—Country Cousins
25 April—Wild River

FUN EUCHE.....every Monday night 7:00 pm
FUN CRIB.....every Wednesday night 8:00 pm
SUNDAY CRIB.....(Sun 27 Apr).....1:00 pm
FUN DARTS.....every Thursday night 7:30 pm
BARGAIN DAY.....every Tuesday, all day
BBQ LUNCH SPECIALS.....every Weds & Fri 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
"New Steak Sandwich \$4.00"

General Meeting
Tuesday 22 April at 7:30 pm

Saturday Night Dance
19 April - Wayne's Music

Giant Spring Auction - Sat 19 April at 1:00 pm
Profits to be allocated to Legion charities. For donation pick up please phone the office at 334-4322.

Complimentary (free) membership for serving CAF members. Phone office for more info.

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BRANCH 160 COMOX 339-2022

ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri Apr 18.....NORM'S COMBO
Fri Apr 25.....EASTERNERS
Fri May 02.....JOHN MACKENZIE
Fri May 09.....ALLEY CATS

REGULAR EVENTS:

SUNDAYS.....Lounge Hours 12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm
MONDAYS.....LA Drop-In Bingo, Upper Hall, 7:00 pm
Monday night Men's Dart League recessed to Sept 97
TUESDAYS.....Mixed Dart League recessed to Sept 97
Ladies Crib League 7:30 pm in Lounge recessed to Sept 97
WEDNESDAYS.....Navy League Drop-In Bingo, 7:00 pm
Upper Island Men's Crib League recessed to Sept 97
THURSDAYS.....*1st Br.160 Exec. Mtg. Upper Hall, 7:30 pm
1st L.A. Executive Meeting (as required) 7:30 pm
*2nd L.A. General Meeting, Upper Hall, 8:00 pm
*3rd Branch 160 General Meeting, Upper Hall, 8:00 pm
FRIDAYS.....TGIF, Meat Draws in Lounge, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Dance, Lounge (unless advised)

SATURDAYS.....Meat Draws in Lounge, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT:

Sat Apr 19 - Branch & L.A. Honours & Awards Night. No host bar 6-7 pm, dinner 7:00 pm, ceremonies 8:00 pm. Dancing to Music Man following ceremonies.
Sun May 11 - Mothers' Day Wine & Cheese. Music by the Alleycats from 2-6 pm.

Hall Rentals or requests for Special Functions: Please contact Ken Seymour in office, Mon - Fri, at 339-2022.

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Francophone Assoc. Francophone Spring Concert

On May 10, francophones and francophiles will have the opportunity to attend a Spring Concert at the Old Church Theatre, 755 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay. For that evening, the local choir "Les Voix de l'Île" and "Les Échos du Pacifique" from Vancouver are joining in.

In the Comox Valley, the creation of a francophone choir has been popular. Les Voix de l'Île started in November 1995 and has attracted 25 French culture lovers. The first official concert was held in December 96 and the choir is pleased to be singing with Les Échos du Pacifique on May 10.

Les Échos du Pacifique group was created in 1973 with a few singers from Malmardville. Their objective is to promote French Canadian culture in choir singing. They continue to prosper and now represent a well established element of the French culture in B.C. Their repertoire reflects their versatility and goes from modern to classical. The group has travelled throughout Canada and one of the most cherished performances was with Gilles Vigneault at the Vancouver Orpheum in 1989. The Comox Valley is proud to host Les Échos du Pacifique and they promise an unforgettable evening.

Tickets are on sale at the Francophone Association and at Fish 'n Stitches, #5-678 Arderton Avenue, Comox.

April Activities

Francophone Choir for children - every Wednesday from 6-7 pm at the Francophone Association. (\$10.00 for 3 months.)

Francophone Adult Choir - every Tuesday, 7:00 pm in Glacier View Elementary School music room.

Mini Franco-Fun - Wednesday 30 April from 3-4 pm. Held at Francophone Association. Cost: donation.

Saturday 26 April: Café Rencontre at 7:30 pm at the Association. Guest Richard Leblanc will speak about dreams. Bring a snack.

"Eat your way to better health" Mondays to May 12, 7-9 pm at the Association.

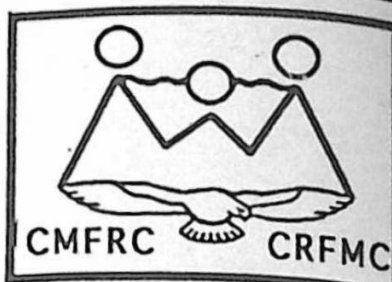
Activité pour le mois d'avril

Tous les mardis soirs: Chorale d'adultes, de 19H00 à 21H00, à la salle de musique de l'école Glacièreview.

Tous les mercredis soirs: Chorale d'enfants (6 à 13 ans) de 18H00 à 19H00, à l'Association Francophone.

Le mercredi 30 avril: Mini Franco-Fun, de 15H00 à 16H30, à l'Association Francophone.
Le Samedi 26 avril: Café-Rencontre à 19H30 - à l'Association - Richard Leblanc nous parle des rêves...bien entendu. Apportez un goûter.

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Stress Survival Workshop

The Comox Military Family Resource Centre is presenting a workshop on Stress Survival in May and June. It will take place on Wednesday evenings from 1830 to 2030 hrs on May 7, 14, 28 and June 4 at the CMFRC Program Building at 120 Kinnikinnik.

This workshop will help participants identify the causes of stress in their lives and provide opportunities for them to learn effective tools for stress management. Participants will explore a decision making approach that will challenge them to reassess their coping strategies and consider other possibilities to their current behaviour.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from this course, please have them call 339-8290 to register or ask Mara or Coreen for more information.

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Stand down of the Physical Education and Recreation Branch

by VAdm L Murray,
Acting Chief of Defence Staff
The Physical Education and Recreation (PE and R) branch of the Canadian Forces stood down on 31 March 97. Effective that date physical education and recreation instructors and officers were released from the Canadian Forces.

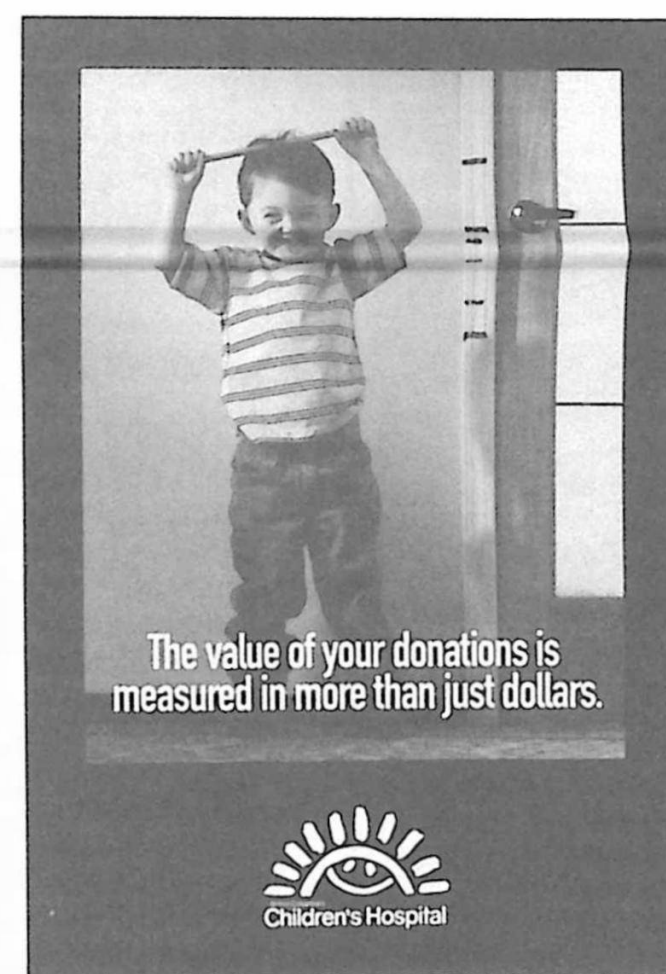
Members of the PE and R branch have served Canada and the CF at home and overseas with pride and distinction. They have made significant contributions to the morale and esprit de corps of the CF and to the quality of life of our military families. Individual

physical education and recreation instructors and officers have touched the lives of countless members of our military community. They leave behind a legacy of dedication to service and excellence in the delivery of fitness, sports and quality of life programs to the CF.

As the PE and R branch passes into history, all former members of the branch can be justifiably proud of the outstanding contributions they have made to the CF and the military community. On behalf of all members of the CF, thank you and God speed. Mens sana in corpore sano.

A picture is worth....

Will you be submitting an article on an upcoming event? Would a photograph make your article more appealing and eye-catching? We now have a photographer on staff who will try to be there and capture the moment on film for you. At least one week prior to the event call 338-1956 and ask for Bob, or leave a message. We will do our best to get the photo you desire.



Pay raise: some get more than others

The following initiatives have been approved in principle: the introduction of a home leave travel allowance for deployed personnel on operations outside Canada, a Joint Task Force 2 environmental allowance, adjustments to the foreign service premium table for personnel deployed on operations outside Canada, a child care benefit for single parents and the reimbursement for the preparation of spousal resumé on relocation.

In support of the CF total force, agreement in principle has been given to a Reserve Force pay comparability program with the Regular Force which would include bringing the Reserve Force pay rates to 85% of the Regular Force, and introduce holiday and specialist pay. This program also includes the introduction of a Reserve Force retiring allowance for the Primary Reserve, and the payment of AAA for Class "B" Reserve service of 180 days or more. Formal approval is anticipated before the end of the year.

As many of you know, joint TBS/DND studies conducted between 1992 and 1994 showed that the NCM and GSO/Pilot (LCol and below) pay were behind the Public Service. CF Personnel

Newsletter 3/97, the first of two issues dedicated to CF compensation and benefits, informed you that addressing these shortfalls and achieving a pay adjustment for 1997 were the two areas of focus for pay strategy. The newsletter also explained the background on the CF pay comparability shortfalls with the Public Service.

Given today's fiscal realities, it was not possible to address the pay comparability shortfalls with one pay adjustment. However, a pay comparability program was approved to correct the NCM and GSO/Pilot pay comparability shortfalls with the Public Service. Also, increases to the environmental allowances have been approved in conjunction with this program based on previously agreed methodologies.

The first phase of the pay comparability programme, effective 1 Apr 97, for the Regular and Reserve Force is a pay adjustment of 2.4% for GSO/Pilot (OCDT to LCol) and of 1.5% for NCM, with a 1.74% increase for the environmental allowances. The 2.4% for GSO/Pilot includes a 0.9% comparability shortfall adjustment which existed at the start of the freeze legislation. For the NCM,

the 2.3% shortfall which existed at the start of the freeze legislation was awarded last year. Also, in Jun 96, incentive pay increments were reinstated for both NCM and GSO/Pilot, while performance pay was reinstated for Cols, Gens and applicable specialist officers in Mar 97.

This increase is the first of several adjustments to CF pay to achieve and then maintain comparability with the Public Service. Details on future adjustments will be provided as soon as possible.

The first installments of this pay comparability program, effective 1 Apr 97, will be paid for the majority in the April pay. The new pay rates, effective 1 Apr 97, will also be published shortly in a separate message.

This pay comparability program does not include the impact of the upcoming collective agreement negotiations between the government and the Public Service. When the results of these negotiations on the Public Service pay and benefits are finalized and the compensation comparison process is completed, a further pay raise will be awarded to NCM and GSO/Pilot, retroactive to 1 Apr 97.

CFHA intervention, good news for MQ residents

The annual Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) appraisal was completed last year with the majority of bases/wings having relatively small increases ranging from 1-3%. However, on a few sites, the valuation increased as much as 16% for reasons specific to those locations. As a result, Canadian Forces Housing Agency (CFHA) recently approached Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) with a proposal for a new phasing policy for rent increases which would see them limited and gradually

phased in over a period of time.

In discussions with TBS officials, CFHA expressed concern that the magnitude of these rent increases would represent an undue hardship for the occupants. Moreover, from the business perspective, a significant rent increase could lead to vacancies, and the costs of maintaining the vacant homes would exceed the additional revenues generated by the rent increase. When faced with this type of situation, organi-

zations within the private sector have used similar phase-in approaches. TBS endorsed the policy change.

The new policy is good news for current MQ residents because it lowers the amount by which monthly rents can be increased annually. Previously, monthly increase limits were \$35, \$50 and \$50 applied twice a year, for specific rank and salary level groups. Effective March 1, 1997, the same rank/salary groups saw their monthly rent increases limited to \$20, \$30 and \$35.

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I've been accused of a lot of things lately, not the least being a self serving, self centred, egotistical bureaucrat who cares not one jot or tittle about the state of the Forces, Country or the Valley. I've been asked to comment on the latest pay raise for the Forces, tell it like it is and suggest that it's too late, too soon, not enough, too much or just plain insignificant. Not going to do it. I've also been asked to comment on the Defence Minister's announcement that there's going to be a lot of changes to the Forces as a result of fallout from the Somalia Inquiry. Now there's a topic that's got more landmines than a Bosnian cornfield. Not going to do that either.

Instead, I'm going to exercise my right to be self serving and tell the world that I'm looking for a new van. It must be full size, in good shape with low mileage, be able to tow a large trailer that may or may not take a boatload of kids to Disneyland, and be affordable. It must also replace the one that stalled on the way to work this morning, almost taking me and its sorry frame to Valhalla. And they're not easy to find. So I've stopped looking and I just know that one is going to show up. Anyone with any knowledge of a suitable one can contact "Mister" Clarkston at 339-2108.

Joel Clarkston

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The following letter has been received by the Wing Commander.)

Dear Col MacLean,
It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to express my thanks to you and all of your staff at 19 Wing and HMCS Quadra for your assistance during the Mounted Police Camp. This camp is held to promote a better relationship between the youths of the Comox Valley and the police by providing the 64 students who attended with an understanding of the role the RCMP play in our society. It allows us to interact with these young people in a way that is not possible under any other circumstances. We are very proud of our accomplishments during this week and we believe that our goal was reached.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of you and your staff in allowing us to use the excellent facilities you have both at Quadra and at the Wing. The tremendous support you have provided now for two years is very much appreciated by the students, school officials and, of course, by us here at Courtenay Detachment. We cannot

say enough about the outstanding cooperation and treatment we received from the Canadian Forces.

Through your generosity we were able to have the students stay in barrack accommodation and use the mess facilities, shooting range and parade square at HMCS Quadra. In addition, and again thanks to CFB Comox, we were allowed the use of the gymnasium and the theatre as part of the syllabus required these facilities. On top of this you provided us with the bus and driver for the entire week at no cost.

Naturally there is a limit as to how much money is available for us to provide the students with a camp like this and it was only through the cooperation and generosity of the military that this was possible. On behalf of everyone involved in the 1997 Mounted Police Camp, I would like to thank you and your staff for your assistance and generosity without which none of this would have been possible.

Yours sincerely,
R.J.G. Boyd, Inspector
Officer in Charge,
Courtenay Detachment

Sir,
National Volunteer Week is here and what better time for me to publicly recognize all the Girl Guide Leaders of the Comox Valley? These women, over 100 of them in the Valley, devote numerous evenings and weekends throughout the year to organize activities for girls and young women.

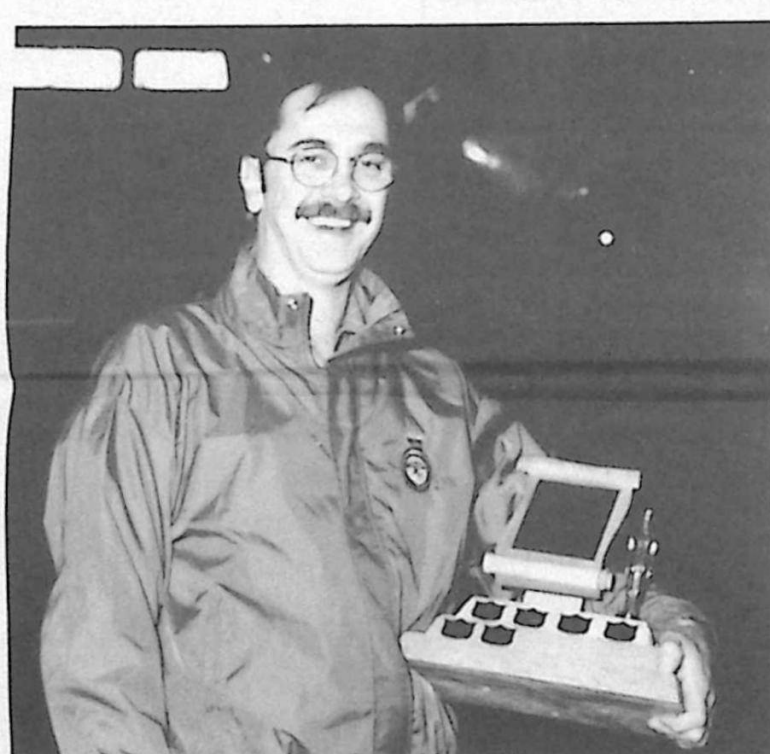
As you know, the Girl Guides of Canada aims to help girls and

women become responsible citizens, able to give leadership and service to the community. Our Guide Leaders exemplify these values and I know that you will join with me in thanking them for all the time and effort they spend as volunteers with the Girl Guide organization.

Yours in Guiding,
Ruth Seabloom
Division Commissioner,
Comox Valley Girl Guides



MONDAY MORNING REALITY



Service Person of the Quarter

Cpl Yves Desfosses, an Aviation Tech with 442 (T&R) Sqn, is presented the Service Person of the Quarter Award for his outstanding performance as a member of the 19 Wing and 442 Sqn teams. His exceptional job knowledge and technical abilities, coupled with his outstanding enthusiasm and work ethic has enabled him to quickly grasp all aspects of new technology. His ability to impart that knowledge to his co-workers has had an extremely positive effect on squadron morale and serviceability. His unselfish dedication and team spirit is highlighted by the numerous hours of overtime he has spent in support of the maintenance operation and these attributes have been prime factors in ensuring that the squadron is able to maintain its SAR mission. He is richly deserving of this award.

Dear Sir,
I'd like to thank several 19 Wing members for their continued support of the museum's latest restoration project. Their help has, no doubt, accelerated our restoration process on this aircraft. Thanks to:

Mr. Hendry from 19 Wing CE for meticulously prepping and applying numerous coats of shiny black paint to all surfaces of both rotor heads. This fresh paint job will undoubtedly preserve these components for many years to come.

Mr. Tizzard and Cpl Potvin, under the watchful eye of MCpl Laut, all from 19 Wing Heavy Equipment, who carefully hoisted both rotor heads to various loca-

tions both on and off the Wing. Moving these extremely heavy components without the use of their crane would have otherwise proved a monumental task.

MCpl Grenier from 19 Wing SAMPO, who arranged for clear access through the PMQ gate, behind the Jr. Ranks Club, on short notice. Transport of our rotor heads would otherwise have been more difficult as we would have had to contend with additional traffic and low power lines.

Again, thanks to all involved in the restoration of these unique aircraft that once graced the Comox Valley skies.

Sgt Butler, AMCRO
442 (T&R) Sqn.

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Volunteers: Real People, Real Connections

In today's world there are a great many pressures and challenges to face. It is a very busy place with work, families, friends and other commitments all demanding our time and attention.

Despite all this though, statistics indicate that more people are volunteering every year. Therefore it seems particularly fitting that we have this week, April 13-19 1997, as **National Volunteer Week** in order to recognize all the people who volunteer.

This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is: **"Volunteers: Real People, Real Connections."** Volunteers are very much real people that come from all walks of life and who range in age from young children to senior citizens. The skills that they bring to share so generously are as wide ranging as there ages. The diversity of volunteers which we find in our community is one of the most rewarding aspects of working with volunteers. Those people who choose to volunteer make real

connections within the community.

People who give of their time, energy, talents and selves help to make their communities better places to live in. Let us take time this week to celebrate the people within our community who are our most precious resource - Volunteers!

Volunteers truly are a natural resource without limits - so be proud of yourselves!

National Volunteer Week April 13-19



The CMFRC would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who give of

themselves to make our community a better place in which to live. Come and celebrate with us at the **CMFRC Volunteer Appreciation Party on Friday**

May 30th, 7:00pm at the Wallace Gardens Community Centre. For more information please call Michelle at 339-8211 local 8655.

Youth Activities

Teens' Gym Nights

Teen Gym Nights will continue until the end of May. Come on out and practice up for the upcoming 3 on 3 basketball tournament. **Dates:** Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Base Gym.
Recreation passes are not necessary during this time.

Calling All Teen Creative Writers

Ever dreamed of being a writer? Join in on a quest to find out your own creative talents and begin to follow your dreams and wishes. This workshop will explore where you imagine yourself to be in 5 years, in 10 years, and how to keep an interesting journal. Please bring a journal and your creative talents.
Date: Monday, May 12th
Time: 4-5:30 pm
Location: Protestant Church Annex
Registration: Phone Jill at 339-8211 local 8656

Youth Circle

For the 3 on 3 basketball tournament in May a committee of 3 teens are currently helping create posters, registration forms, and newspaper

advertisements through their networks. Presently we are searching for 2-3 teens who would be interested in soliciting prizes for the tournament. Next meeting will be at the next Gym Night (Wed. April 23rd). Please let me know if you are interested and sign up for the tourney.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Rescheduled for May

Local teen basketball enthusiasts, sign up your teams for our annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Two Categories- Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12. Sign up through your school or the CMFRC. Three to four players a team. Refreshments! Prizes! A guaranteed good time for all!
Date: Saturday, May 10th &/or 11th
Time: 8:00am to 1:00pm
Location: Base Gym
Cost: \$9.00 per team.
Registration: Forms available at your school or CMFRC (339-8211 local 8656) through Jill.

ICBC Road Sense Project

The CMFRC Youth applied and received a grant from ICBC to produce several

Public Service Announcements for a "Road Sense" Youth Initiative Project.

Teens from ages 12 to 17 are involved in the project with immense support and cooperation from the following 19 Wing sections: Base Photo, Wing Drug and Alcohol Education Coordinator, Wing Fire Hall, Wing Hospital. The youth have also received support from the John Howard Society, Comox Valley Auto Recyclers, Piercy's Funeral Home, and community Volunteers with film making experience.

The project has been ongoing for several months with strong dedication from the following teens: Kristen, Tyler, David, Lee, Elmer, and Matt. The purpose of the project is to give the teens the opportunity to experience working through all the stages of video production. Upon completion of all videos there will be a public viewing. Date to be announced in the near future.

Adult Programs

Stress Survival

This workshop will explore the causes of stress in your life and provide you with the opportunity to effectively manage your stress and make it work for you.

Date: May 7, 14, 28 & June 4

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: CMFRC Program Building 120 Kinnikinnik

Fee: No Fee

Registration: Call the CMFRC at 339-8290

Aromatherapy - A Sensory Delight!

An evening chock full of information, techniques and the "how to" of aromatherapy. This course includes uses and effects, blending and experiencing scents. Learn to use essential oils for personal growth, health, and enjoyment.

Facilitator: Marina Quilty-Peters

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Date: May 8th

Location: CMFRC Program Building 120 Kinnikinnik

Cost: \$10

Registration: CMFRC Administration Building 119

Kinnikinnik, phone 339-8290

Beginners Hanging Basket

Make a 14 inch plastic hanging basket. Choose between sun or shade plants.

Facilitator: Jennifer Harrison of Little River Garden Centre

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Date: May 9th

Location: Wallace Garden's Community Centre

Cost: \$18 includes all supplies

Registration: CMFRC Administration Building 119

Kinnikinnik, ph. 339-8290

Moss Hanging Basket

Make a 14 inch moss hanging basket. Choose between sun or shade plants.

Facilitator: Jennifer Harrison of Little River Garden Centre

Time: 6:45pm - 9:00pm

Date: May 23rd

Location: Wallace Garden's Community Centre

Cost: \$32 includes all supplies

Registration: CMFRC Administration Building 119

Kinnikinnik, ph. 339-82

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A Workshop for Couples

This one day workshop will focus on learning to communicate with clarity and honesty. Participants will be introduced to theory and techniques of communication and will have opportunities to practice skills in the context of their couple relationship.

Facilitators: Marilyn Armstrong and George Penfold.

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Date: Saturday, May 31st

Location: CMFRC Program Building 120 Kinnikinnik

Cost: \$25 per couple

Registration: CMFRC Administration Building 119

Kinnikinnik ph. 339-8290

Fee due by May 23rd. Limited spaces so register early.

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New SAR School located



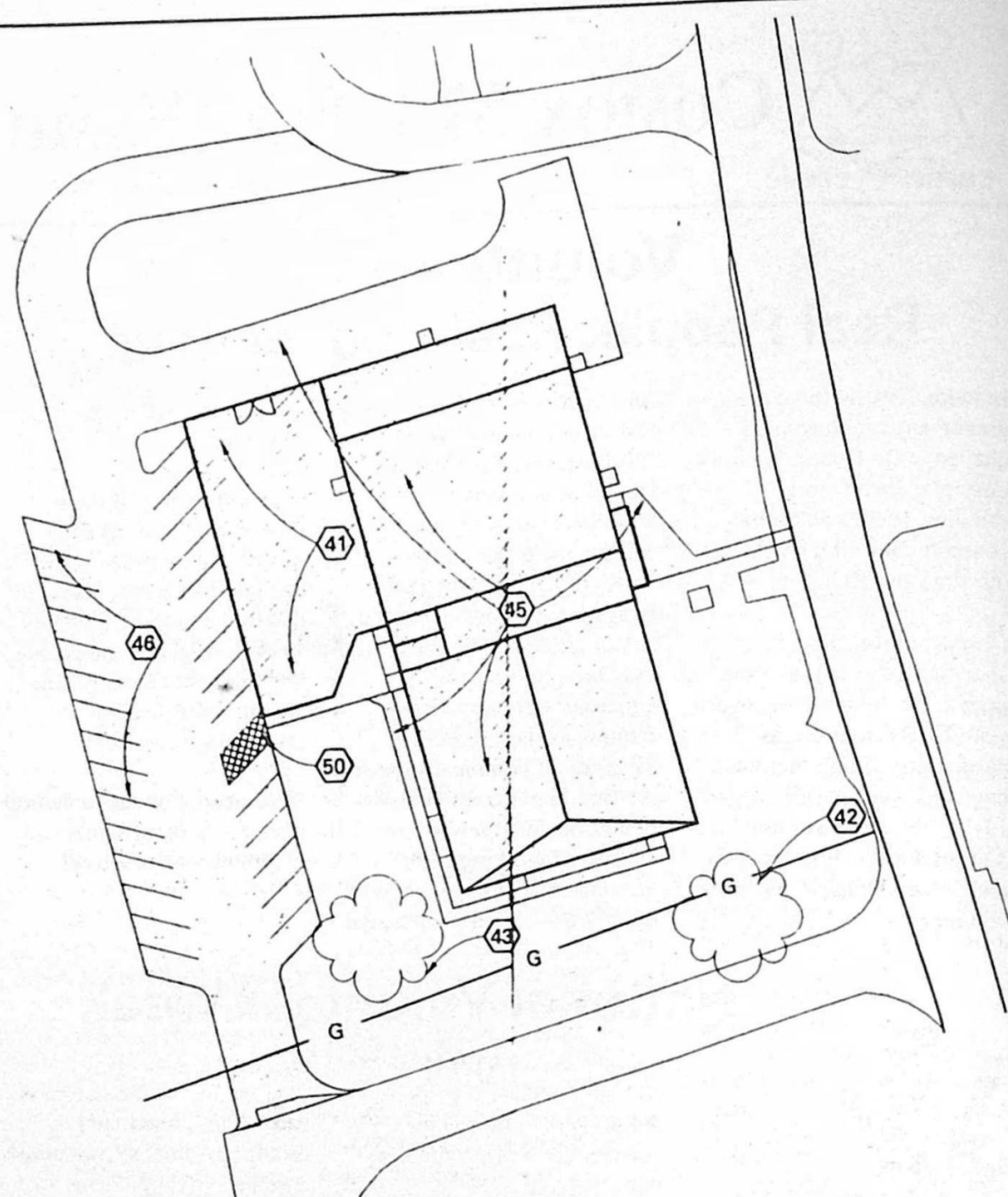
Contractors and their machinery were hard at work last week levelling and readying the area for construction of the new SAR School. (Staff photo.)

Military and civilian passersby were treated to a wrecking crew over the past few weeks as they watched the demolition of the barrack block next to the Combined Mess. Dust and smoke flew in all directions as the large tracked hoes and trucks crunched wood, metal and concrete into small mountains of mulched debris. The rapid pace and efficiency of the operation saw the complete elimination of the building, together with all trace of its existence, after only one week of bashing and smashing.

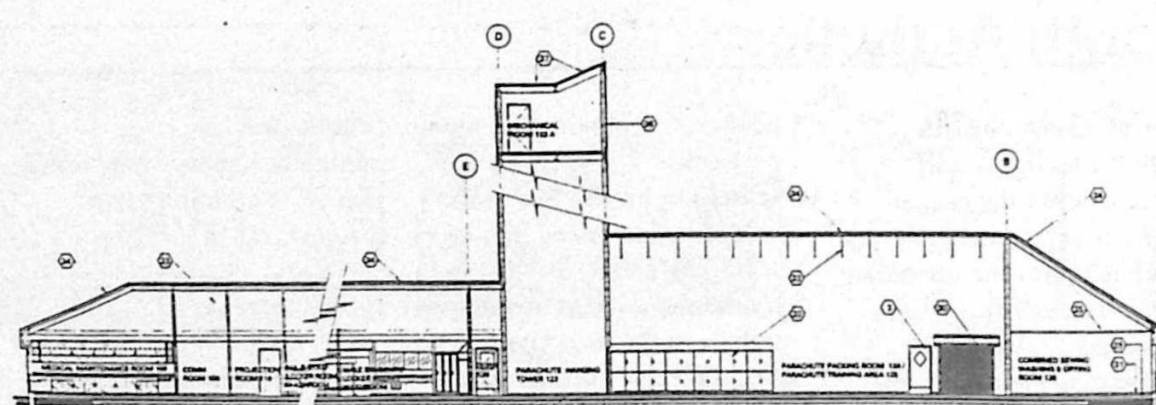
In its place will rise the all new SAR School building that re-

sulted from the move of the school from CFB Edmonton to Comox last year. Several people have been asking what the new building will look like and the conceptual drawings shown on this page will help in that regard. One distinguishing feature will be the tower, located near the centre of the structure, which will be used for drying parachutes and other items "as required." Col MacLean is pleased with this feature as he may have cause to string things up from time to time.

Keep watching this area 'cause construction is well under way.



Parachutist's view of new SAR School.



Front elevation of new SAR School.

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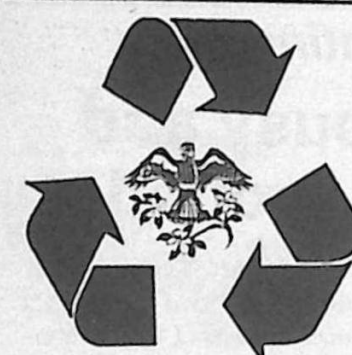
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Look who's recycling



Deanna Henderson, Christie Paisley, Nathan Paisley and Nathan Johansen empty the compostable materials collected daily at the Child Care Centre into the composter. (Photo by Cpl Ménard.)

Spring has sprung and now is the time to think about gardening, composting, and the great outdoors. There's nothing better for the garden than a little mature compost made from kitchen scraps in your own composter. That's something the kids at Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre are learning, thanks to Unit Recycling Coordinator Ginny St. Pierre.

Ginny, and the rest of the staff at Kinnikinnik, were concerned about all the food scraps, from snack preparation and children's lunches, going into the garbage. The Wallace Gardens Community Centre Association is the organization that distributes the composters and blue boxes for the base, so Ginny contacted them about obtaining a composter for the Child Care Centre.

The composter arrived about a month ago, and has been in operation for about three weeks. Each day, a different group of kids takes out the four-litre ice cream bucket of compostable material to empty into the composter and to learn about composting as part of their environmental education. Ms. St. Pierre feels that "It should be a part of every child's program.

They need to learn to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost."

The kids and the staff love it; no one liked throwing all of the potential plant food that the centre produces into the garbage. Even the used bedding from the rabbit cage in the toddler area is put into the composter. The amount that goes into the composter will soon be reduced because a lot of the food scraps will be taken home by one of the staff to feed a pig.



MCpl Leclerc, the 19 Wing Y.A.N.A. representative, presents a plaque to Maj Shiyak, the "Snowbirds" Team Leader in recognition of the outstanding support and dedication towards the children of the Comox Valley.

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Cops Corner

by Cpl K.E. LeBlanc

While waiting at a traffic light in Courtenay recently, I couldn't help but notice that the passenger in the vehicle next to mine was happily playing with the infant which she was holding on her lap. I found it very difficult to accept that in this day and age some people still find this an acceptable way to transport their young children.

Even disregarding Provincial traffic laws, the Laws of Physics alone give us all the reason we need to properly restrain our children. When a vehicle, even one travelling at moderately low speeds, is involved in a collision with a stationary object, or another motor vehicle, the results are phenomenal. The passengers of a motor vehicle travelling at 30 km/hr, are themselves travelling at that speed. When that vehicle collides with an object, and comes to an abrupt stop, physics keeps the passengers travelling at 30 km/hr. When an infant is unrestrained, it doesn't matter how tightly an adult is holding on, at the very least the infant will come in contact with the dashboard and, more than likely, the child will be ejected from the vehicle all together.

With a statistic like more than 200 children killed or injured in motor vehicle collisions in BC every year, I would suggest that perhaps we are not living up to our obligations to our children. As a police officer the most common excuse I hear for not having a child in a proper restraint is that the child doesn't like being strapped in and therefore, to avoid yelling, screaming and arguments, the child is allowed to ride with no restraints. The logic of this explanation has always escaped me. Perhaps if a child cannot be controlled while travelling in a vehicle, then that child should miss the trip in question. As adults, if we lose a battle over seat belts and safety seats with our children, we could quite literally kill them with our apathy.

We, at the 19 Wing guardhouse, urge you to use the proper restraining system for your child's weight and age, and pass on the following points in regards to this week's topic:

• BC law requires all children to be secured in an approved child restraint system bearing the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards label;

• Never place a child/infant seat in a front passenger seat which is equipped with an air bag. The child may be severely injured should the air bag deploy; and

• For maximum protection, all forward facing child seats should always be secured in the rear seat of the vehicle, regardless of whether or not is is equipped with an air bag.

As a quick reference, BC law requires an infant up to 9 kg be secured in an infant carrier, a toddler between 9-18 kg be secured in a child safety seat, and pre-schoolers (under six years of age) be secured in a lap belt. If you have any questions about these requirements, or about the terms used, please feel free to call us anytime at 339-8218.

Glossary of Aeronautical Terms

Airfoils: Swords used for duelling in flight.

Airstrip: In-flight performance by exotic stewardess.

Cockpit: Area where chicken pilots are kept.

Dive: Pilots' lounge.

Downwind Leg: When a girl is standing sideways to the wind, her skirt will be lower on this leg.

Elevator: Device that raises runway, thus preventing pilots from dropping in.

Final Approach: Last pass a pilot makes at a girl before giving up.

Flaps: Birds do it, but not recommended for fixed wing aircraft.

Gross Weight: A 350 lb. pilot.

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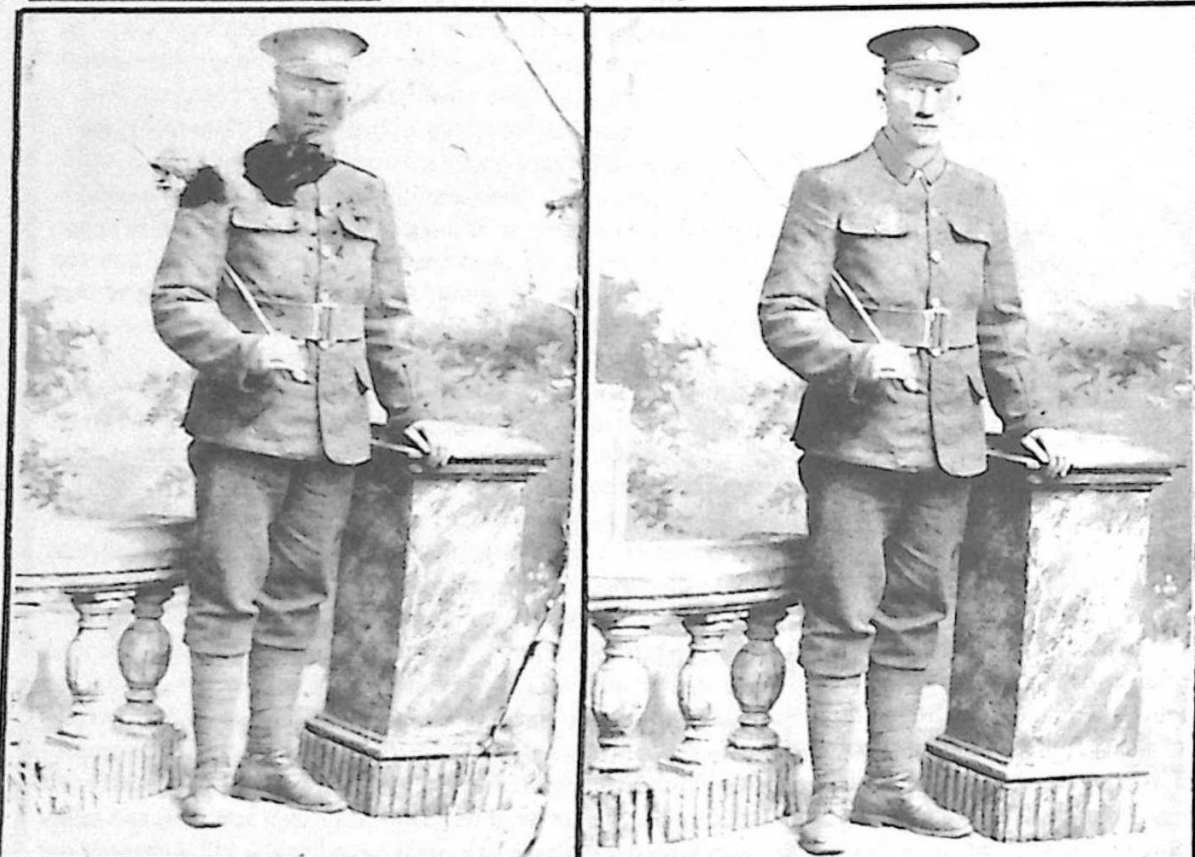
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As many of you already know, the 19 AMS Photo Section is now equipped to provide digital imaging services to all its customers. These services include scanning images captured on film or on a digital camera, manipulating them in the computer and producing photo quality prints of these digital images. It is a fascinating technology and we are proud to finally be on line. As a training assignment, a historical photograph was digitally restored. After scanning the original 4x6

print, a wide range of Adobe Photoshop tools were used to repair cracks and tears and to remove stains, as well as completely rebuild areas which were covered by stains or partly missing. This type of work is time consuming and typical service requirements will not involve, or warrant, such painstaking labour. However, it was an excellent learning experience and an opportunity to showcase the technology and talent available right here in 19 AMS Photo.



It took seven hours of meticulous digital restoration to repair the original print of Pte John William Berry, Seaforth Islanders, who served in WWI and, incidentally, is the grandfather of our very own Father Brown (RC Chaplain). Cpl Lars Olsson performed the digital work.

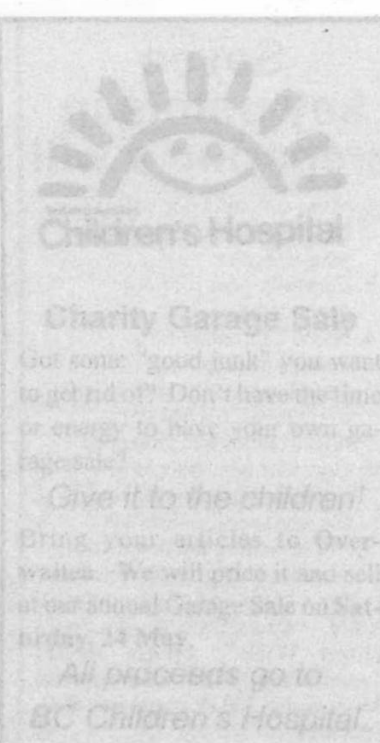
AMS presentations



Capt Rossell presents 19 AMS CO's Challenge Trophy to the Avionics Lab. Accepting the award are Cpl Caron and Cpl Sims.



Capt Rossell presents Cpl Stacey Sellstead a Drug Awareness Certificate of Participation.



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Beyond Bean Counting Beans been busy and been moved around

by K.J. Saunders

There has been a flurry of activity in the finance world of late - starting with the No Sno Fest. The OPI for this well received and successful event was the W Compt. Maj Donaldson. From Dec 96 until the day of the event, 7 Feb 97, the acronym NSF took on new meaning to all finance types involved!

With No Sno Fest behind us, full attention and resources have been aimed at our "bread and butter" - closing out the Fiscal Year. In NPF, the fiscal year (or FY as we like to refer to it) runs from Mar to Feb, on the public side of the house, the FY is from 01 Apr - 31 Mar. This "staggered effect" keeps bean counters plates plenty full from the end of Jan straight through till the end of May. To complement the tremendous and important task of closing out the books and setting up new budgets is the PER writing season, followed quickly by the Active Posting Season. (They don't call it "active" for nothing!)

The APS in Comox this year will be the second one for the amalgamated finance and admin people in the Personnel Support Services (PSS) office. The PSS, with its blend of fin and admin services will make the APS for military members easier and smoother than ever before!

Speaking of the APS and postings, Lt(N) Bronwynn Guymer is

posted to HMCS Huron, (currently on the West Coast) this summer, and Capt Caroline Benninger from 12 Wg Shearwater is due to be posted in some time in July. Happily for both Bronwynn and Caroline, their military spouses are posted to Esquimalt and Comox respectively.

There has been some internal transferring of beans recently: LS Jetta Neville has moved from the Invoice Section to NPF; Cpl Terry McElwee has moved from NPF to the PSS; Cpl Mimi Prevreau of the PSS has gone over to the other side of the fence, and is working in the 407 Sqn orderly room (the first fin clerk to be in that orderly room); Cpl Cheryl Trecher has joined the PSS from 407 Sqn OR; Sgt Diane Robertson will be joining the FMS team to work on the CCM project; and Lt KJ Saunders is the new WMSO. Cpl Louise Veilleux will be working in the NPF office while LS Neville is on JLC. Hoppin' Beans, eh?

On Thurs 13 Mar, the Command Comptroller (The Big/Tall Bean), Col Capem, paid a visit to 19 Wing. The new Command Comptroller is carrying out familiarization visits with each of the Comptrollers and COs throughout the Air Force. All went well—except for the snow that mysteriously appeared Thursday morning! Hmmm.

That's it for now. Bean Counters out!



Cpl Sims continuously puts an overwhelming effort into the 19 Wing United Way Campaign and he is seen here receiving a token of the United Way's appreciation. Cpl Sims is smiling from ear to ear as he knows that walking around the squadron and asking people for spare change is his favourite pastime anyway - he considers it to be a form of SCAN training. Congratulations John. (Photo by Cpl Olsson Photo Section.)

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Saving for Junior's education

by Kim Vogel, Financial Advisor
Comox Valley Rice Financial

A post-secondary education can offer your children the freedom of choice in their future, but only if they have the financial resources to get them there. Learning is freedom, but an education is not free!

Research indicates that the higher the education, the higher the income and the lower the unemployment rate.

Level of Education	Average Income	Unemployment rate
Less than Grade 9	\$20,672	14.6%
High School Diploma	\$23,245	9.9%
Trade or College Cert.	\$26,419	9.4%
University education	\$40,293	5.5%

The two most favourable choices to save for your child's education are as follows:

1. **Registered Educational Savings Plan (RESP)**
With the recent budget change, you can now contribute up to \$4,000 per year to this plan and the growth is tax sheltered while it is in the plan. You do not receive a tax deduction for contributions as you do with an RRSP. If the child does not pursue post-secondary education, the parent can withdraw the principal, or perhaps change the beneficiary to another child. The new rules now allow parents to transfer the RESP money into their own RRSP plan, provided that they have the allowable RRSP contribution room and the RESP plan was in existence for at least 10 years. The new budget changes make RESP plans much more appealing and less restrictive.

2. **Trust Accounts**
There is no limit on the amount you can save for your child in this type of plan. However, the money is not sheltered from tax. Parents have to pay tax on the dividend or interest income each year, but any capital gains earned (through mutual funds) are tax-free for the child. Other advantages of trusts are the freedom of the parents and child to use the money for something other than education, without restriction. The parents can control the money until the child reaches 18 years of age.

Plans can be tailored to fit your own personal financial situation. Talk to a qualified financial advisor to discuss your options.

Web site www.inforamp.net

by Pat Allan,
CFCCN Co-ordinator

The Canadian Forces Community College Network (CFCCN) has a new web site - www.inforamp.net/~dgreig/cfccn - and it's playing on a personal computer near you!

As you know, the CFCCN puts members of the DND community in touch with college programs and services, all across the country. We serve regular and reserve force members, retired members, civilian employees, NPF employees, and the families of all those people. This web site is another way of reaching out, especially to people who might not come in contact with routine orders, unit briefings and the like.

What can you do at the web site? First and foremost, you can find out how the CFCCN can help you earn a college diploma or certificate. You can hook up with your local CFCCN coordinator, or you can link to your local college and learn about their programs and registration procedures. If you're being posted this summer, you can link to the college and coordinator at your new base, and start making plans for continuing your education in the fall.

Or perhaps you've been wanting to go to school, but your schedule won't permit you to at-

tend regularly scheduled classes. Why not visit the web site to check out the distance education programs available from network colleges, complete with program descriptions?

Or maybe you'd like to find out how your military training and work experience can be applied for college credit, or for professional certification in your trade. You can visit the site to learn about prior learning assess-

ment and about grade evaluations performed by the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists.

But why keep reading about it, when you can go and see for yourself? The site is full of information and it's easy to use. Just set your web browser to <http://www.inforamp.net/~dgreig/cfccn>, or look up "Canadian Forces Community College Network" using one of the standard search engines.

For information about CFCCN locally, call Pat Allan, Co-ordinator at 8889.

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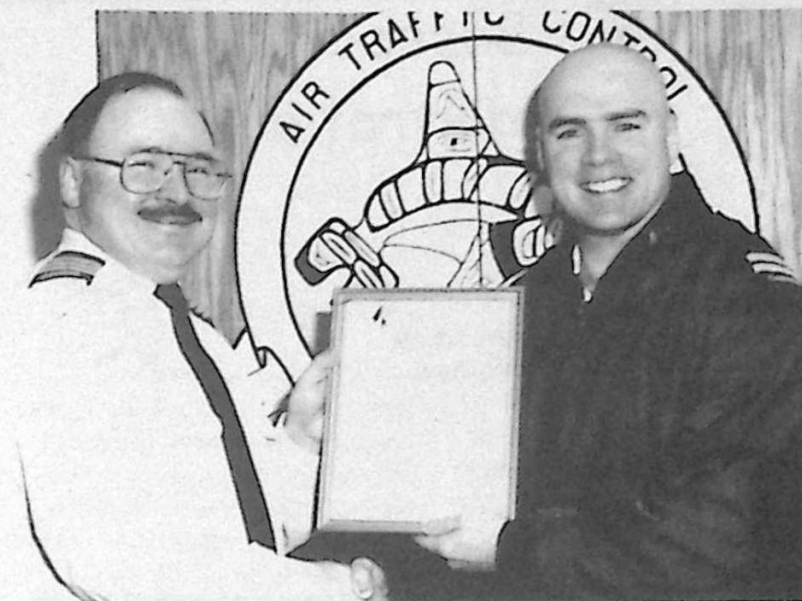
by MCpl John Healey

As the days get longer and longer people are starting to get outdoors and enjoy Spring in the Comox Valley. Already the good weather has seemed to remove the quietness from the surrounding area - there are more people out walking, fishing, golfing, hunting, biking and generally doing everything that people in the rest of the country envy us for.

The east coast recently got dumped on by about a meter of snow and I've already managed to get my motorcycle running, play 15 rounds of golf and start work on my summer tan. I should feel bad about it - but I don't. I don't know how long I'll be in Comox but I plan on enjoying myself while it lasts.

I'm not the only one in the unit thinking about summer - Cpl Marc Magee is soon to be the proud owner of a new Harley, Capt Mike Forbes has been seen touring around town on his motorcycle and just about everyone who golfs has been out to Glacier Greens for at least one round of golf.

Aerospace controllers and operators from across the country, as well as some of our civilian counterparts from Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford, Campbell River and Pitt Meadows, will be descending on 19 Wing for the inaugural Aerospace Control Golf Tournament to be held 1-2 May at Glacier Greens. The tournament, which is an annual event, has been renamed due to the amalgamation of ATC/AWC and Air De-



Capt Barry Scott received a "For Professionalism" award from LCol Lewis.

fence/Air T Cons. It is open to all serving members as well as retired members and every year we get record attendance. This year is no different with approximately 125 people expected to participate.

The Snowbirds, who have wrapped up another Spring training in Comox, were once again a big hit all over the valley. Every day people came from all around to watch the morning and noon practice air shows. I don't think there were many complaints about the weather this year and, with a little luck, the sunny days will continue.

Congratulations to Capt Barry Scott, who recently received a "For Professionalism" Award from W Ops O LCol Lewis. During an evening shift a civilian air-

craft that was above cloud and not licensed to fly IFR was having some difficulty descending through the clouds on approach and Capt Scott vectored the aircraft and descended it to VFR conditions. Job well done!

Capt Doug MacMullin will be visiting Inuvik NWT on TD for the last two weeks of April as a military/civilian liaison officer. I hope he has lots of warm clothes because at this time of the year it ain't going to be very warm.

Upcoming events for members to look forward to will be the start up of the Inter-section Softball League in May, an all-ranks W Ops Sqn Mess Dinner scheduled for 15 May and the aforementioned golf tournament. Until next time....

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Wallace Gardens

Baseball Registration

For: Kids, age 7 to 14

When: Saturday April 19th, 1-3 PM
Sunday April 20th, 1-3 PM

Where: In the Canex Lobby

Cost: \$25.00 per child
(Each child will be provided a hat and shirt. A medal for each child and BBQ are part of the festivities at the last game. On top of that, the kids will have a great time!)

Season Dates:
Every Sunday from May 4th to June 15th
Round 1 Playoffs on June 22nd
Final Playoffs on June 29th (followed by BBQ)
Practices will start the last week of April.

Requirements:
A baseball glove
Long pants (track pants, jeans are OK)

*** Help wanted ***
We still need lot's of help from the parents. For more information please ask the registration personnel or contact one of the following:

PMQ Assn 339-8211 Ext. 8571
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Hike for Hunger

Girl Guides of Canada and Boy Scouts of Canada went on a Hike for Hunger and collected \$15 items and \$10.00 in cash from people living in married quarters. We would like to thank you for making this endeavour a huge success.

Family Bingo

On 6 April, we held our most successful Bingo ever. The 10 winners were: Josh Legroulx, Cory Barnes, Chris Hauschildt, Stephen Beck, Guillaume Martel, Melissa Durst, Michael Briere, Kyanne Johnson. Grand Prizes went to Corrie Moore, Kevin Durst and Linda Durst. Connie Lefebvre, Alice Marriott, Daniel Marriott, Melissa Hunt, Melissa Hauschildt, Melissa Durst, Heather Wilman and Kyanne Johnson took home door prizes.

We would like to thank everyone who came out and had fun. Our next Bingo will be on 4 May. We hope to see you there.



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Wearing her Easter bonnet.

Easter Fun for the whole family

The Easter Bunny was hopping around at our annual Easter Party. After a free pancake breakfast, all the children joined in a parade with their decorated bicycles, wagons and strollers. Many children had made their own Easter hats which helped make the parade special. Every child entered in the parade received a large solid chocolate Easter Bunny. Since we had over 100 children in the parade the Easter Bunny ran out of chocolate bunnies but he promised to deliver more to the office for the children to pick up - most have been claimed but if your child did not receive one, and was entered on the wait list, please pick it up as soon as possible.

To end our Easter party there was an Easter Egg Hunt with hundreds of eggs hidden in the grass and closed in areas for the children to find. We hope everyone had a good time and are looking forward to our next event.



Hunting for Easter eggs.

Adult Craft Club

The next meeting will be held Sunday 20 April, 7-9 pm at the Community Centre. Busy B Crafts will teach Silk Flower Arrangements. Please phone ahead of time to register and pick your colour scheme. Cost is \$15.00. You must preregister by 11 April with a non-refundable cheque post-dated April 15. You can either bring your own 6-inch pot or buy one at the meeting.

This club is open to existing WGCA members and any newcomers for only \$3.21 per month. For further info: Kathy Bertin 339-7522, Darlene Frandsen 339-0848, Linda Jeffrey loc 8571.

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T-Ball Registration

For: Kids, ages 4 to 6

When: Saturday April 19th, 1-3 PM
Sunday April 20th, 1-3 PM

Where: In the Canex Lobby

Cost: \$25.00 per child
(Each child will be provided a hat and shirt. A medal for each child and banquet are part of the festivities at the end of the season. On top of that, the kids will have a great time!)

Season Dates: To be determined at our meeting on April 27th at 6:00 P.M. at the Wallace Gardens Community Centre.

Requirements:
A baseball glove
Long pants (track pants, jeans are OK)

*** Help wanted ***
We still need lot's of help from the parents. For more information please ask the registration personnel or contact one of the following:

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by Capt G. Edwards &
Capt E. Johnsrude

It was just another day in the life of an Aurora aircraft and crew. As a patrol aircraft, the Aurora can be used for many purposes ranging from Naval support and submarine detection, to Fisheries patrol, drug interdiction, and Search and Rescue. The Aurora in its military role of Naval support finds itself deployed around the world interacting with other nations in international exercises. It was on the return from one such deployment that the multiple roles of the Aurora and her crew were able to shine.

Our crew, 407 MP (Maritime Patrol) Sqn Crew 7, had just completed a two week deployment, in Kinloss, Scotland, flying Naval support for a multi-national exercise just north of Scotland. It was the morning of March 8, 97 that we took off for what was expected to be an uneventful 15 hour transit home. As a result of the wind and fuel considerations our Crew Commander, Maj John Low, decided to refuel in Goose Bay, Labrador. This added another hour to what was already a long day. We departed Goose Bay with nine hours of transit remaining. Two hours into the transit, we received a request from Air Traffic Control (ATC) to contact Trenton Military. They in turn patched us through to the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) for a SAR tasking in our vicinity. Navigator Graham Edwards contacted RCC who reported the reception of a partial MAYDAY and an Emer-

gency Locator Transmitter (ELT) from airliners in the vicinity. The RCC, with the use of Search and Rescue Satellites (SARSAT), positioned the MAYDAY about 40 nautical miles east of the Val D'OR, Quebec. This was a 45 minute transit south of our present position. Without hesitation we proceeded with the tasking, knowing that we were already stretching our crew rest to the max. We decided that Ottawa or Trenton would serve as suitable overnight stops if the SAR required any more than about two hours. At the same time, CFB Trenton was launching a SAR C-130 Hercules aircraft, but it would be at least one hour before it could get to the area, CFB Bagotville was launching a standby Griffon helicopter estimating 1.5 hours to the area. Having changed our call sign to "Rescue 117," we approached the area from the north at flight level 260. We received clearance to descend to 10,000 feet as soon as we started to receive the ELT.

We approached the initial area receiving a weak ELT signal. After contacting the RCC for further amplification on the lost aircraft, they were able to pass us a revised position 50nm from the first, but no description of the aircraft or number of people onboard. Minutes after altering heading to the revised area we received a stronger signal indicating that we were closing the crash site. The weather and visibility were good for the search but the area was heavily wooded and covered with snow, possibly disguising the crash site. As the signal grew stronger, we continued to descend to 5,000 ft where we could combine ELT homing with visual search. At this time we decided to shut down one of our four engines to conserve fuel. It was on the first on-top of the ELT signal that Sgt Claude Potvin called visual, spotting debris off the starboard side in the middle of a frozen lake. With the second pass we were confident that this was the crash sight, and descended to 2,000 ft to determine the severity

of the crash and if there were any survivors.

Just one hour after being re-tasked, including a 45 minute transit, two people were sighted walking around a small red single engine aircraft. The plane still had the fuselage and tail sections intact, but the wings had broken off during impact and lay beside the aircraft on top of the snow. (If the survivors on the ground were aware of what an Aurora was, they must have wondered what a Maritime Patrol aircraft was doing in the middle of the boonies.)

The navigator quickly radioed RCC and informed them of the crash position and the possibility of at least two survivors. We took several photos and circled the crash site for 35 minutes until visually vectoring the Hercules to the crash site. The Hercules, call-

sign "Rescue 305," would drop SARTechs and provide top cover until the Griffon arrived to transport the survivors and SARTechs to safety. With the arrival of Rescue 305 we relinquished on-scene command with just enough time for us to continue our flight home without needing to stop for fuel and crew rest. To further aid our fuel management and expedite our way home ATC cleared us direct 1,800 nautical miles to Comox.

About half an hour after we had continued on our way, we overheard radio traffic confirming there were only two people on board the crashed aircraft and both were alright. They were to be airlifted to the Val D'Or airport by the Griffon and then transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital.

Spanish lessons?

The dust has finally settled and the crews are beginning to train and become cohesive units just in time for the posting season.

The posting messages have brought relief for some and possible headache for others. The squadron will be losing Maj Berry and Capt Sannes to the dark side, W Ops. Capts Nero and Poulin are already in Portage preparing for their tour at the Multi Engine School. I am trying to determine the validity of the ancient proverb, "Those who can't, teach." Any comments may be directed to either the CFI in Portage or Moose Jaw. Capt Andrew "Lead Head" Skinner will be leaving shortly for his Basic Flying Training at the Jaw. We wish him all the best in finding a helmet that fits just right and successful completion of his course.

The Crew Five Vikings have increased their training program since being named the 407 rep for O'Brien. In addition to increased training opportunities in Hawaii, the Vikings are the envy of the squadron with their frequently excursions to ZX.

Although Crew Two missed out on their opportunity to go to Greenwood in March, the TD fairy has smiled upon the Cowboys with a scheduled Greenwood excursion at the end of the month. Los Rancheros will be perfecting their Spanish in the

next few weeks as they are currently the crew headed to Vina de Mar to participate in Teamwork South.

The Dawgs would like to welcome Lt (pronounced Lu-ten-ant) (N) Miller to the crew. If the crew seems a little less polite and more abrupt, please be patient with them as they are trying to make Johnny feel a little less homesick. The Dawgs would like to dispel any false rumours that seem to be circulating. The popular belief that Crew Three has been banned from Chile after their Andes excursion is simply not true. The Dawgs, knowing full well that their MPC (Lt Miller) would be unable to join them for Pisco and maintaining the team spirit tradition, forfeited their opportunity to those less fortunate, the Cowboys.

The Icemen were scheduled to depart for San Diego in the near future to participate in Comptux but have willingly stayed home to complete their memoirs and renovations to their closet. The crew would like to welcome Capts Sereda and MacWilliams while saying farewell to Capt Whyte who will be leaving the cloakroom for the spacious office of Crew Six.

Normally, when an Aurora crew is tasked to perform a SAR, it is over the ocean. We are accustomed to searching for signs of wreckage and survivors amongst the whitecaps, against a blue-green backdrop. Exposure to snow covered lakes and forest proved an enlightening experience for the whole crew. The last thing we expected on a coast to coast transit of Canada was to involve ourselves with a quick reaction SAR that combined efforts from the Navy, Air and Land Forces. This example of instantaneous utilization of multiple military resources instills faith in the professionalism and effectiveness of the Canadian Forces. Although it extended what was already a long day, this short diversion did much to spice up an otherwise routine transit for Crew 7.

Crew Five has augmented their chance of success in the O'Brien with the recent addition of two ringers - Capt Jean Roberge and MWO Schauer. We wish them all the best of luck at the O'Brien competition being held the middle of next month in Greenwood. This is our once a year chance at glory and to impress upon the easterners that we are more than just a flying club and that we can golf year round.

The Terminators of Crew Six returned recently from the Spring Blizzard Tour 97. During the week of nonstop excitement in Greenwood, Crew Six had scheduled five OMS sessions in order to finish up training requirements and complete an ASO upgrade.

The Crew 7 Moosemen are currently conducting training in Hawaii and were unable to provide comment to the author regarding recent activities.

With the arrival of spring, the imminent end to the hockey and ski seasons are upon us. Actually, Forbidden Plateau is rumoured to be open until the end of April, perhaps even mid-May, which will allow us to ski until the water is warm enough to water-ski. Squadron hockey was a spectacular success. This is measured in

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by Barb Carter

Glacier Greens Ladies lucked into a bright sunny day for the first Pin Day of the '97 season. Forty-two gals were on hand to try for the coveted pin and, when all the scores were tallied, it was Wanda Arneson being the winner with a fine 69. Well done!

Following in hot pursuit, four came in tied at 70. They were: Jan Verbeek, Anna Sutton, Kay Banks and Edna Dodd. First Low Gross went to none other than Duane Miles with a super 83.

Putts were tied at 31 - Caryl Diwert and Dot Grant shared the honours.

Holly Liddiard was with us for the first time. We hope you join us on a weekly basis.

Our numbers are increasing as the Snow Birds filter back from their winter nesting spots in the south. Hope you have a great summer.

Big plans are in the making for a Giant Garage Sale, to be held on Saturday 3 May from 8:00 am till whenever. Funds are to help the Tournament, Club Championship and Ladies Committees. More to follow in the weeks coming.

New leaders at Shoot Out

by Len Doyle, Men's Director

After day two of this 3-day event the top three spots have changed. Now leading the pack are Al Pasanen and Nick Myki-tuik at 111. In second place is the GG Maintenance Team of Supt Steve Bailey and Dan Brundige at 115. Three teams, including Pro Shop favourites Scott Fraser and Len Doyle, as well as Mick Blake and Cal Pearson, and Club Captain Fergie Webster with John Holley are tied at 115.5.

As the Ladies' Club will be holding their annual Spring Fling on Saturday, 19 April, the final day for the Shoot Out will be April 26. All participants are reminded that the final day will be the dreaded "Alternate Shot" format. It will be an 8:30 am shotgun followed by lunch and prizes in the Club House at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, April 19 will be regular Men's Morning. Tee times from 07:30-10:30 am. Call or visit the Pro Shop after 07:30 am Wednesday for a tee time.

Tuesday Men's Nights will be signed up by 5:00 pm for a 5:30 pm shotgun. Most will be team events so come out and have some fun.

Saturday Men's Morning will continue year round with tee times from 07:00 to 10:30. Inter-club matches have been arranged with CFB Esquimalt, Eagle Crest, Comox, Sunnydale and Storey Creek. The schedule has been posted in the Club House.

Tuesday Men's Nights began 1 April with a variety of formats. Back by popular demand with 50 2-man teams signed up and ready to compete is the GG Men's Shoot-Out. The formats will be Scramble, Best Ball and Alternate Shot played April 5, 12 and 26.

On Sunday, 11 May, the GG Men's Club will join the Ladies, Juniors and ProShop staff in hosting a Laurie Willis Sponsorship Tournament. This tournament will be a fund raising event to assist Laurie as he leaves to represent the valley on the Canadian Tour. More details to follow.

The GG Annual Men's Open will be held Saturday and Sunday June 7 and 8.

August 16 and 17 are the dates for the Men's Club Championship. Although some of these events are restricted to members only, we welcome visitors and guests to join us for Tuesday Nights, Saturday mornings and our Open.

Scuba Club News

Hello everyone! Don't you love our sporadic weather. Come on out Mr. Sun so we can bake and have some fun!

Well Glen did it! He holds the record for the longest Pacific Divers Scuba Club basic course ever - November 1996 to March 1997. A new one could finally start. Hee Hee! A refresher course is slated for the third week in April for anyone interested and an advanced course will be slated too. The club has set a policy that anyone wanting to take the advanced course through PDSC must have a minimum of 20 dives logged. Drop by the club on Mondays or Thursdays between 1830 and 2000 hours for more info, or call loc 8407/8657.

Crack a grin on your face for Cpl Paul Moquin and retired Capt Steve Bunyan who have been under water working for the Sailing Club at HMCS Quadra at the Spit. Diehards!

Attention all travellers. The Dive Club is going to Monterey Bay, California in late September/early October on its yearly week vacation/dive trip. As per last year's plans, we will be staying in rented unfurnished cabins, and will be buying our food down there. This year we are using our own transportation sources and we will be going independently. There will be a cap on the number of people going and we will be taking a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit. Last year we worked the price per person, using ten people as the factor, at \$325.00 each. This did not include the cost of food, which is said to be inexpensive, or personal entertainment. We would like to stress the point that the parents will be responsible for their children.

The inaugural Aerospace Control Golf Tournament, CFB Comox



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1 May

1100 hrs: Blocked tee times for those who wish to take in a practice round. Contact Pro at 339-6515.

1800 hrs: Meet & Greet with meal at Glacier Greens Social Centre. Registration/payment and address confirmation for those individuals who have not paid.



Badminton Club

Recreational and competitive badminton can be played every Sunday evening from 1830-2100 hours at the Wing Gym. One court will be available at all times for instructional purposes. Vic Arsenault, a 7-time CF National Team member, will be our chief instructor. Drop-in fees: \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family. Everyone is welcome!! For more info contact Cpl Forget, loc 8834 or MCpl Blair, loc 8538.



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Why has this process changed? To save time and paper! For personnel reporting to MIR, the procedure was to fill in the chit, see the doctor, go back to work and throw away the chit. No one ever saw or used the chit. Obviously a waste of time and money and not all that ecologically friendly either! By signing in the Register book, the Med As are able to call patients by order of arrival. The book also shows info of your visit, should this info be required.

What to do if you are medically required to go home or if

your boss wants to see your Sick Chit? Simply ask for a Sick Chit, as they are still available, and fill it out. This new process has been designed to be quicker and easier for both the W Hosp and its patients. Feel free to provide feedback to the W Hosp with respect to this new process, and whether or not it is achieving its expectations.

The ATAC committee was designed and exists to help you and the Wing refine and simplify administrative processes. The team needs your ideas! So, go forth, find your ATAC committee member and submit your ideas for the next change!

Committee members are: Capt Fields, W Log; Lt(N) Green 442 Sqn; Capt Nogue, 407 Sqn; Lt Saunders, W Compt; Sgt Ricardo, 19 AMS; MCpl Seguin, PSS; Cpl Hopkins, 414 Sqn; Cpl Paquet-Combe, 407 Sqn.



Sgt J.R.C. Potvin from ABATS receiving his CD from WComd on 13 Mar 97.

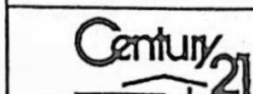
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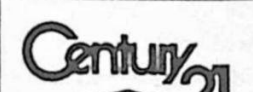
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Mike Descarie, Housing Clerk: With his many years of experience in the military and time spent as an MQ resident, he is aware of the special requirements of our service personnel and is eager to assist by assuring their needs are met to the best of his ability.

Jim Ramsay, Housing Inspector: For the past five years, he has been employed with Construction Engineering, at 19 Wing as a carpenter, contract inspector, and MQ Maintenance OPI. Jim looks forward to working with the CFHA and enjoys the prospect of the challenges that face the new organization over the next few years.

Kathryn Perry, General Administration: Kathryn has 15 years experience at 19 Wing, but most recently as the Flight Plan 97 Ground School CI. Previous to that she was with Construction Engineering. Being a "HUB," Kathryn enjoys working as part of the new CFHA team and looks forward to the challenges ahead. We opened on 1 April 97, are located in Bldg 137 (beside the Post Office in the Canex building) and are open 0730-1600 hrs Monday to Friday.

CFHA phone numbers:
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Allocations & general enquiries 339-1947

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LCol A.D. Hunter presents a certificate recognizing each of the following squadron members for their valuable contributions to the success of the United Way campaign. (L-R): Cpl Shelley A. Deley, MCpl Mark C. Baiden, LCol A.D. Hunter, Cpl Vince J. Hopkins, Cpl W.Kendell Hayward.



Recently, LCol A.D. Hunter, CO 414 (CS) Sqn, had the pleasure of presenting 414 (CS) Sqn personnel with awards. Here Cpl Marko Rekrut receives his Canadian Forces Decoration.



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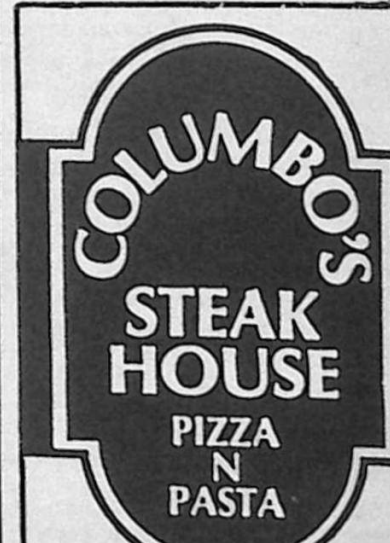
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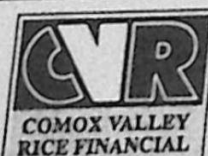
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415 Sqn

40 year Reunion

This year, 415 (Maritime Patrol) Sqn will commemorate and celebrate 40 years of service to Canada. The reunion will be held at 14 Wing Greenwood, N.S. on 6-8 June. All squadron members from years past are invited to attend. Anyone requiring more information or wishing to register should contact the committee by: Phone: (902) 765-1494, loc 5875

Fax: (902) 765-1483

E-mail: jlaflaur@atcom.com

Mail: 40-Year Reunion Committee, 415 (MP) Sqn, 14 Wing Greenwood, Greenwood, N.S. BOP 1N0.

103 Sqn 50th Anniversary

Though its insignia was not introduced until 1964, 103 Sqn has nevertheless existed and performed five decades of dedicated SAR service throughout eastern Canada. To mark this occasion, 103 Sqn will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a reunion being held at 9 Wing Gander, 24-26 June 97.

To truly commemorate this event, 103 Sqn will celebrate its new-found recognition of squadron status and is planning to have its colours presented by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on 24 June. Other planned activities include a Memorial Dinner, Golf Tournament, Cabot 500 Festivities and perhaps a last chance to witness the Labrador helicopter in operation before its replacement comes on line.

Alternative means of economical transportation to and from Gander are being investigated. Note that 9 Wing Gander Airshow will be held 29 June. Contact OPI Capt Perry Kurzynski or Lt Byron Johnson (CSN 622-3342) for further info.

Recruiting all guppies for underwater hockey

by Elize Nielsen

The Pacific Divers Scuba Club is in the process of recruiting players for an underwater hockey team with the possibility of playing against like teams from Victoria, Port Alberni and Campbell River.

What is underwater hockey?

From the surface, it resembles a thrashing shark frenzy at feeding time. Swimmers equipped with only mask, fins and snorkel vie for control of the brass puck. The puck is played using hand-held wooden prongs and is

pushed end to end on the bottom of the pool. It is an extremely rigorous sport and we usually call the game after 40 minutes.

Who can play?

Anyone with swimming abilities and the desire to improve lung capacity by breath holding! You do not need to be scuba certified; only mask, fins and snorkel are required.

When?

Monday nights at 20:00 hours in the Base Pool.

Contact

Brian Scott 339-1868 or Glen Coates 339-1296.

Spanish lessons?

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terms of total fun as opposed to final point standings.

Congratulations go out to all those newly promoted Capt's: Dietrich, Evans, Martin, Smith

and Vinet, it is not often one is promoted twice in the same year.

Congratulations and best of luck go out to Cpl Olmstead, his wife, Dale and daughter Madison on the safe arrival of their twins.

Those would be twin boys, Connor and Liam. Brett would be more than happy to show you the photos or take you up on the babysitting offer.

Just as a reminder, the Squadron Mess Dinner will be on 17 April so the rest of the squadron will be standing by for some liquid celebration.

Demons Out!

FREAKSHOW

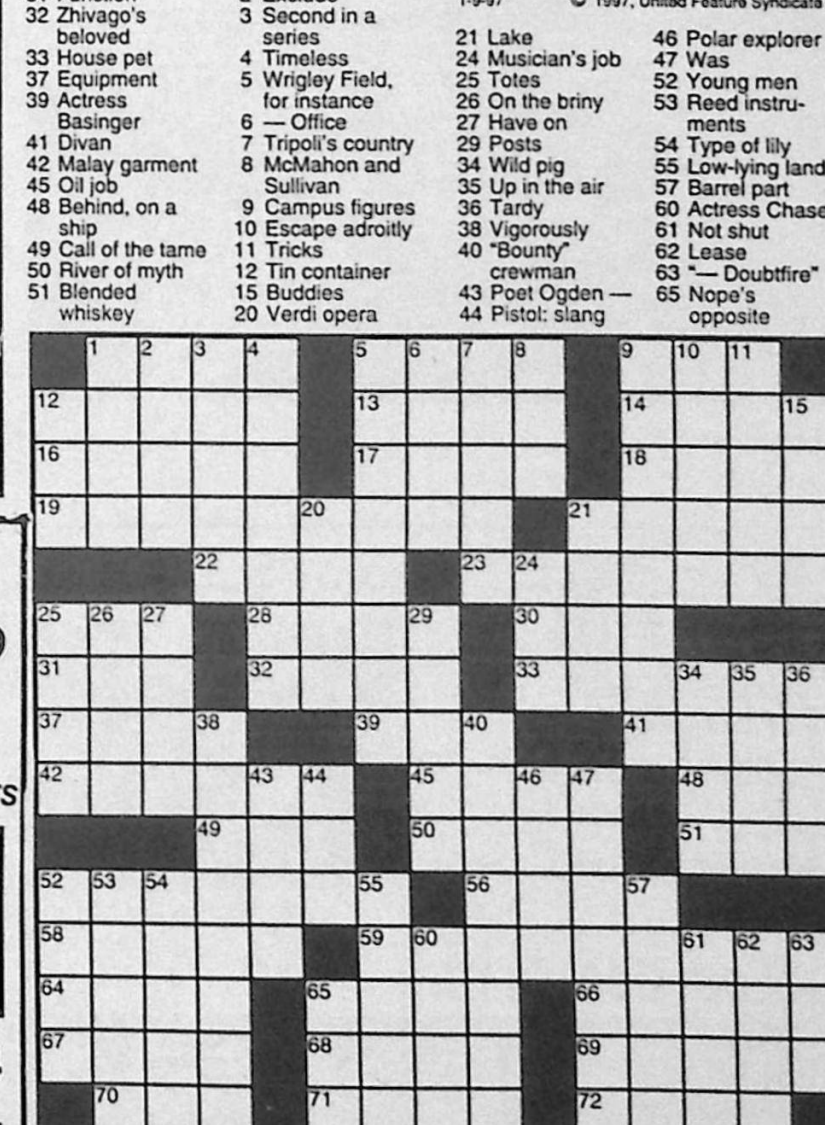


Did you know that 65 per cent of last year's 130,000 patient visits to B.C.'s Children's Hospital involved children who live outside the city of Vancouver?



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Feel passionate about
5 Tree trunk
9 Baste
12 Celestial body
13 Eager
14 Hair decoration
16 Dress style
17 Science rooms
18 Island dance
19 Without affection
21 Sculpt
22 Cut
23 Immortal
25 Marcia Clark's field
28 Eve's spouse
30 Savings-plan init.
31 Function
32 Zhivago's beloved
33 House pet
37 Equipment for office
39 Actress Basinger
41 Divan
42 Malay garment
45 Oil job
48 Behind, on a ship
49 Call of the tame
50 River of myth
51 Blended whiskey
52 Grasshoppers
55 Eye part
58 Embarrass condition
64 Blockhead
65 Ivy League school
66 Candle
67 Auction off
68 Actress Sommer
69 — up the score: ties
70 Make a comment
71 Pome fruit
72 Fender damage
DOWN
1 Actress Albright
2 Exclude
3 Second in a series
4 Timeless
5 Wrigley Field, for instance
6 — Office
7 Tripoli's country
8 McMahon and Sullivan
9 Campus figures
10 Escape adroitly
11 Tricks
12 Tin container
15 Buddies
20 Verdi opera
21 Lake
24 Musician's job
25 Totes
26 On the briny
27 Have on
29 Posts
34 Wild pig
35 Up in the air
38 Tardy
39 Vigorously
40 "Bounty" crewman
43 Poet Ogden
44 Pistol: slang
46 Polar explorer
47 Was
52 Young man
53 Reed instruments
54 Type of lily
55 Low-lying land
57 Barrel part
60 Actress Chase
61 Not shut
62 Lease
63 "Doubtful" opposite
65 Nope's opposite



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REUNION

Attention all former members of the WOs and Sgts Wives Club of CFB Trenton/8 Wing Trenton.

Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the formation of our club and we are currently seeking all former members who might be interested in a reunion.

A 20th Anniversary Reunion at 8 Wing Trenton will be held in April of 1998 (should sufficient interest be shown)

We look forward to hearing from you now! Please contact any of the following if you are interested in this planned event:

Debbie McDonald Phone (613) 392-2811 ext 2674, Fax (613) 965-2192; Elsie Hogg Phone (613) 392-1476, Mail 11 Somerset Street, Trenton, ON, K8V 5T7; Donna Summers E-mail dsummer@sympatico.ca.

NEXT DEADLINE
25 APRIL
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Club Info

WOs & Sgts Mess Ladies Social Club meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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 - Canex Supermarket Manager with CFB Petawawa.
- Please contact Larry Frances, NPF HR Co-ord at Loc 8066 for further info.

NEWCOMERS' CLUB

For women new to the Comox Valley within the last two years. Next meeting 12 May at Comox Community Centre, Noel Avenue (Upper Lounge). Come share refreshments, prizes and friendship. This is our final general meeting for 1996/97. Join us at 6:30 pm for a Potluck Dinner and introduction to the new board and executive. Please bring a serving utensil for your entrée and plate/utensils for your own meal. Some activities continue through the summer. Regular monthly meetings and activities resume in September. For info call Pat 335-1920 or Katharine 338-0938.



Bowling Centre Closure

The Wing Bowling Centre will be closed during the period 18-20 April for the military regionals. The Bowling Centre will be closing for the season on 24 April. Wishing everyone a great summer. See you in September!

50th Anniversary 444 Sqn - June 97

In 1947, amid the post war turbulence, 444 Squadron was formed. Since that humble beginning as artillery spotters, the black and silver colours and "Cecil the Snake" have adorned many different aircraft types and resided in many exotic locales.

In mid-June 1997, 444 (CS) Sqn will celebrate the 50th anniversary with a modest series of events at 5 Wing in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Labrador.

Proposed dates are 19-23 June 97. These dates are deemed the most suitable as support to allied flying ops allows very few periods of repose. Transportation details are being worked on.

Anticipated events include Parading of Colours, Memorial Mess Dinner, and "Retreat" to wilderness campsite for historical seminar.

Interested parties should advise of intentions and numbers so that 444 (CS) Sqn Reunion Committee can secure sufficient local, modest and inexpensive accommodation. More detailed itinerary and formal invitation will follow. Unit OPI are: Capt Cheryl Lawrence (CSN 568-7340) and Lt Dave McGilvray (CSN 568-7348).

Strike swift - strike sure - see you in June 97.

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NEWFIE NITE and SCREECH IN

The Downhomers Club of the Comox Valley will be hosting the 2nd Annual Newfie Nite and Screech In at the Courtenay Legion Upper Lounge on 17 May. Festivities will commence at 7:00 pm with a Screech In conducted at 8:00 pm, followed by the band (The Easterners) until 1:00 am.

As 1997 is the 50th anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland, if you can't get back home come out and celebrate with us. Tickets are only \$6.00 each and seating is limited so don't wait too long as we expect a sell out crowd like last year.

This function is also in support of the Comox Valley Special Olympics. For tickets contact Paul Heath at 334-2785 or Ed Linthorne at 338-8447. Hope to see you there.

Heritage Happenings

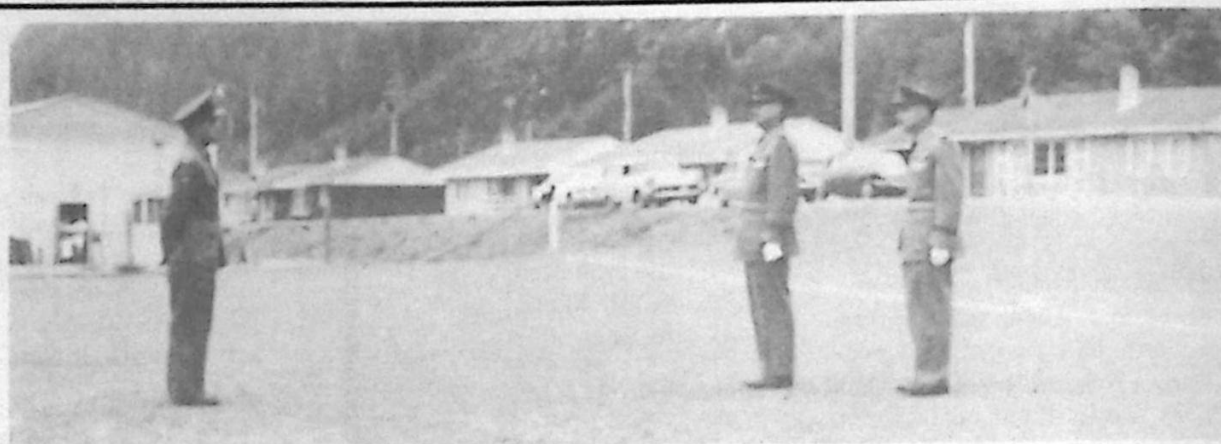
Many things have been happening over at the Comox Air Force Museum as the summer season approaches. The Heritage Aircraft volunteers have been particularly busy with the restoration of the H-21 and those of you who are most observant will have noticed several new items under protective tarps at the temporary hangar. These are the fore and aft transmissions and rotor heads for the Piasecki and they have been refurbished and painted through the good graces of 442 Sqn and the refinishing shop. Apparently several of the components of the rotor heads are identical to those of the Labrador, including dampers and seals, and while in temporary storage at 442 the components served as excellent training aids for the technicians. The rotor blades have also been restored and these can be seen next to the main museum building. Extensive fibreglass reworking was required and now they look good as new, which is a problem and steps must be taken to ensure that they don't get back into the "system."

Disaster struck in late March when abnormally high winds battered the area. The fire truck shelter next to the main museum literally blew apart. One minute it was holding up well, the next minute both ends and the main sail parted company with a sound like a rifle shot and there were little bits of fabric flying every-

where. Fortunately the truck and contents were not damaged as the walls blew outwards and failed to hit anything of consequence. Scott Park of Shade Tree Upholstery was contacted and he pronounced the fabric repairable and is busy with the details. The building should be up and running soon, ready for the next wind storm.

Capt Richter and the restoration folks have also been trying to license the recently restored military ambulance under the vintage automobile rules of ICBC. This is not a simple procedure as proof of vintage status must be supplied in writing, as well as visually by means of photo or on-site inspection. Fortunately for the museum, Capt Richter is very persistent and the license plate is in the mail. Now he just has to take that proof of registration down to the insurance people in order to get the vehicle on the road. It will be used extensively for the maintenance of the aircraft in the park, as well as a mobile display for parades, weddings, trade shows, etc.

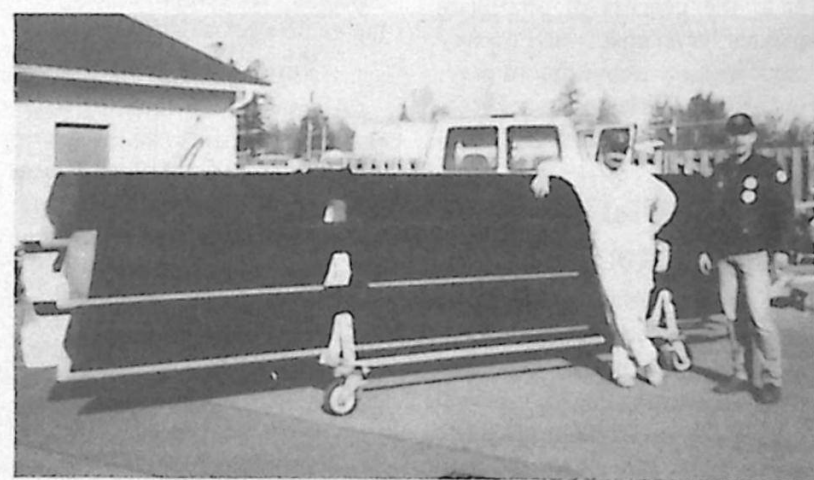
Good news for Maj Clarkston, and perhaps even for the museum staff. Air Command has struck a deal with the Reserves and established several Heritage Officer positions across Canada. Their job is to promote the Air Force through the maintenance of heritage sites, liaison with the Air Force Association and other



"I know we're shorthanded, but one man for a CO's parade is ridiculous." This interesting photograph was taken at CFS Holberg during the sixties and leads one to believe that there was a manpower shortage in the Forces back then. (Courtesy of the Rowe Collection, Air Force Museum.)



After the recent flooding, Col MacLean stopped by the museum to see if everything was still high and dry. Just so we can all see that this flooding is not unique, the museum staff dug up this 1968 photo of a similar occurrence in the good old days. That water flowing down the ditch is purported to be part of the head waters of the Little River system and the black thing in the foreground is supposed to be a fish. Apparently guards used to have to be posted alongside the stream to prevent moochers from picking up a free dinner.



Recently restored rotor blades look good enough to put on a serviceable aircraft.



Refurbished rotor head is lowered to position near temporary hangar.

groups concerned with the preservation of military history. They will act directly for Air Command through their respective Wing Commanders and be directly responsible to the Wing Commander concerned. Here at 19 Wing, Maj Clarkston, recently retired from the Regular Force, has been selected as the Wing Heritage Officer. He will be working under a Class A contract up to 12 days per month in the execution of his duties. As a first step, Don Pearsons, the Air Command Heritage Officer, has nominated Maj Clarkston as a director for the Organization of Military Museums of Canada. Elections for the executive will be held during the annual convention, organized for this year at Victoria in early August. The OMMC oversees the activities of the 60 military museums (of which only four are Air Force) and is very involved with the preservation of military history. Maj Clarkston can be reached through the Comox Air Force Museum at 339-8162.



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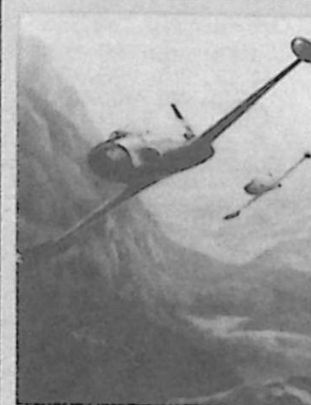
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