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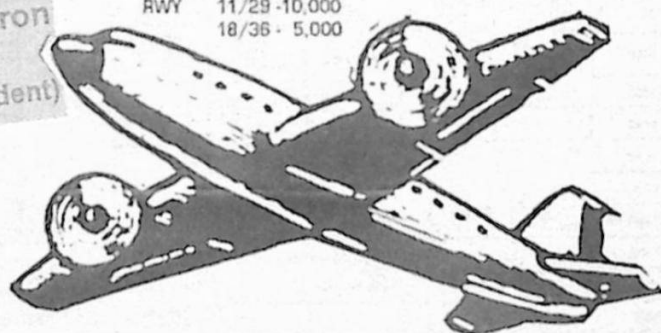


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442 Hosts Fly-in

by Sgt Al Banky

Continuing its tradition of public education and public interaction, 442 Squadron, in association with Victoria's CHEK 6 TV, will be hosting a civilian aircraft fly-in on 1 June, 1997 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The aims of the event are three-fold: to increase aviation safety prior to the busy summer flying months through survival and mountain flying lectures; to increase awareness of 19 Wing flying operations in the civilian flying community; and to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society's Camp Sunshine through donations from visiting pilots.

Although the fly-in is being put on by 442 Squadron, the Commanding Officers of 407 and 414 Squadrons have generously volunteered to provide an Aurora maritime patrol airplane and a T-33 jet as static displays to show the wide variety of operations conducted by 19 Wing.

Organizers of the fly-in anticipate that 50-100 airplanes will visit the base during the four hour event. Event co-organizer and civilian pilot, CHEK 6 TV personality Gordie Tupper will be on hand filming the day's activities. Tupper is enthusiastic about the event, "I spent the weekend flying around to most of the Lower Mainland flying clubs, and interest is very

high. It's not often that a civilian pilot gets a chance to land at a base like Comox. It should be a lot of fun and it's all for a very good cause... kids."

The Wing Commander, Col Brian MacLean, is an enthusiastic supporter of the fly-in. In order to accommodate the expected large number of aircraft, Col MacLean has waived the regular prior permission requirements and landing fees for airplanes participating in the event. Pilots requesting more information about the fly-in can contact the 442 Squadron Public Affairs Section at 339-8211, local 8754.



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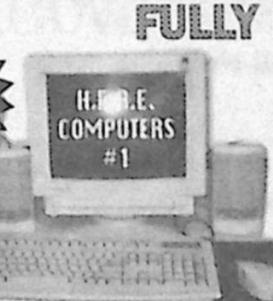
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Ladies Crib League 7:30 pm in Lounge recessed to Sept 97
WEDNESDAYS.....Navy League Drop-In Bingo, 7:00 pm
Upper Island Men's Crib League recessed to Sept 97
THURSDAYS.....*1st Br.160 Exec. Mtg. Upper Hall, 7:30 pm
1st L.A. Executive Meeting (as required) 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
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FUN CRIB.....every Wednesday night 8:00 pm
SUNDAY CRIB.....(Sun 25 May).....1:00 pm
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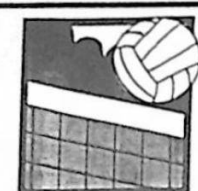
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AIRCOM addresses SCONDVA

Madame la présidente, honorables représentants, j'ai le privilège et l'honneur de m'adresser à vous aujourd'hui sur des questions que je considère cruciales pour l'ensemble des Forces canadiennes et tout particulièrement pour la Force Aérienne. J'ai avec moi aujourd'hui mon sous-chef d'état-major du personnel au quartier général du commandement aérien le Col Charlie Bouchard. Je suis certain que le lieutenant-général Baril et le vice-amiral Garnett conviendront avec moi que les résultats de vos travaux auront une incidence directe sur le moral et le bien-être de chaque membre des Forces canadiennes et de sa famille. J'espère sincèrement que vous aurez l'occasion, à un moment donné, de rencontrer le plus grand nombre possible de nos membres dans le court laps de temps qui vous est imparti. Nous leur avons expliqué en quoi consiste votre mandat, ainsi attendent-ils impatiemment votre visite et l'occasion de vous faire part de leurs préoccupations de vive-voix et dans leur milieu de travail journalistique afin de vous donner une meilleure appréciation de leur situation.

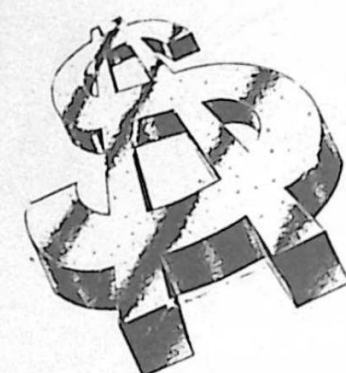
The purpose of my briefing is to outline some of the unique concerns and challenges facing the air force in Canada today, and what we are doing internally to address them. Additional material has been provided as background for your use. However, there is a clear limit to what we can do internally, hence, the significance of the recommendations you will make to Parliament later this year.

Let me first place air force concerns in context. Over the past six years the air force has become almost 50% smaller with only a marginal reduction in operational output. Like the two other services, we have never been busier. Indeed the orientation of the air force has changed from a relatively static structure to a dynamic posture which is prepared to deploy air resources in support of the Government's policy with NORAD, NATO and the United

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Stocks vs Mutual Funds

by Kim Vogel

Comox Valley Rice Financial
You want to participate in the growth and excitement of the stock market. Should you buy stocks direct or buy a mutual fund that invests in stocks? A lot of questions need to be answered before you make your decision.

The key to consider is how much time do you want to devote to monitoring your investments and making your own decisions. If you have a stock portfolio, don't rely on your stockbroker to always make the right buy and sell decisions for you. You have to be willing to take an active role in the decision making process,

requiring your time and energy. You have to be prepared to follow the stock market on a regular basis and to know what the companies (whose stock you own) are doing and what their outlook is for making future profits in their industry. Some people enjoy these tasks and want to spend the time it takes to do this properly. This type of investor generally has more time on his hands and treats this as a hobby as well as a money-making venture.

On the other hand, if you are like the majority of people today, you want to spend more time living and enjoying yourself, rather than focusing on your invest-

(The following letter was printed in the 30 April edition of The Ottawa Citizen.)

You can't begin to imagine how offended I was by the April 29 front-page article, "The strength behind the Senators," that I have just finished reading. Once again I am reminded of how warped our values as a society truly are.

You see, I am a military wife ... just one of many thousands in this country.

We too experience a "lonely, uprooted side" to our lives. We also put our careers on hold to follow our husbands wherever our government chooses to send them. We are forced to learn to survive on one paycheck (which, I can well imagine, comes nowhere near the amount a hockey player makes).

We, too, do volunteer work ... endless hours devoted to trying to make the military community a

saner place to live.

Yet I have yet to see any articles based on our "strength," let alone front-page coverage.

Laurel York's comment that she needs to "be strong for them" because "deep down, you're scared just as much as they are" is laughable. Scared? Of what?

The wife whose husband is clearing mines in Bosnia with outdated equipment has the right to be scared about her husband's career choice. Not the wife of a hockey player. Unless, of course, she is worried about him being mobbed by adoring fans. No chance of that happening to a soldier.

Military personnel are treated shamefully here in Ottawa and it's heartbreaking to us spouses who are so genuinely proud of our mates.

I'm also grieved about a society that considers a grown man who plays a game for a living a

ments on a day-to-day basis. Mutual funds are made for people who want to let professionals make the buy and sell decisions in the stock market. Mutual funds offer the peace of mind that your portfolio is constantly being monitored and changed, without having to be involved in the day-to-day process.

In looking at stocks vs. mutual funds on a risk level, it would also appear that mutual funds can significantly lower your investment risk level through a diversified investment portfolio. If you invest in a mutual fund, you may end up owning more than 100 different stocks. But if you invest in a single stock, you only own stock in one company, and therefore you are at a greater risk if something goes wrong with that one company. Take for example the Bre-X situation of 1997; if a mutual fund owned shares in Bre-X, your value may decrease slightly for a short term period, but the other stocks in the fund would offset any losses with one stock. If you owned Bre-X direct, you would have ended up with worthless shares.

A BIG THANK YOU

to Vanier's Journalism Department for coming to our aid this week with the loan of a waxing machine to replace ours, which blew its motor just as production started. Without this help we would not have been able to produce this edition.

BOATING tips

(NC)—Head for the nearest safe anchorage or landing when a storm threatens. Avoid the temptation to buck it.

SCONDVA suspended for election

Official activities associated with the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA) have been suspended as a result of the Federal Election call. However, SCONDVA researchers are continuing to work on the study and the clerk is still accepting submissions until 30 June 97.

It is expected that the committee will continue the study when parliament resumes sitting in the fall, with the aim of producing a report later this year.

The DND SCONDVA Support Team suspended activities on 9 May until just prior to the committee's reconstitution. Any questions arising over the next few months with regard to SCONDVA may be directed to Maj Glenn Robertson (613) 996-0764

Sports figures no heroes, military wife says

Sue Gardiner then goes on to say that the wives are "the reason he's the hero" so now we have not one, but two people who are worthy of a country's adulation.

What about the soldiers who spend day after day in war-torn countries trying to keep the peace? Or the thousands of military members who are even now immersed in water in Manitoba? Are these not the true heroes of our country?

And I know, for a fact, not one spouse would be so presumptuous as to believe that we were the reason our mates were heroes.

And those poor women having to worry about their guys in those fights. Please. Men bawling on ice over a game is just plain silly. When one of their husbands is pinned down between two warring factions in a firefight, then I will be filled with compassion.

And, God forbid, that one of those hockey gods would get in-

jured and then just like a little trooper get all fixed up with "no novocaine, no nothing."

What about our soldiers who have their legs blown off in mine accidents? Or their brains penetrated by bullets?

I bet their spouses are not concerned whether or not they had to take a few painful stitches. Their concerns are about whether or not the doctor can put them back together again at all ... or whether or not the casket will have to be closed because his face has been left on a roadside somewhere in a foreign country.

Don't get me wrong, I do realize the entertainment value that hockey has and how this is an exciting time in the minds of most residents of Ottawa.

Let's just try to keep our perspective. Sports figures are celebrities, not heroes. They are extremely well compensated for their talents. Their wives and

girlfriends are living glamorous lifestyles that are well beyond that of the average Canadian. They are given enough reward for their efforts. I don't think they are deserving of our sympathies too.

Please Mr. Editor, be fair. Come to my community and talk to the hundreds of wives who are the family backbone; women with real-life concerns. Do some articles about the true heroes of this country instead of all the sensationalist trash that has been generated in your paper lately.

For once, give credit where credit is due ... and that is to the men and women who selflessly serve their nation and the spouses who remain behind to guard the home front. All we ask for is a little respect from a country we love so much.

A very proud military spouse.
Sheila Johnson, Ottawa.

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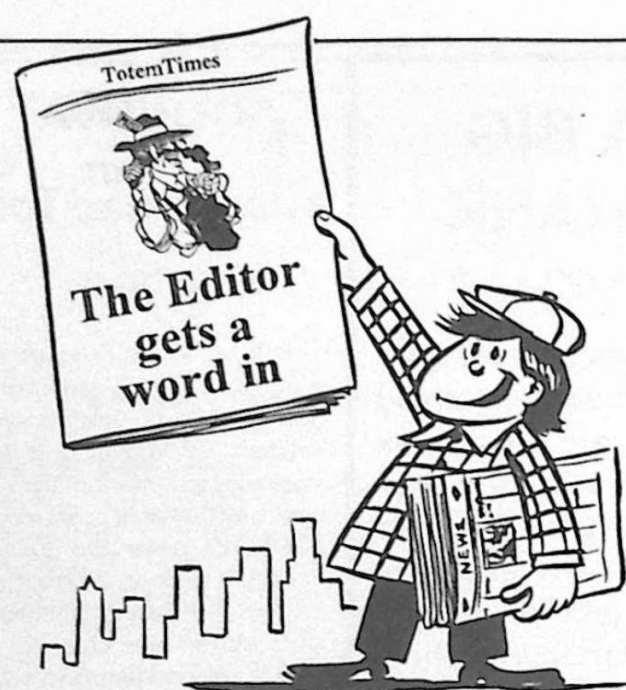
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The wisdom of the day states that one can never go home, well not for the long term anyway, so it is always with some trepidation that I return home to the small town of Smithers each year. At first I find the place a little distressing, because of all the change, and then I find it most reassuring, because the people have changed so little. Small town values really are different than those of major centres, refreshingly so in that people are more concerned with being fiscally responsible, family and community oriented rather than entertaining themselves by interfering with the activities of their neighbours. And the person who is always there to pass on the collective opinion of the populace is the town barber. Ours has been in the business for 50 years, the last 33 in Smithers. He came from England before that, what part I do not know, although this seems to make a difference to the English, and he has an opinion on any subject you can think of. He does not really engage you in conversation, rather, he lectures you on the topic of the moment and if you don't agree, well... Let's just say there was a terrific argument and the customer before me left in a big hurry, after paying. People come to this shop for the wisdom imparted, the haircut is a bonus.

So what is yours truly doing in a barber shop after having so recently retired? Why, taking my sons to have their haircut of course. They never said a word, their eyes were as big as saucers and they got normal haircuts. Welcome to my small town. The education is a bonus.

Joel Clarkston

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The following letter was received by 442 Sqn.)

Dear crew of the Labrador helicopter that accomplished the successful rescue from the Cape Fairweather (fishing vessel) on March 17, 1997:

Thank you for the excellent job you did, at great personal risk, rescuing all the crew of the Cape Fairweather on March 17. We are especially grateful for the rescue of our son. It was Sean's first, and probably last, job on a commercial fishing vessel.

We listened, with a great deal of interest, to the Commanding Officer's interview with CBC radio on the afternoon of the 17th and to his description of the event.

Sean has returned to his usual job of part-time ambulance attendant in Prince Rupert. We are proud to say that it is a job that, on occasion, allows him the opportunity to do for others what you have done for him.

At times like this "Thank you," although heartfelt, hardly seems adequate. We will continue to give thanks for your efforts that day and pray that your future missions are as successful.

(Names withheld due to privacy considerations.)

Did you know that B.C.'s Children's Hospital is currently conducting a \$30 million Capital Campaign to raise funds to build a new facility for the children of our province?

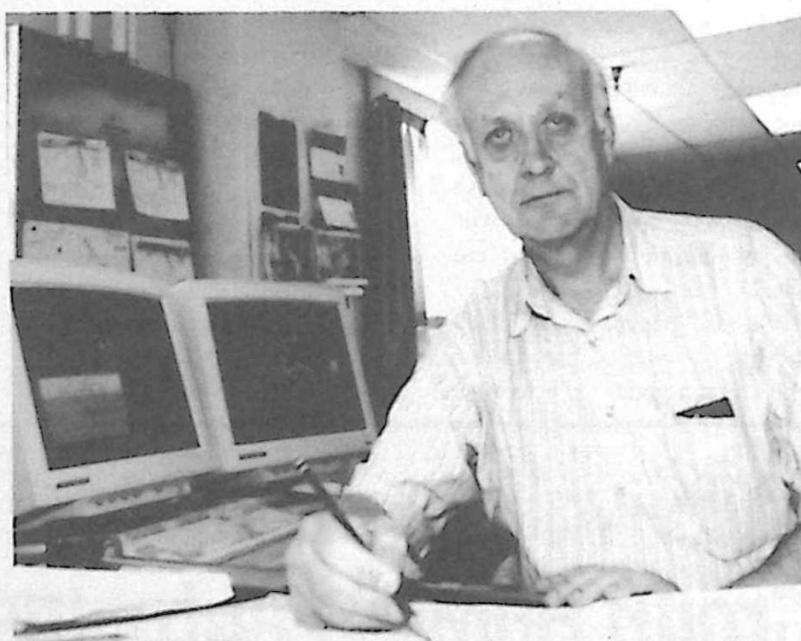


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Comox Meteorologist has weathered the storm



One more forecast and I'm out of here!

as a forecaster where he got his military career off to an exciting start. In 1972, Fred left Baden for Goose Bay where he accepted a civilian position with the weather centre there. In 1974, he rejoined the CF as a major and went back to Baden as the officer in charge of the weather office, proving to himself that the postings in uniform were far better than those

out of uniform!

The next year Maj Kerkhoff moved to CFB Lahr and was the Staff Office Meteorology at 1 CAD HQ for two years until his return to Canada in 1977 when he was appointed Operations Supervisor at Comox's forecast centre.

He's been here ever since! Happy retirement Fred.

RCAF Station Comox

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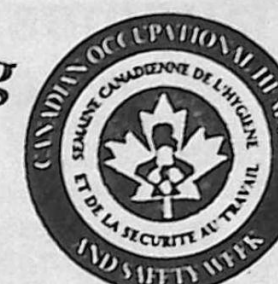
With the kind permission of our WComd, Col B. MacLean, 19 Wing has participated in Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week for the past two years. Once again events and activities are being planned to increase the awareness of the importance of health and safety, and, ultimately, to help reduce injuries and illness in the workplace.

This year's theme is "Managing Safety." It was chosen because the National Safety Committee recognizes that effective pro-active safety management is essential for successful health and safety programs in the workplace.

Some of the activities and training sessions planned by WGSO and his steering committee include:

- Productivity through Workstation Ergonomics - learn how to be compatible with your computer workstation and avoid repetitive strain injuries and eye strain.
- Workplace Safety Inspections - tips on how to conduct successful safety inspections and control safety and health hazards.
- Earthquake Preparedness and Survival.
- First Aid Preparedness.
- Planning Safety Audits - a critical review of all elements of

Health and Safety Week events at 19 Wing 1 - 7 June 97



the General Safety and Health programs in the workplace, including an assessment of workplace conditions procedures.

- Drug and Alcohol - how it affects safety in the workplace.
- Combating Stress in the work environment.
- Equipment displays and demonstration at Glacier Gardens Hockey Arena.
- Special displays, videos and demonstrations.
- Poster and Safety Logo contest.
- Safety Awareness training.
- Flight Safety briefings.
- General safety talks by Union, Management and Human Resources Development Canada.

• Employee Assistance Program presentation.

- Dangerous Goods HAZMAT WHMIS Special Waste briefing.
- RAMP DDC training.
- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System training.

Many more new ideas will be launched during COHS Week and incorporated into the General Safety Program throughout the year.

The 19 Wing COHS Week steering committee is continuing to create awareness and set new goals. They challenge all of you to meet and exceed these goals by taking an active part in COHS Week.

Make a note of this year's

COHS Week: 1-7 June. Plan to be a part of it.

Invite your Safety & Health Committees and other employees to help identify activities for COHS Week. Organize special activities to reinforce the importance of the Wing General Safety Program.

Contact the WGSO for resource materials to increase the visibility of Occupational Health & Safety messages throughout the Wing.

Posters and programs will be distributed throughout the Wing by your Unit General Safety Officers.

COHS Week 1997 1-7 June 19 Wing Comox

Safety Cartoon & Slogan Contest

In conjunction with COHS Week 97, the Wing General Safety Officer will be running a Safety Cartoon & Slogan Contest. Put your ideas and designs down on paper and send them to:

Wing General Safety Officer,
Bldg 22, 19 Wing Comox, Lazo, B.C. V0R 2K0
Entries must be submitted by 28 May to qualify.

All entries will be on display at Glacier Gardens on 4 June. Prizes will be awarded for each category on 6 June.



Jump-a-Thon

For the Heart and Stroke Foundation, this annual event at Airport School is now in its 15th year. All monies are kept locally and pledges already exceed last year's mark of nearly \$6,000. Jumpers are timed for two minutes and go for broke during this period. Prizes of skipping ropes, basketballs, water bottles and T-shirts were awarded for Most Jumps, Technique and Style. (Staff photo)



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Business programs by distance

by Pat Allan,
CFCCN Co-ordinator

There is a great appetite at 19 Wing for business courses from colleges. CF members, civilians and their families are eager to equip themselves for success, but become somewhat frustrated at the lack of accessibility of such courses. There is a solution!

The Canadian Forces Community College Network has developed a distance learning booklet, which lists all the programs available completely by distance format from Network colleges. This means that you can complete the entire program without ever setting foot on the college campus. These programs vary in length from 6 to 15 courses.

Algonquin College offers a Business Studies Certificate designed to meet the needs of students seeking a broad background in all aspects of business administration, suited to those who plan to operate their own business. They also offer a Human Resource Management Certificate covering the major areas of personnel administration. It helps applicants to earn credits toward the HRM designation of the Hu-

man Resource Professionals Association of Ontario. Each of these programs consists of 12 courses. They have continuous intake, so you can start any time.

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These are examples of courses which can help you reach your educational goals regardless of where you are posted.

Details on these programs and other courses are available from the CFCCN Co-ordinator at 8889. The WPSO has an extensive library of college calendars which list programs and courses from colleges and universities across Canada. These can be signed out on loan so that you can spend some quality time looking at your future.



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From the President...

The latest VPI Comox Wing meeting was held on 30 April with an excellent turnout of over 20 members. The main topic was the proposed VPI facility. Members had a chance to check out the rest of Bldg 10, which has been designated as the site for VPI hosting for Fincastle '97. Now it is time for ideas on what to do in regards to modifications. Tony Ruthven has agreed to act as the OPI for the project, but he is going to need everyone to pitch in as volunteers.

In other news, the BBQ on 12 April was a success with 72 people attending. Thanks to Mike Gibbs for setting it up and taking care of the details. Also special thanks to Debbi at the Mess for her assistance. Nautical Days was discussed with regards to selling Bratwurst as a fund raiser for VPI. Wayne Robertson has taken on the duty of submitting our request to participate. The executive has been modified to now include Toby Ruthven as the "Active" VP, while Herbie Lightfoot remains as the "Retired" VP. Mike Gibbs was named (in absentia) the "Active" Entertainment

member, while Ray Nachonckny was invested as "Retired" Entertainment member. A call has gone out for a volunteer to take over as secretary from Kevin Wight. Kevin if off to sunny Greenwood this APS.

I attended a VPI HQ meeting in Greenwood in early April and bring back the news that the hours required to become a VPI member has been approved to drop to 1500. All the wings and representatives contacted unanimously agreed that it was a good idea. Already several new members have joined from 407 Sqn.

The annual Pub Crawl was discussed and it was decided to go for the event on 7 June. The cost will be \$30 per person, which will get you a Pub Crawl shirt and a seat in one of the vans to be rented for the trek. This year it was decided to start the event in Campbell River and limit the number of stops to six. Food will be catered for the mob somewhere along the route. Wayne Robertson jumped into the breach and has graciously taken on the responsibility of organizing this year's trip. Look for more information in the future. Cheers!



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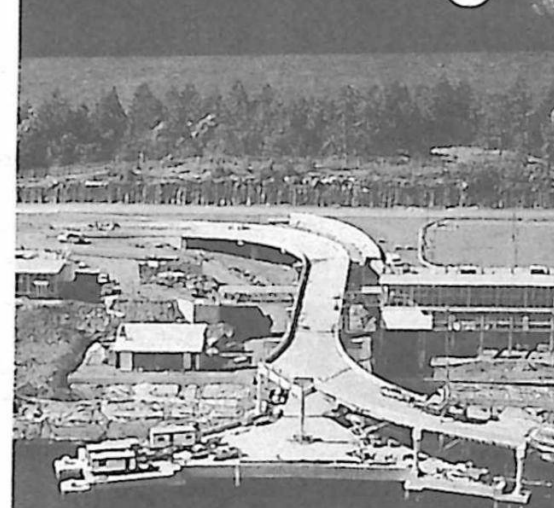


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Life at 19 AMS/A.L.S.E.

by Cpl Legault

SKAD trials, here we go once again. Cpl Greg Broadbent, Cpl Guy Marcotte and Cpl Gilles Goulette are all part of this wonderful team. Also assisting them are Cpl Marc Lemelin and Cpl Mark Van Heddegen from Greenwood. It is said that Greg is the brains of the whole trials. So he says! They are going to be carrying out six drops to see if the whole system is going to actually work. So they get to travel to sunny Nanosee every few days. Time and patience will tell.

MCpl Remillard, Cpl Broadbent and Cpl Marcotte were also gone for most of the month of March to beautiful Cold Lake for the Arctic trials. Next time, Guy, take a warmer jacket and your chess board. Also taking your claim will help. To everyone's surprise, the trials were a success.

We also have our new LOX Bldg. A bit smaller, but better than the old one that was torn down. All we need now is lawn furniture.



MCpl Remillard has been very unhappy with his posting due 6 August. He and his family are off to Bagotville. We all wish him

well and hope we get a better card player as a replacement. Cpl Browne has bought himself a house - look out Tim (the tool-man) Taylor - you now have some very good competition. Cpl Gagnon has bought himself a new toy - a brand new Harley. He promised me I could take it out for a spin, just like Gilles promised to take me out on his dune buggy (Ha!). Nobody trusts me these days.

After years of using an inadequate room, we now have a new Ready Room for our top guns at 414 Sqn.

WO Spragg is back to haunt us from Ottawa. He can't seem to leave this shop as he has been here 3-4 times in the last one and a half months. He has not changed much though, he still can't play cards right. We still let him win on Fridays.

As the Beacon Turns

by MCpl John Healey

The 18th Annual Aerospace Control Golf Tournament (1-2 May) is an event that could never be a success without the fantastic support from the many sponsors. While letters of thanks are being sent to each one, I would like to take the time to pass on our thanks to them here.

In no particular order: Air BC, Lorne Hotel, King Coho Fishing Resort, Black Fin Pub, Scotia Bank, Simon's Cycles, Zorba's, Avon - Comox Mall, Comox Builders, Wilderness Airlines, Coast Westerly Hotel, Hughes Aircraft, Garf Baxandall Ford, Mike Finneron Pontiac, Canadian Tire, Middleton Meats, Tom's Pies and Pastries, Portuguese Joe's Fish Market, Comox Bakery Cafe, Mulligan's Golf Centre, Eagle Crest Golf Course, Longlands Par 3 Golf Course, Gold River Golf & Country Club, Arrowsmith Golf Course, Crown Isle Golf Course, Glacier Greens Pro Shop, Bird and Animal Control, Brewmaster, Comox Airforce Museum, Canadian Base Operators Vector 360 Consulting, SERCO, Brian McLean Chevrolet, Rolling Pin Bakers, and Canadian Airlines.

A special thanks to all for their sponsorship and generous donations which helped make this year's tournament such a success.

Cpl Wayne Kennedy, an AC op from North Bay, won the Men's Open with a score of 77. Darlene Clark won the Women's Open with an 89, and Syd Burrows won Seniors 60+ shooting an 86. For the second year, the Bernie Murphy Memorial trophy was presented to the serving military aerospace controller with the best score. This year Cpl Wayne Kennedy received the award from Mrs. Irene Murphy.

Golfers started arriving early during the days prior to the tournament, some to practice, some to visit with friends. An official



Holy Smoke!

practice round was held on Thursday for those who wished and then a Meet and Greet was held at the Social Centre/Club House.

The tournament began Friday morning bright and early (it was sunny) with 19 Wing Commander Col MacLean hitting the official ball so hard that it disintegrated into a puff of white powder. All golfers started shot-gun style at 9:00 am. With 90 duffers it wasn't the speediest round but by 2:30 pm (same day) all players were back at the clubhouse. The banquet was held later that evening followed by presentations and awards.

This 2-day event takes most of the year to organize and it could not be accomplished without the hard work of many people. Capt Al Bassinger, the chairman, and WO Al Lirette, the vice-chairman of the committee, plus many other members of the ATC section put a lot of personal effort into ensuring all went well. Also there are volunteers required during the tournament to help out with many other things. On behalf of all the participants who don't realize the amount of work it takes to run such an event, I would like to thank everyone involved. Whether you golf or not, it's always a great social event and I'm

really looking forward to next year's tournament.

The 97 intersection softball season has begun and, as of this date, W Ops is a respectable 1-1. We dropped our first game to the "Oldies" 17-14 and beat 19 AMS 16-3. Hopefully, section participation will increase. If you don't want to play you're always welcome as a fan.

The Wing Ops branch All Ranks Mess Dinner will be held on 15 May at the Officers' Mess. Cocktails at 1800 hrs, dinner at 1900 hrs. Maximum participation is requested and encouraged to ensure a successful event and to foster esprit de corps among the Ops sub-sections. Capt Brian Dekker will be the dinner PMC and MCpl Klingerman the V/PMC.

My only dig this time is a trade-off between myself and MCpl Chris Cormack. I "accidentally" removed Chris' boots from work one evening, leaving him with a uniform but no footwear and was forced to humbly apologize. The very next day I find out that Chris had some trouble getting my motorbike to run until someone showed him where the choke was. Chris was sure someone had moved it to the other handlebar.



Cops Corner

by Cpl K.E. LeBlanc

"Go get all your kit, and be back here ASAP. You're all leaving for Winnipeg this afternoon." And so the mad rush begins.

First it's the mad dash home in an attempt to locate my combats. I think those are the green things that I have never bothered to unpack when I got here because I was posted to an Air Force base - when would I ever need my combats? Then it's the almost completely futile attempt to pack everything that I may possibly need for an "indeterminate deployment" in a rucksack and a barrack box.

That was the easy part, now I have to call my wife and tell her not to expect me home tonight, and that I'd really like to tell her when I'll be back, but I have no idea myself.

Now it's the mad rush from my residence to Wing Supply where I begin to think that all of 19 Wing must be packing up and going to Winnipeg. Here I wait in line so I can receive the rest of the kit I may need. When it's finally my turn, I'm issued a melmac plate and cup (Ahh! the smell of chlorine bleach on your eating utensils) and a sleeping bag. Surely this is nothing more than a cruel joke. When I received my posting message to come here, I was told that the Air Force meaning of roughing it in the field was when the chamber maid only cleaned your hotel room and got rid of your empties only once per day!

Now I rush back to the Guardhouse, drenched in a sweat, drag in what must be five hundred pounds of kit, drop it on the floor and am told "you're not actually going this afternoon, you're going tomorrow morning." (Hurry up and wait! - the one common thread that truly binds all members of the CAF together!) Now I get to do it all over again, my wife is truly overjoyed. Afterwards I get to sit around and listen to all the individuals with "field time" argue over the truly correct way to pack a rucksack. Of course I have to add my two cents worth (my nine months with 2 MP Platoon makes me an expert too, doesn't it?).

The next day I say goodbye to my wife again and head back to the Guardhouse and wait to leave... And wait to leave... And wait to leave. This time we may go on the weekend; however, maybe not. I go home and tell my wife all this. It never ceases to amaze me that no matter how long I am in the Military, she never runs out of new colourful expletives to describe life in the service.

As you may have guessed, as of now I am still waiting here to go to Winnipeg. And whenever I start to get frustrated, I remind myself of the reason the Armed Forces are being deployed there. Especially as Winnipeg houses a Wing, it would have been very easy for any of us to be there right now wondering if our homes and lives would be washed away.

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Demon Doin's

Well here we are at another edition of the Demon Doin's. A lot of demons are dreaming of the long anticipated, sunny, warm, Comox Valley weather. Others are packing their belongings between the rain drops to leave Comox and be employed elsewhere within our great and vast country. These moves include: Dave Graham (Demon Dave) and Mark Prosser to Cold Lake 441 Sqn; Darla Perriard-Lair to Cold Lake; Al Tilley, Claude Marcotte, Mike Dymond and Darren Blair to the other coast Aurora Base (ZX); Steve Wadams to Rocky Point; Rhett Buttler to Petawawa; Mark Pickering to 408 Sqn; Marc Audet to Montreal for his occupational transfer. Their experience and contributions to the squadron, as well as their personalities, will be sadly missed. So from all the demons, we wish you all good luck in your upcoming positions.

The MOC 500 cross training persists as an ongoing process in the squadron. Monthly, the ETO section is busy sending technicians to Canada's opposite coast for continuous cross training. On return, technicians are being bestowed with a new MOC of Flexi Tech. At the same time, back home, the new and improved latest shift schedule was implemented this year. It appears the new shift has been a smooth transition for the servicing section.

Promotions to captain are in order for Capt Lynne Hounslow, ESO, alias (AF 9000 Plus team leader), Capt John Klatt, AMO, and Capt Jason Major. In addition some congratulations to MCpl Claude Marcotte, as a recipient of the Demon Tech of the Year Award. Clause received the award for his efforts in the fuel cell maintenance and confined space entry.

From the FE Pool, Joe Lapointe is extremely pleased with his posting to Canada's Ocean playground (ZX). His delight is shared almost comparably by the rest of the FEs in anticipation of the three new swimmers to join the pool. Capt Andrew Skinner has also left us, leaving Crew 2 Cowboys to commence the final stage of his pilot training in Moose Jaw.

Recent CE activities to the hangar have now concluded resulting in a brighter air force welcome to our daily entrance to work. A newly painted coat of blue and white paint has greatly enhanced the hangar tunnel. The completion of new separate washroom facilities for the Demonettes of the squadron was received with a positive effect to the section.

On the Shuffle, Sgt Gouthro of TSS is very pleased to receive the addition of two supply techs to his section. Other shuffles are Tracy Reid from AMCR0 to A Crew, Annette Savage from A Crew to AMCR0, Darrel Martel from B Crew to C Crew, and Martin Legendre from A Crew to C Crew. Flight line personnel should now be delighted that at long last their request for a contractor to remove flight toilet waste from the aircraft has been arranged. Now a contractor will be coming in three days a week to ensure this function is carried out.

Upstairs, Crew 2 Cowboys are getting ready to head off to Chile this month. Capt Leslie Wenzel,

407 Demons of the Year

by Capt J.M. Nogue, D/PIO

During the 407 (MP) Sqn All Ranks Mess Dinner on 17 April various awards were presented. Mr. Tom Proctor was awarded the Commanding Officer's Commendation for his outstanding dedication to 407 Sqn, both as a key contributor to many Demon Association functions and more particularly as illustrated by his enthusiastic and praiseworthy contribution to the 407 Sqn History Book project.

It was a two-year effort and his extensive research, combined with his eloquent and witty prose, culminated in a superlative narrative that preserves the squadron's history from the war years to the present.

MCpl Claude Marcotte was awarded the 1996 Demon Tech of the Year Award for his excellent initiative in the development of a training package for the CP140 Fuel Cell. To accomplish this, he converted an acquired Hercules wing segment to simulate the conditions of an Aurora wing fuel tank. The next steps included de-

veloping and implementing rescue procedures required to extricate personnel from a confined space and the creation of a clear and concise lesson plan to train squadron maintenance personnel on fuel cell entry and rescue procedures. His training package has now been taught twice at the squadron and is being used as the foundation for an equivalent course that will be offered by the WGSO.

Upon receipt of the CFTO policy that reflects the Canadian Labour Code with regards to confined space entry, MCpl Marcotte immediately rewrote the Squadron Maintenance Instructions to meet the final evolution of CFTO requirements and suggested amendments to the policies that were implemented. It is evident that MCpl Marcotte's remarkable initiative and leadership have not only enhanced 407 Maintenance Flight's capability in repairing fuel cells, but have also put 407 (MP) Sqn in the forefront of fuel cell entry and repair throughout the Canadian Armed

Forces. MCpl Marcotte is an outstanding airman and is truly deserving of his award.

Cpl M.F. Paquet-Combe was awarded the 1996 Demon of the Year Award for her outstanding dedication to 407 Sqn, 19 Wing Community and the Comox Valley. Her enthusiastic and praiseworthy contributions to the delivery of administrative services have been exemplary, not only as the Contingent Orderly Room Clerk during OP PIVOT but also as an administrative clerk at 407 Sqn and as the secretary for 19 Wing Action Team for Administrative Change (ATAC). Furthermore, she has been exceptionally active in the local community through the Comox Valley Senior Citizens Home for the continued care of elderly people and demonstrated such compassion and caring that she was recommended to pursue an academic degree through North Island College this fall. Congratulations to each of the above individuals from everyone at 407 (MP) Sqn.

whose trips with the Cowboys will come to an end, will be moving to Nav Com Training. Crew 5 Vikings are also preparing and sharpening their skills for the upcoming O'Brien Competition being held at 14 Wing Greenwood. Sgt Mackenzie and his ground crew will make a good complement to this competition. Good luck to you all from the rest of the Demons.

A recent development of some of the Demon's skill at military unarmed combat has occurred lately. Congratulations to JJ Martin, Allain Levesque and Stu An-

derson for their promotions to yellow belt in the martial art of self defence. One point to make to JJ Martin; take it easy on the sparring practices, we're running out of techs.

As a final closure, all should note that this is a demanding period for all Demons and their families. Despite the changes we face daily, 407 Sqn personnel are still advancing firmly. Striving collectively as a team makes it a lot easier for all concerned. Let's preserve the good effort put forth by past and present Demons.

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Inter-section
Hockey League
& Playoff results

The 19 Wing Inter-Section hockey season's story has finally unfolded with some of the cast playing major roles while others not making a big hit. This year, the program iced an eight team league playing five round robins, plus playoffs. To summarize the season, the RCMP were undefeated in league play with only one team (442 Snakes) managing to squeak out a tie. The season end results are as follows:

Team	Win	Loss	Tie	Pts.
RCMP/MP	34	0	1	69
407 Rebels	21	11	3	45
19 AMS Wings	15	16	3	33
442 Flyers	15	18	1	31
407 Devils	13	19	2	28
AEF Leafs	11	17	2	24
414 Knights	10	22	2	22
407 Demons	7	21	5	19

The playoff format matched the top four teams in an "A" Division playoff and fifth to eighth place playing off in "B" Division. Both divisions playing a round robin within their division and top two teams advancing to final.

In the "A," the 407 Rebels handed the RCMP their first loss of the year and went undefeated during the round robin. A big performance from McCutcheon and Comeau helped the cause. The RCMP/MP team clenched the second berth, which left the Wings and Flyers to fight it out for the basement.

The AEF Leafs also went undefeated in the "B" Div round robin with huge efforts from Joanne Martel between the pipes and Barry Hower filling the net. The 407 Devils and 414 Knights ended up with the same record but, due to the goals for and against tie breaking procedure, the Devils went into the final against the Leafs.

The "B" Div final showed the Leafs downing the Devils 6-2, clenching the "B" Div championship.

The "A" Div final was more of

a battle as the RCMP/MPs managed a 2-1 victory over the Rebels who were making a game of it but eventually ran out of gas. The RCMP/MP squad were awarded the well deserved championship as they added another win to their already impressive record (36 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie).

W Admin O, Col Terry Burt, and Gregg Carr from the Rec Centre were in attendance to present the following awards:

League Champions - RCMP/Military Police (34 wins/0 loss/1 tie).

ISHL Scoring Champ - Cpl Brian Comeau (55goals/99 Pts in 29 games).

"A" Div Playoff Champs - RCMP/MP.

"B" Div Playoff Champs - AEF Leafs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people behind the scenes who made this season a very successful one. I would also like to point out that these positions are voluntary and without some organization leagues like this one would never get off the ground. So, thanks again guys.

League Executive Committee: President - Maj Cutland; Vice Pres/Secretary - Capt Masutti; Statistician - Cpl Burton; Referee-in-Chief - MCpl Cobham.

I would also like to thank all the referees for keeping the hot-heads in line and for making the season a safe one. Thanks go out to Tom Trainor, the league referee assignor, for volunteering his free time. To the timekeepers Chris Tack, Paul and Lisa Chatwin, thanks for a reliable season and professional job. Thanks to all the arena staff for maintaining excellent ice surface and tending to the major concerns of our league members. And last, but not least, the lady who keeps the equipment in good working order - Judy Ireland. Thanks Judy.

It was an excellent season - see you in October.



'97 Inter-section League & "A" Div Playoff Champs



'97 Inter-section "B" Playoff Champs

Leafs win cup

The 19 Wing Commander's Cup has new owners. The Wing Commander and Rec Staff hosted the 12th Annual Wing Commander's Cup hockey tournament 3-6 April.

This tournament is a competitive event between squadrons, units and sections within the Wing. This year's tournament iced teams from 407, 414 & 442 Squadrons, as well as a team from 19 AMS/740 Comm, and one from the Logistic/Admin Branch. The organizational committee and team reps decided upon a five team round robin with the top three teams advancing to a one game final.

Round robin play started 3 April with arch rivals 442 Flyers and the Log/Admin Leafs. Both teams tested the goalies early with the Leafs up by a pair at the end of the first. The determined Flyers came out skating in the second and caught the Leafs napping. Goals from Collins, Simpson and Kilpatrick put the Flyers up by one. Constant pressure from the Leafs caused numerous turnovers in the Flyers end. With 39 seconds left to play, Battersby feathered a pass to Dupuis who buried one by the 442 keeper to end the game at 4-4 tie.

Other action during the round robin: 407 downed 19 AMS 5-2; the Knights edged the Rebels 2-1, with Roy potting a goal and an assist. The Flyers handed the Knights their first loss as Simpson led his team with a hat trick. The Rebels lost their next two (6-1 to the Leafs and 6-3 to the Flyers) which eliminated them from the competition. A big "attaboy" goes out to Ray Girardi and the six guys who put together a very solid effort in trying to fend off elimination against 442. Flyers went on to win 6-3. The Knights dealt 19 AMS a 5-2 loss with the Casonova brothers combining for five points. Dumonceau put in a solid effort with a goal and two helpers as the Flyers tender (Glowach) shut out 19 AMS 4-0.

The Leafs put together a pair of wins as they thumped the Knights 12-2 and chased 19 AMS from the tournament with a 12-1 lesson. The Leaf's GAS line (Goal a Shift) Hower-Mamye-Dupuis put up some very impressive numbers which helped the Leafs secure a berth to the final. The Leaf's very own "Legion of Doom" accumulated 49 points in four games. WOW!!

Deciding first and second spot came down to goals for and against as the Flyers and Leafs had the same record with 3 wins and a tie each. Log/Admin came out on top and awaited the outcome of the semi-final between 442 and the third place Knights.

The Flyers got off to a fast start as LeClerc fed Warden to break the ice. At 11:39 of the first, Warden scored his second and then Russell let the howitzer go from the point to put the Flyers up 3-0 going into the break. Big John LeClerc added to 442's margin on a great play by Warden to open up the second period. 414's O'Hara tried to rally the troops by putting



'97 Wing Commander's Cup Champs

the biscuit past the Flyers netminder. But Clairmont replied 45 seconds later with number five. The Knights got a late one but a little too late. 442 Flyers advanced to the next round to play the awaiting Log/Admin Leafs.

Greg Fleet dropped the puck Sunday afternoon to open the final. Both teams exchanged rushes and offensive chances but could not score. Team captain Tim Mamye started the scoring with some nice corner work and a pass back to Hogan who shelled a slapshot to put the Leafs up by one. Dupuis to Mamye to Hower made it 2-0 and Gauthier added a third as teams headed for the dressing room to finish the first. The Flyers must have got their pep talk as they answered back two minutes into the second with a goal by Warden from Simpson/Russell. Hower potted his second of the game to add to the Leaf's lead. Hearing the end of

The Leaf forwards kept coming as Hower scored to complete his hat trick (unfortunately there were no hats on the ice) and Dupuis put the final nail in the coffin and the Leafs went on to win 9-2 to dethrone the four-time champs.

Congratulations to the 1997 Wing Commander's Cup Champions - Log/Admin Leafs.

The following awards were selected by teams, referees, and jury of appeal:

Most Valuable Player - MCpl Wade Simpson (442 Flyers).

Most Valuable Goalie - Cpl Paul "Spud" MacMillan (Log/Admin Leafs).

Most Sportsmanlike Player - Dan Dupuis (Log/Admin Leafs).

Top Scorer - Dan Dupuis (Log/Admin Leafs) 8 goals/20 points in 5 games.

Post Round Robin Results								
Team	Win	Loss	Tie	Pts	GF	GA	Place	
Log/Adm Leafs	3	0	1	7	32	8	First	
19AMS Wings	0	4	0	0	6	26	Fifth	
442 Flyers	3	0	1	7	16	7	Second	
407 Rebels	1	3	0	2	9	16	Fourth	
414 Knights	2	2	0	4	9	17	Third	

the second, 442's Dumonceau received an interference penalty and a misconduct and was sent to the sin bin for 12 minutes.

An ice flood was not enough time to cool down a tempered 442 squad. A checking from behind penalty was issued to Warden by Sheriff Fleet at 18:49 of the third period and the Flyer forward was awarded an early trip to the showers. These undisciplined penalties took a huge bite out of the 442 offense.

The Leafs offense went to work as Phil Kachanowski threaded a pass up the middle to Leaf's skipper, Mamye who made no mistake. 442 scored their second of the game as Simpson sent Ring in on the wing. But the roof started to cave in as the speedy Leaf centre, McLaughlin, collapsed any hopes of a 442 comeback, scoring twice in one shift. Frustrations increased as the Flyers got into more penalty trouble and seemed to be running out of gas. Play was whistled down as defenseman Russell hit an on-ice official from the player's bench which resulted in a game ejection. Russell was joined shortly thereafter by Dumonceau and Leaf captain Mamye as they got tangled up in front of the Flyer net.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people behind the scenes who made this tournament possible:

Tournament Organizer - Gregg Carr; Jury of Appeal - Mike Chatwin, Al Stoddard, Barry Ryan; Referee-in-Chief - Tom Trainor; all officials; Timekeepers - Sue Landry, Jeannie Waugh, Paul Chatwin; Arena staff - Andy Andrews and staff.

Most of all, thanks to all the players and fans.



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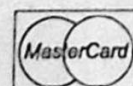
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Earlier this month, the Airport School French kindergarten class, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Foucault, were treated to a tour of 442 Sqn. The entire group was shown a short presentation in the briefing room, which prompted many delightful questions from the children. Photos of ships in distress about to be rescued elicited the comment "Why are we seeing photos of boats, is this not an aircraft squadron?" The question of the day was prompted when the slide show presentation started: "Will there be any popcorn?" The adults enjoyed the children's candour and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.



Murielle Landry, whose Dad is a navigator at 19 Wing, got to sit in the cockpit of a 442 Sqn aircraft.

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ATTENTION!!!

Public Notice for residents of the Town of Comox and CFB Comox concerning RECYCLING

Effective 1 May 1997, the Town of Comox has cancelled its curbside recycling program for paper and cardboard. This has been done in conjunction with the implementation of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona's Solid Waste Management Plan which includes various recycling initiatives.

Residents are encouraged to continue recycling products at the various locations listed:

- Comox Bottle Depot, 1A-821 Shamrock Place, Comox
- West Coast Waste, 687 Anderson Road, Comox

For additional info regarding recycling initiatives in the Comox Valley, contact the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona at 334-6000.

NEXT DEADLINES

Advertising - 21 May.

Articles - 23 May, noon



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PACIFIC REGION BADMINTON/SQUASH & BOWLING

19 Wing Comox hosted the Pacific Region Badminton, Squash and Bowling Championship 18-20 April 1997. Approximately 37 athletes participated in the 3 events. Units participating were, CFB Esquimalt, Pacific Fleet, 744 Comm Regiment (VAN), McChord, AFB and 19 Wing Comox.

19 Wing Comox won the team event in Badminton and Bowling.

Results of the Region play were as follows:

BADMINTON			
Team Event - 19 Wing Comox			
OPEN	1st Seed 2nd Seed 3rd Seed 4th Seed	Cpl Edwards R.A. Cpl Forget D. Capt Long A. Lt(N) Rila D.	Fleet 19 Wing Comox Esquimalt Fleet
SENIOR	1st Seed 2nd Seed	Sgt Guitard M. Sgt Williams G.	Esquimalt Vancouver
MASTER	1st Seed	Sgt Coates G.	19 Wing Comox
FEMALE	1st Seed	Cpl Pickering M.	19 Wing Comox
SQUASH			
OPEN	1st Seed 2nd Seed 3rd Seed	Lt(N) Southerau G. Capt El Sewelly K. Capt Browne C.	Fleet McChord, AFB 19 Wing Comox
FEMALE		Maj Donaldson A.	19 Wing Comox
MASTERS		WO Thomas G.	19 Wing Comox
The CF Nationals will be held at CFB Borden 11-16 May 97.			
BOWLING			
Team Event - 19 Wing Comox			
HIGH SINGLE	358 Vince Hopkins		19 Wing Comox
HIGH TRIPLE	775 Terry Harnett		19 Wing Comox
HIGH AVERAGE	218 Vince Hopkins		19 Wing Comox



19 Wing '97 Pacific Region Bowling Champs
(L-R): Terry Harnett, Vince Hopkins, Mike Delong, Steve Wyers, John Naugler and Marc Fontaine.



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Special Notice!

The date of the 3rd Annual General of the CMFRM
has been changed
from June 2nd to Thursday June 5th
7:00 pm
at The Officers Mess
Everyone Welcome

CMFRM Board of Directors:

Karen Nogue, Board Chair, Kim DeLisle, Vice-Chair, Annette Bugatski, Secretary
Members at Large: Sandy Dupuis, Freya Fontaine, Wayne Johnson, Mary MacLean, Vivian Martens,
Ruth Stacey, LCdr. Andy Garwood, Ex Officio Member/ WComd Representative

Quality of Life Programs

Moss Hanging Basket

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: CMFRM
Administration Building 119
Kinnikinnik, ph. 339-8290

It Takes Two 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: George Penfold
& Marilyn Armstrong
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Date: Saturday, May 31st
Location: CMFRM Program
Building 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: \$25 per couple
Registration: CMFRM
Administration Building
119 Kinnikinnik ph. 339-
8290. Fee due by May 23rd.



Mosaic Flower Pot

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flower pot - for a fraction of
the cost! Find out how
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of art from broken tile and a
terra cotta planter.

Facilitator: Inga Pungente
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Date: Sat., June 14th
Location: CMFRM Program
Building 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: \$10.00 includes all
supplies
Registration: CMFRM
Administration Building 119
Kinnikinnik, ph. 339-8290

Volunteer News

Volunteer Appreciation Party

A special evening will be
held on Fri. May 30 at 7 PM
for all our wonderful
volunteers and helpers who
have given their generous
time and support to the
Family Resource Centre in
the past year. We hope that
you will join us! RSVP May
23. Call 339-8211 local
8655.

More Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for
enthusiastic people who are
willing to give up some of
their time to help with a
variety of programmes such
as youth activities,
deployment support, child
care, welcoming new
military families, quality of
life workshops, toy lending
library, office support and

more. Your involvement
would be greatly appreciated
and valued! FMI call
Michelle at 339-8290.



Counselling Services Comox Military Family Resource Centre #119 Kinnikinnik, Phone 339-8290

- Confidential Crisis and Short Term Counselling is offered free of charge to military families.
- Relationship and Life Stress Issues e.g. communications, marital difficulties, parenting, deployment, assessment and referral.
- Ask for Counsellor Coreen Cherry, at 339 - 8286.

Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre

Limited Spaces are available in:

Toddler Day Care (ages 15 - 36 months)
Full-time, Part-time and Drop-in care
7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Limited Spaces Available
For more information call 339-5051 or 339-5074

Toddler Playgroup (ages 15 - 36 months)
Tuesdays, 8:45 - 11:15 am
For more information call 339-5051

**Information Evening
& Preschool Registrations (ages 3-5)**
for September 1997

Date: May 22,
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Birth Certificates and Immunization Records
must be presented at the time of registration.
Morning and Afternoon Programs
For more information call 339-5051

Before and After School Care (ages 6-9)
Family rates, transportation to and from Airport Elementary

CMFRM Toy Lending Library
Quality toys, games and puzzles are available on loan for ages
infant to 12 years.

Dates: Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information call: 339-5051

Summer Daycamp Volunteers Needed!
The Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre has openings for
youth aged 16 and older to participate as Volunteers in
the Summer Day Camp Program (ages 6-10).
For more information call 339-5051.

Youth Activities

Teens' Gym Nights

Teen Gym Nights will continue until the end of May
Dates: Wed. 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Base Gym.
Recreation passes are not necessary during this time.

Teen Outdoor Basketball

Ages: 13-18 year olds
Days: Wednesdays
Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 7:00- 8:00 pm
Location: Airport School
Cost: Free
Registration: Call Jill at 339-8211 local 8655

Preteen Outdoor Basketball

Ages: 8-12 year olds
Days: Tuesdays
Dates: June 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 3:30-4:30 pm
Location: Airport School
Cost: Free
Registration: Call Jill at 339-8211 local 8655

Car Wash

Coming up there will be a car wash to raise funds for the
youth program. Write this date down so you can help
support the youth in our community as well as end up with a
clean car. Any teens interested in helping out phone Jill at
339-8211 local 8656.
Date: June 1st
Time: 11:00-5:00pm
Location: Petro Can at 17th and Cliffe

338-8713



Free Classified Advertising for members of 19 Wing and their families

Ads must be 25 words or less, legible and either hand delivered or dropped in the base mail. No phone ins please.

For Sale

Near new 1640 sq.ft. rancher on Oceanview Ave in Comox. 3-bedroom, 2-bath, family room, dining room, blinds, mountain view, many extras. Asking \$172,900. 339-7107.

Posted - must sell: 14.5 ft. fibreglass boat. Fresh 60 HP Johnson w/electric start and tilt on galvanized road runner trailer. Includes convertible top, Lowrance sounder, electric & manual downriggers, CB & AM/FM cassette. Salmon rods & gear. \$3,800 obo. 339-0848. <1/2>

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Large 2 B.R. apt. \$565/mth. Includes heat, hot water & basic cable. No pets. References please. 334-2831

CEDAR APARTMENTS

1009 10th St., Courtenay
2 B.R. starting at \$535/mth. 1 B.R. avail. April 15, \$495/mth. 2 ref. required. Sorry no pets. 334-9948

ST. BRELADES COURT

146 Back Road
New large luxury suites, with ensuite laundry, 5 appl., carpets, blinds & in-suite storage. 2 Bedrooms avail. now. Rents from \$650, \$700. Children & Small pets welcome. 338-7449

EVERGREEN COURT

1085 Piercy Avenue
2 B.R. townhouse Avail. immed. & 2 B.R. June 1. Fenced yard & Patio. Parking, drapes & carpets incl. coin-operated laundry. 2 ref. req'd. Sorry no pets. \$525/mth. 334-4483

RUTHERFORD MANOR

1075 Edgett Rd.
Avail May 31, Deluxe 2 B.R. lg storage. Frost Free Fridge, 30" range. 560.00 INCL. Blinds, Carpets, & Basic Cable. NO PETS PLEASE. 338-0183

PINES APARTMENT

1055 - 10th Street
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BLUE JAY APARTMENTS

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ARGO COURT

1846 England Avenue
Avail. now and May 31, 2 B.R., \$4,75, 490, & 550, close to mall, corner of 16th & England. Clean quiet. Includes fridge/stove, drapes and carpet, hot water & basic cable. No pets please. 338-0183

Wanted to Buy

One Airforce Mess Kit. Jacket approx. size 42, pants approx. size 32-34. Call 890-0412. <1/2>

For Sale

Large 2-bedroom house. Central vac, close to schools and mall, 2-stall garage with own electrical for workshop. Yard fully fenced, mature fruit trees, fantastic mountain view. Call Jack 338-1342.

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Where: Rec Centre Conference Room
Time: 1400 hours
Contact: Jake Plante, loc 8783
Interested team reps/players are urged to attend.

Day Care

Licensed Family Daycare near base provides TLC, stimulating play, outdoor fun, reasonable rates and great references. Give me a call - Wendy 339-2414.

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 500th 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.

Miscellaneous for Sale

21 spd mountain bike, Nishiki Barbarian, Shimano Altus AIO components, zoom headset, MIT shocks, \$375. 334-1096 <2/2>

Must sell brand new wedding/engagement rings with one large and five small diamonds. Purchase price \$1,600 and appraised at \$2,875 - asking \$1,000 or o.b.o. Jerry at 336-8242 or 339-9184. <2/2>

•1971 soft-top tent trailer with zip-on dining tent \$500.00
•Utility trailer \$150.00
•Railing to circle wood stove \$150.00. Phone 339-7427. <2/2>

14 ft Lund, many mods, new 25 HP Johnson, galvanized trailer, fish finder, rod holders, deep lines. All in great shape. 339-3018 <2/2>

Sega Genesis with 2 controls 10 games. Asking \$250.00 o.b.o. Pre comp think book \$60.00 o.b.o. 339-2136. <2/2>

1977 Chev Camaro, needs engine work. Call 339-1780 <2/2>
Dining room suite, solid walnut, Danish modern: buffet, hutch, 6 chairs, table w/2 leaves. Good cond. 339-3307 <2/2>

Wanted

Are you moving? Selling your fence? Looking for 6 ft wooden fence. Good condition. 339-4303 <2/2>

Looking for wigs - must be in good condition and reasonably priced. 339-2136. <2/2>

Utility trailer. Please call 336-2163 & leave message. <1/2>

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Suite for Rent

Central Comox, 2-bedrooms, cable, washer, dryer, fridge, stove included. Garage/storage. Suitable for quieter person or couple. No pets, no smoking. Available June 15 or July 1. \$550 per month. Phone 339-2687.

For Sale

Posted - must sell: 1978 24 ft. Okanagan camper trailer, 3-way fridge, 4-piece bath, roof air, stove & oven, sleeps 6 comfortably. \$6,500 obo. Will consider trade on car or truck of equal value. 339-0848. <1/2>

17 Ft. hardwall camper on tandem axles, by "Triple E." 3-way fridge, 3-burner stove, furnace, dual propane tanks, new toilet, many improvements. Was \$4,800, asking \$4,200. 339-9914. <1/2>

Townhouse for Sale

#8-2625 Muir Road
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Townhouse for Sale

2 bedrooms, 5 appliances, 3 years old, electric heat, end unit, large yard, Strata maintained, quiet neighbourhood. Close to college, public schools and shopping. Small park and playground across street. Fantastic Comox Glacier view. Available 1 July. Asking \$91,900. Qualified buyers only. Call T. Foster 339-3133.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Info

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

Employment Opportunities

•Contract position as Physical Education Teacher/Coach with Royal Military College.
•Senior Manager, Accounting - ADP Policy and Procedures with CF Personnel Support Agency. For job descriptions and further info, contact Larry Francis, NPF HR Co-ord, local 8066.

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.

"Celebrate our Music" Courtenay's July 1st Canada Day

The July 1st Committee has been hard at work planning the events and schedule for Canada Day 1997. This year the theme is "Celebrate Our Music."

One of the first things that has to be put in place for the day to be a success is the booking of the various booths which will be set up in the park. Many of the non-profit organizations in the Comox Valley depend on the money earned from their day in Lewis Park on July 1st to do their good works. The people who volunteer to make pancakes, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., help make the day festive and are truly contributing people which we should all be grateful for.

Any organizations who wish to put up a food or craft booth in Lewis Park on July 1st should contact Jennifer at Courtenay City Hall, phone 334-4441. Deadline for applications is May 31.

The booths are an important part of the July 1st celebrations and all effort is taken to bring good products to the general public at reasonable cost to ensure all families can have an affordable and happy time celebrating Canada's birthday!

Commander Aircom presentation to SCONDVA

(Continued from page 2)

Nations, at a moment's notice, anywhere in the world. Today, men and women of the Canadian Air Force can be found across the globe. I draw your attention to air force successes since the end of the Cold War in the Gulf Crisis, Rwanda, Somalia, Russia, the former Yugoslavia, Haiti and, more recently, to our efforts in Zaire and Guatemala as illustrations of our ability to make a difference anywhere in the world. In fact, it is this "global reach" which poses the most significant opportunity - and challenge - for our remaining personnel.

Coping with these profound changes has been the focus of the air force leadership over the past two years. In 1995, I initiated a Commander's Flight Plan, which is now a four-phased plan of attack to deal with the realities of fewer people, smaller budgets and a worldwide mandate. First, we developed a blue print called Flight Plan 97 to create an optimized air force structure to meet these defence policy and budgetary challenges.

Secondly, we addressed air force culture. A structural vision is only an academic exercise if people don't buy in and aren't personally equipped to participate. Old paradigms do not necessarily fit new structures. Beginning from defining our core Values of Excellence, Professionalism and Teamwork, we constructed a "toolbox" of communication and basic management skills and packaged it in a three-day course called Flight Plan 97 Ground School. 18,000 members of the air force team have now received this training and are better prepared to cope with the massive reductions and changes that have occurred in the air force. This is a long-term investment in our team, whether they be regular, reserve or civilian members.

A third element of our Flight Plan, also launched in 1995, was more investment in communications, both internal to our members and external, to Canadians at large, all in an effort to ensure our air force story is better understood. The challenge of communicating better continues. Having addressed how to get 45% smaller, by mid-1996 we began turning our attention to better supporting the 55% of our personnel that will be with us into the future. Therefore, in our fourth phase, we are addressing the "people-issues" under a program called Flight Plan for Life. Through a consultative process we have given our entire team - including our families - a voice in telling the leadership what issues must be addressed - and in what order these issues should be tackled. The Flight Plan for Life Summary Report has been provided separately.

Par conséquent le moment ne pouvait être mieux choisi pour la réalisation de vos travaux. Nous vous avons remis un sommaire du rapport Plan de vol pour la vie. Je doute que les préoccupations ou les priorités qui y figurent vous

surprenons. Cependant je dois faire remarquer que ces questions ne sont pas l'oeuvre du personnel supérieur d'état-major. Il s'agit des commentaires, des questions posées par les membres eux-mêmes et des solutions qu'ils proposent. Il s'agit d'une certaine façon, de la voix de nos gens. Si pour une raison quelconque, vous n'avez pas l'occasion de rencontrer un grand nombre de membres de la Force aérienne, veuillez prendre connaissance de leurs observations et écouter leurs préoccupations. Permettez-moi d'énumérer quelques-uns de ces défis.

Pay and compensation are by far the biggest concerns of the air force team. While recent announcements by the Minister are welcome news, I hope that this is only the start of process that will ameliorate the eroded income of military members. The discrepancies in disposable income created by frequent moves, geographic inequities and, in particular, the lack of spousal employment support and the corresponding reduced earning potential experienced by many families, are problems still in search of solutions. I believe ADM (Per), LGen Kinsman, outlined many of these issues for you extremely well.

Air Force personnel - like their comrades from the other services - are prepared to deploy anywhere, at anytime, for unknown lengths of time. Notice is often short and the conditions more often that not can be extreme. It is this willingness to serve - and to do so proudly, professionally and with unlimited liability - which constitutes the "value-added" of military personnel and underscores that they are not civil servants in uniform. Therefore, benchmarking with their civil-service or even private sector equivalents may not be the most valid approach to establishing their worth.

As you can well imagine, this creates unique stresses for our members and their families. It is commonplace in the military to say, "Take care of the troops and they will take care of you." Taking care of the troops also means taking care of their families. Members who are worried that they cannot pay all the bills, or that their families will be safe and cared for while they are away will not be as effective in the field. This means adequate compensation, housing and personnel support. Again, these are all issues that are familiar to you from the technical briefings so I will not dwell on them here.

Suffice to say that the nature of service in the air force - short notice deployments for unspecified lengths of time - makes these domestic issues even more important. Couple this with the reality that air force personnel serve in the greatest variety of locations from coast to coast (a number of our 13 Air Wings are in isolated or semi-isolated locations) and you can see that creating a safe

and supportive environment at "home" is imperative for us. This requires that our personnel support programs be well thought out and appropriately funded, and provide a consistent level of services across the country. This may be the biggest challenge we face.

Pilot retention is an emerging issue that requires special mention. In the summer of 1996 we noticed that fixed wing pilots were leaving the air force at an alarming rate. By this summer, we will be approximately 10% below our pilot establishment and attrition has now reached well beyond the sustainable level. So far we have managed to sustain flying operations, but we are coping largely through staff shortages, cancelling career courses and increased production (now at a maximum capacity). But given it takes more than six years and at least \$2 million to produce an experienced pilot, we must clearly focus on retention rather than production to solve this insidious problem. Further high attrition rates will sharply reduce our ability to effectively conduct air operations. Pilots share many of the other concerns common to the men and women of today's Canadian Forces. The difference is that the pilots, unlike most of their compatriots, have a clear and attractive alternative to military life - expanding commercial aviation. When airlines hire we have always lost pilots; however, this time, we are in a far more perilous position because of the general morale concerns across the Canadian Forces in recent years, exacerbated by a pay differential that make the airline job almost impossible to refuse. Aviation experts (domestic and foreign) predict a continuing expansion that will see about 800 pilots hired by the major Canadian carriers over the next five years. I am afraid that without significant and rapid action on our part we face a pilot shortage of very serious proportions. In this regard, I will be making a special presentation to Armed Forces Council in May to address this issue.

In some respects air force personnel are like everyone else in the workforce of western economies. Society has created a set of conditions where we may change careers several times over the course of a working life. This poses further challenges as we are faced with finding more and better ways of sourcing qualified personnel from industry and preparing our personnel for the transition back to civilian life when they choose to move on. Air force people tend to be highly qualified technically.

We also need to capitalize quickly on individuals who come to us with civilian experience as members of either the Regular or Reserve Force. One of the best things we can give - and also recognize - is civilian accreditation, which can be applied as easily to the private sector as to recruitments. We are working on a plan to recognize both military and ci-

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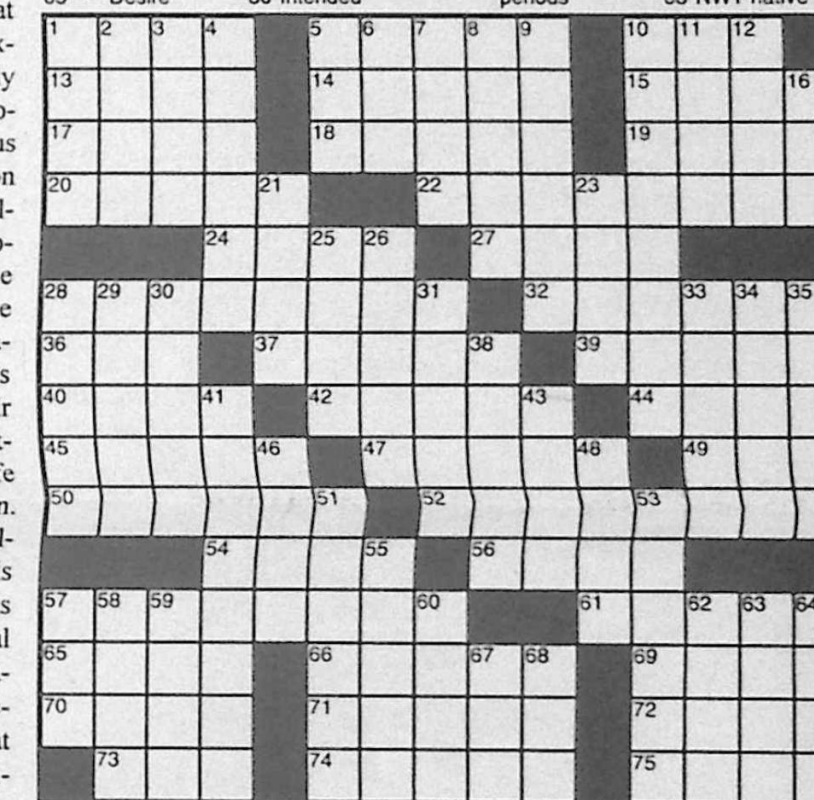
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vilian accreditation interchangeably. To do so may require national standards that transcend provincial jurisdictions and licensing boards. Creating a climate where closer links can be forged with industry and academic institutions will go far to address this concern.

Voilà quelques-unes des nombreuses préoccupations soulevées par notre équipe de la Force aérienne. Il y en a d'autres, parmi lesquelles l'instruction, la qualité du milieu de travail, le régime de pensions et d'avantages sociaux et la communication, soit interne, soit avec le public canadien. Je vous encourage à consulter la documentation pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur le sujet.

In conclusion, I want to thank you again for giving me this opportunity to address you today. I

am encouraged that this important committee of Parliament is discussing these critical issues and that we are now recognising as did William Perry, former United States Secretary of Defence that "quality of life for our forces means quality people in our forces." But I hope that we do not end this as just a discussion. As I stated at the outset, when you visit with our personnel, it will be obvious that our air force team is fully engaged in meeting the challenges of the future and firmly establishing the relevance of their mission with all Canadians. Their operational morale is high - but their societal morale has been badly shaken over the last several years. There are many issues that can, and are, being addressed internally. But there are many others which need your support and attention. Thank you.

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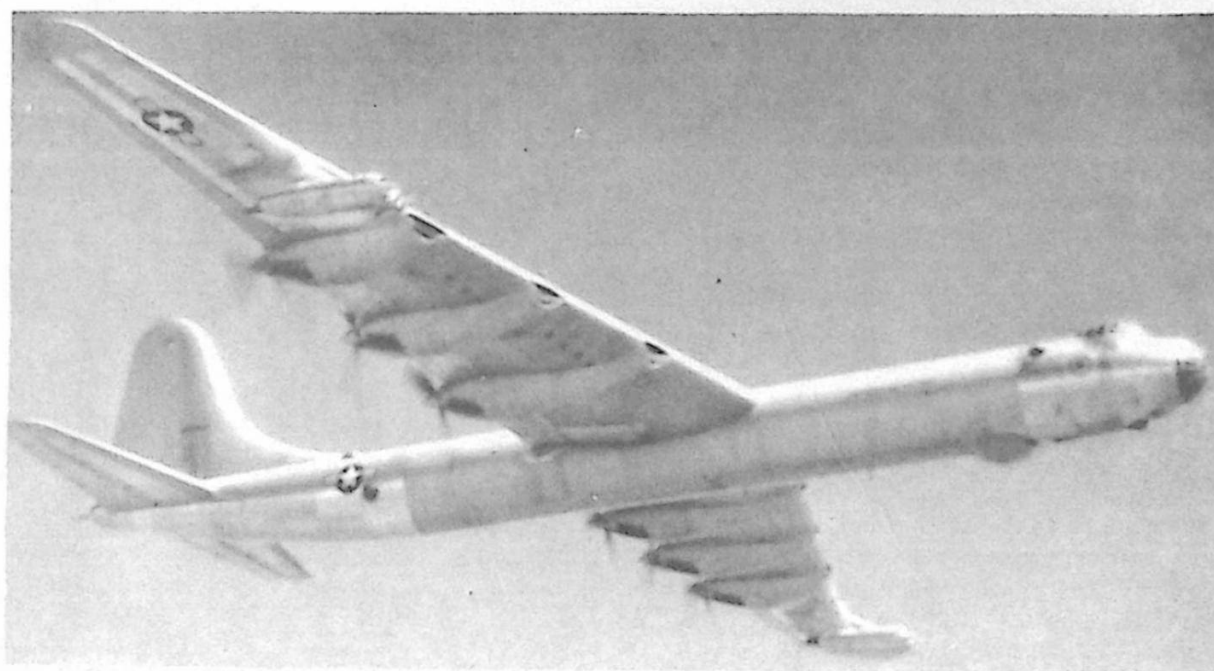
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Broken Arrow in Hazelton



American B-36 heavy bomber. (Photo courtesy Comox Airforce Museum)

Every now and then there is a story that really catches my imagination. I have recently been talking with the airport manager at Smithers, exchanging historical photographs with him, since the airport was built during the war, and relating to him some of the history associated with the wartime squadrons that passed through this northerly airport. In exchange, he produced some interesting photographs of aircraft that have used the airport during the past 55 years. One particular photo caught my eye since it con-

tained four aircraft familiar to me: two Grumman Albatross aircraft and two Sikorsky S5 helicopters. The caption read, "Smithers search for crashed aircraft 1954." I mentioned that I thought the caption incorrect because I did not believe that the RCAF was using the Albatross or the S-55 in the SAR role in 1954. He told me to look more closely at the photo to see that they actually belonged to the United States Air Force and were used on a search that was conducted out of Smithers in 1954. Interesting. What were the

Americans doing in Smithers in 1954, in force, looking for a downed aircraft? Keep in mind that it was the American Air Force and not the Coast Guard or the Civil Air Patrol that was looking for this particular aircraft.

Now, in 1952 a B-36 heavy bomber transiting from Alaska to the mainland United States was lost, due to heavy icing and turbulence over an area near Bella Bella. Most of the crew bailed out near Bella Bella and were subsequently picked up on an island by surface craft. A few of the bomber's crew did not bail out and stayed with the aircraft as it flew on, heading inland. It subsequently disappeared and was not seen or heard from again, until 1954 when it was discovered on a mountain near Hazelton, a small town some 40 miles from the Smithers airport.



Sikorsky helicopter. (Photo courtesy Comox Airforce Museum)

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What is particularly interesting about this accident is that this B-36 was alleged to have had a nuclear weapon on board which was supposed to have been jettisoned prior to the crew bailing out. If this is the case then this accident is one involving nuclear weapons in Canada. A Broken Arrow in our own back yard if you will. Since it may be assumed that the crew was in some distress, being in an aircraft that was in danger of crashing at any time, it may also be assumed that they were unsure of their exact location. Therefore, the point and time of weapon jettison is probably a good guess at best. The reason for the great interest in this accident by the American Air Force becomes clear.

I grew up in Smithers and had no idea, nor did the townsfolk, of this significant accident that had taken place so close to our home. Rumour has it that the American Air Force recovery team, of which the photograph produced by the airport manager is evidence, visited the wreckage site and buried it beneath a blasted rock ledge, in order to secure the site once and for all. The whole accident was then forgotten and relegated to a few obscure passages in reference books. Very little evidence exists, except for those things like photographs taken by curious townspeople that surface from time to time. An interesting story that I'm sure will be explored in some detail by B.C. historians. The photographs can be found at the Smithers airport, hanging on the wall.

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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 568-7438).

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

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

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E-mail: jlaflaur@atcon.com

Mail: 40-Year Reunion Committee, 415 (MP) Sqn, 14 Wing Greenwood, Greenwood, N.S. B0P 1N0.

103 Rescue Sqn

Reunion

24-26 June 97

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of 103 Sqn the following activities will be held, just prior to the 9 Wing Gander Air Show. Squadron Colours will be received at this time. Newfoundland will also be celebrating its 500th Anniversary throughout 1997 and many Cabot 500 events will be occurring across the island throughout the year. All 103 Sqn members, past and present, are welcome.

23 June: Welcome arriving members; Informal Meet & Greet at Mess after dinner.

24 June: Colours Parade at 1015 hrs; Blessing of Squadron Colours; Official Meet & Greet in hangar, commencing immediately after Parade dismissal.

25 June: Planned Activity Day - Family flights; Golfing; NA Museum tour; Bus trip to Cabot 500 festivities; Squadron videos, etc; Dinner with speeches followed by Dance at Mess.

26 June: Memorial Ceremony at Parish at 1000 hrs; BBQ Brunch at hangar; Family flights; Farewell.

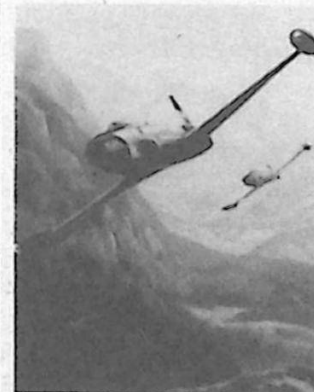
29 June: Gander Airshow.

For info contact Capt Perry Durzynski or WO Paul Pitcher (709) 256-1703, ext 342 or Auto-von 622-3342. Fax 622-3705. Mailing address: 103 Rescue Sqn, 9 Wing Gander, Gander, NF, A1V 1X1.



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