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a proud and tragic history

By MCpl Bill Clouter

Attention all retired service personnel and Air Show enthusiasts. As most know, the CH1134 Labrador search and rescue helicopter, which is no stranger to the valley, is soon to be replaced. With its retirement, 442 Sqn SAR Techs and the pararescue association have procured the talent of BC artist John Rutherford to create a detailed commemorative painting of

the Labrador on its last operation. This dramatic print, entitled "The Final Mission," depicts the Labrador in an over-water hover with two SAR Techs exiting the aircraft to rescue a man overboard. Out of the 500 prints made, 250 have been sold already.

During the Air Show, at the Labrador static display, Search and Rescue Technician Sgt Ron Rea

will have the original painting unveiled for public presentation. Prints can be purchased at that time. This limited edition 20x26" print can be purchased for the affordable price of \$50, taxes included. The Canadian Forces SAR Tech trade chose to adopt "The Missing Children Campaign" as their national charity several years ago. The 442 Sqn SAR Techs have

requested that all proceeds from print sales during the Air Show go to this charity.

So come on out to the 1999 Comox Air Show on Sunday, 18 July. Take in the variety of multinational static and aerial displays, pick up a print of the fast selling commemorative Labrador painting, and do your part to help find today's missing children. See you there!



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Are you a leader?

by Peter Urs Bender

(NC)—Here are some qualities of leaders:

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- Enjoy life
- Use time wisely
- Self assured, not arrogant
- See the end result, the final goal
- See things from others' points of view
- Recognize and foster the talents of others
- Disciplined with themselves, not just with others
- Know their industry (or subject) inside and out
- Have the ability to plan, step by step, to reach their goals
- Act with integrity, can be trusted; do not let you down
- Stand for what they believe, even if others do not agree.

Which ones describe you? What are the qualities you'd like to develop more today? Do it.

Peter Urs Bender is author of the bestselling books, *Leadership from Within* and *Secrets of Power Presentations*. For more tips, see www.PeterUrsBender.com.

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THE MILLENNIUM BUG—Staying bug-free in year 2000

(NC)—You've made all the right moves: you've tested your computer and you've upgraded your systems to make sure that when the clocks change to January 1, 2000, your PC will be glitch-proof. Unfortunately there's still a risk that your systems could be affected no matter how hard you work to get your PC ready for the year 2000. Files imported from the Internet, your E-mail, and even a diskette could affect your programs and data. The following are some tips on how to steer clear of the imported Millennium Bug problems:

"Good house keeping" is important—regularly back-up your data files on diskette or other medium. Keep a paper record of important business information before and after January 1, 2000. You need to stay alert to potential problems when putting new programs on your PC (especially Freeware and Shareware). Also be careful when using old spreadsheets that may have been created using two-digit year dates.

If you use your home PC to do work for your employer, be especially careful that any Millennium Bug problems are not introduced onto their system from yours, as you could unknowingly compromise your employer's Year 2000 program. In any case, you should ask your employer for advice prior to making changes.

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As The Beacon Turns

By Capt Bruce Mornan

Hello again, from the fascinating world of ATC! As we wait patiently for Mother Nature to wake up and realize that we are well on our way into the summer months, I thought I might as well take off my parka and fill everyone in on the who's who and what's what in the unit. So, here goes...

We'll begin, once again, with a few pleasant announcements. MCpl Lise Lucas received a well-deserved parting gift as she and Perry prepare for their move to Greenwood.

During the ATC daily morning briefing, LCol Hache presented Lise with her promotion to Sergeant, effective August 15. Congratulations Lise and, once again, good luck in your future endeavours.

Next on stage were Captains Dave Haun and Dean King to receive their CF Decorations. Dave is currently working as a Tower Controller while Dean is enroute to Gander, Newfoundland to begin his new career as a Tower Controller with Nav Canada. Congrats to you both!

Our last article focused primarily on those personnel saying their good-byes to the unit so it seems only fitting to pass on our "hellos" to those arriving to take their place.

We'll begin by wishing a warm welcome to MWO George Schneider who recently arrived from Tinker AFB in Oklahoma where he was the Unit CWO and an active member of the AWACS crew. George is here to assume the ATC WO position that has been most recently filled by WO Chuck Brown.

We would also like to take this opportunity to pass on our sincerest thanks to Chuck for all his hard work and effort while acting as ATC WO.

Also new to the unit are Cap-

tains Jule Lebel and Rob Trainor. Jule came to us from Edmonton where he worked as a Tower Controller and is continuing his tower tenure here in Comox. Rob has returned from retirement life in the valley as a Class B Reservist and has also commenced training in the tower.

Cpl Nigel Wood, who came to us this past spring from North Bay, has recently completed his conversion course in Cornwall and commenced training in the tower. Nigel has since returned to Ontario to move his family to Comox. Welcome "Woody!"

The tower has also seen a change in the NCO In Charge with the move of Sgt Heather Moss from the Standards Office into that position. Heather replaces Sgt John Schrauwen who has commenced training in the IFRCC. While we are on the personnel front, congratulations go out to MCpl John Healy as he will be the new PMC of the Junior Ranks' Mess, starting this month. John has been the Vice PMC for the past six months.

We'll wrap things up with a quick progress report on the new tower construction.

As you may have noticed, the final shape of the finished product is now evident. Construction on the tower cab has commenced producing the familiar outline associated with all towers. Just below that is the skeleton of the office/maintenance ring that will house the offices of the Chief Controller and NCO I/C as well as the various rooms containing communications and airfield lighting equipment. The project is on schedule and should be complete this fall.

That's all for now, folks. Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting news in upcoming As The Beacon Turns.



LCol Hache and Maj Thibault present MCpl Lucas with her promotion to Sergeant.



Capt Dave Haun receives his CD from LCol Hache.



LCol Hache presents Capt Dean King with his CD.

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Avoiding those little aches and pains

(NC)—Muscular pains and strains are among the most common—yet preventable—injuries. Low-back pain can be avoided simply by watching what you're doing and using common sense.

• Watch your movement—make sure you're in the proper position for an activity. For example, when lifting, bend at your knees, not at the waist, and lift with your leg muscles. When turning, turn your feet first instead of twisting your body.

• If you're not sure you can manage lifting or moving a heavy object, don't try. Get help.

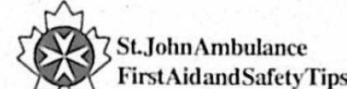
• Warm up before exercising, and don't push your limits.

• Watch for repetitive strain injury—long-term overuse of a muscle or tendon can be very disabling. Examples include tennis elbow, bursitis and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Almost any muscular pain can benefit from RICE: rest, ice, compression and elevation. Stop the activity that caused the injury, and stay off it until a doctor says it's okay. Apply cold (15 minutes on, 15 minutes off, repeatedly). You may want to wrap the injured area with an elasticized bandage to limit swelling. Elevating the injured part above heart level will also help control swelling. If it is your back then you should lay flat on the floor with your knees bent to relieve pressure and place an ice bag on the sore spot.

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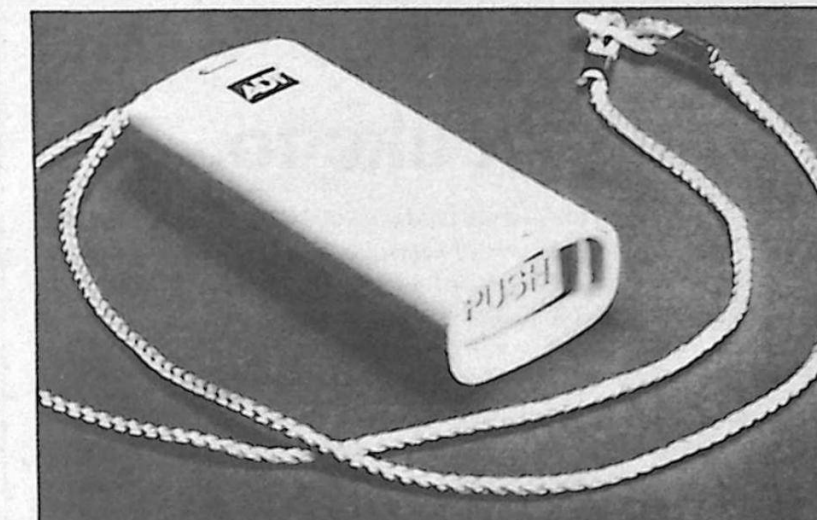
By MCpl K.E. LeBlanc

Welcome back to the 19 Wing Guardhouse. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer, especially now that we can actually see the sun.

We at the Guardhouse would like to inform everyone about a new tool in the fight against domestic violence. On 24 June, ADT Security Services Canada Inc., in partnership with the local RCMP, the Comox Valley Transition Society and the local Victim Assistance programs, launched the use of the Domestic Violence Emergency Response System (DVERS).

DVERS itself is a small alarm system which, when activated, will send a signal to ADT Security Services which monitor the system on a 24/7 basis. On receipt of this alarm, ADT Security Services will contact the local law enforcement agency which will, in turn, respond to the alarm.

This system will be provided to victims of domestic violence free of charge. There is a list of criteria which must be met before these units are issued to victims and potential victims, such as: the individual requesting the unit must have made a complaint to police of physical violence, or threats of



physical violence against them. Also, there must be a high risk that the accused may carry out acts of violence towards the victim and that there is a court order currently in effect against the accused.

This system is already being used in 150 cities in the United States and in over 30 communities in Canada.

By no means will this system solve all the problems associated with domestic violence, but when we consider the following statistics, the DVERS program certainly has a place in our community:

-Courtenay RCMP and Military Police responded to a total of 174

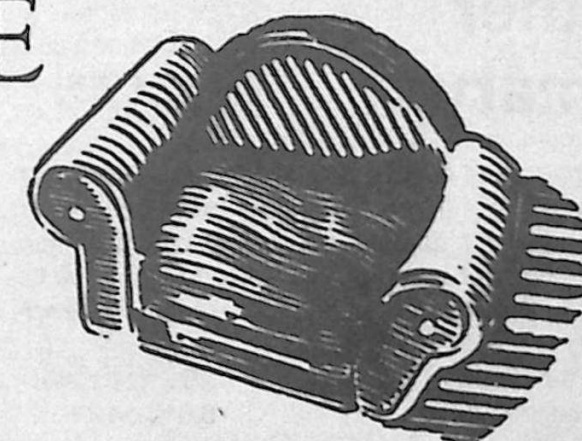
cases of domestic related incidents in 1998;

-B.C. has the highest rate of domestic assault in Canada; and
-One in five spousal assaults is committed by a repeat offender.

The 19 Wing Security and Military Police Flight will support this DVERS program and will refer any request from our military community. If you have any questions regarding the DVERS program please contact MCpl LeBlanc at 339-8218 or Sgt Blake at 339-8236.

Note: Statistics provided by the Courtenay RCMP, Military Police, and the Violence Against Women Survey, Statistics Canada.

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"What's it like to...?"

Three years ago, they crowded the fields and by-ways, heads tilted back and mouths opened in pure awe of yesterday's and today's technology roaring overhead. And they are coming again, this Sunday. If like last time, there will be 20,000 of them.

And we will show them, once again, the pride, precision, and professionalism, both ground and air, that Canada is known for around the world. Also, once again, something pre-destined happens within this crowd of spectators. Something very special.

Scattered throughout this mass of onlookers are some seven or eight year olds. We will not recognize them; their faces candy-smudged and sun burned. But there's something different about these boys and girls. You can see it in their eyes. Tugging as hard as they can, they pull their parents towards the men and women in uniform, as well as the displays. Once there, they pull their hands free and stand directly in front of someone in uniform, tap on a pressed military leg for exclusive attention, and these seven or eight year olds start talking. The questions coming fast and furious. "What do you do?" "Why?" "What's it like to...?" "Why?" "Are they all like that?" "Can I see...?" "Where...?" "Why?"

The questions come at the person in uniform like an assault on a fortress. And he or she answers them, one at a time with patience. As this interrogation goes on, the more the person in uniform is sensing a couple of things.

The first? An affirmation of the pride felt when, what seems like eons ago, this person put on a uniform for the first time. An affirmation of purpose. Of focus.

And the second thing? The uniformed person can sense a pre-destination in the little human being standing there, firing questions with determination.

There will come a day when, at some function such as an International Air Show, this kid with the candy-smudged and sun burned face will be in a uniform experiencing the barrage of questions from a 'child of the future'. "What do you do?" "Why?" "What's it like to...?"

The pride of purpose and the sense of pre-destination will complete yet another cycle. As it should.

Doug Macaulay

Weather Summary



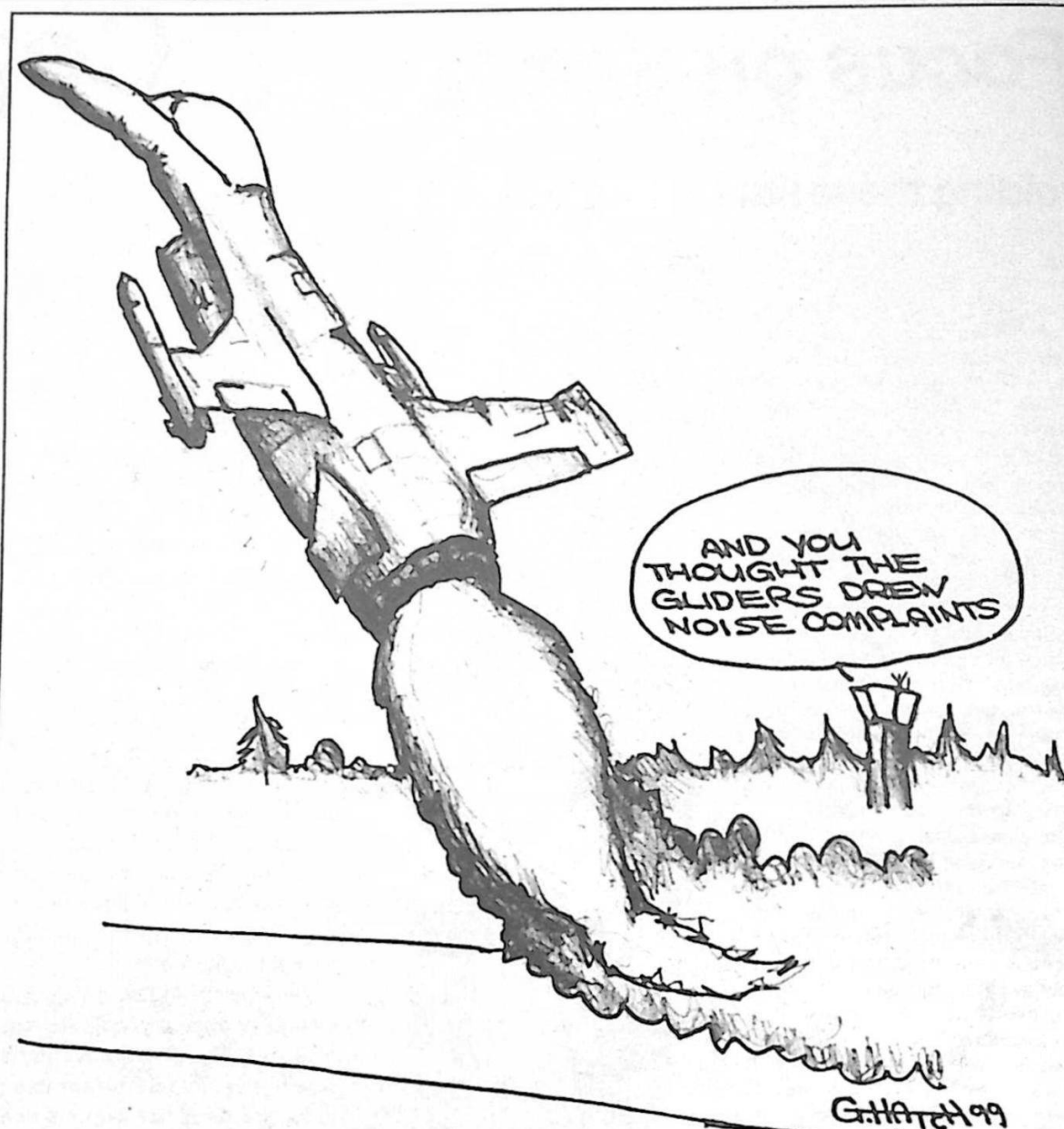
The average temperature in the month of June was cooler than normal and the amount of bright sunshine was below average. Unfortunately, we had 21 days of 0.2mm or more of rainfall, which is twice the number of days we would normally have for June. The total amount of precipitation for the month was average.

Highest monthly temperature	25.9°C on 14th
Lowest monthly temperature	6.0°C on 2nd
Total monthly rainfall	41.0 mm
Average monthly rainfall	40.8 mm
No. of days with 0.2 mm or more rainfall	21
Total hours of bright sunshine	157.5 hrs

(Information provided by 19 Wing Comox Military Weather Unit.)

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414 (CS) Sqn

Well, the squadron average over nine was 37.8. Not bad at all. We should be set for the Commander's Cup Golf Tourney. Yep, 414 were at Cloudy Dale Golf Course for their squadron Golf Day. The weather wasn't the greatest but everyone persevered to the end. The questions at each of the front nine holes were well answered, all but "How many times has 414 (CS) Sqn been disbanded?" It was a bit of a tricky one. Liz and Rainer took the coveted biggest score prize. Kendall had the longest drive. Rick and Darryl could balance their clubs like no other!

The biggest surprise of the day was how the squadron's two best golfers fooled Sir Cedric into putting them onto the same team. Way to go.

The reception after was a hit. Great burgers and dogs and beers. The squadron was sad to say goodbye to numerous people. We wish Tim, Jacque, Terry, Perry and Doug all the best in their futures. Ron, what can we say? You got your hair cut a few days before you retired. It looks pretty snazzy. Thanks everyone for all the hard work and great times.

The Portland Air Show was a blast. All the guys had to do was sign a few signatures and the world was their oyster.

Fiery Red Hello's, eh Squish? Ya gotta love 'em! \$5 for anyone who

can go to the Green Wood Inn and find the zipper! On the air show front, the Comox Air Show is just around the corner. It should be great! Word is that the highlight of the show will be the four plane T-Birds blow past. As well, Tweety will be awing the crowds with stuff like the high-speed whisper pass and the slow speed pass. Oh yeah, the Snow Chickens are here to do their loop de doos. Just kidding, they're gonna be great!

The weather dude just got things in order. The blue skies should be beaming from now till September. The T-shirts should be out and the coveralls tied around the waist. Don't forget the sunscreen! Speaking of the weather guy, apparently he's taking leave in the next few weeks. I think that is a big hint that there is some good weather coming our way.



Kendall was embarrassed to take his long drive prize.



Liz was very proud of her high score. Way to go Liz!

Patty and Dallas just got back from their whirlwind tour of Ontario and all the groovy Air Shows. They say it was tough work, but how hard can drinking every night be? There are two new faces around the squadron. Capt Mo Ricard and Capt Bill Church are here for the OTU. Bill will be packing some serious burgers from Moose Jaw for his great dog "Guinness." Mo will be sticking around after the OTU as he's posted here.

Well, that's about it for the Mighty Lance. Need to head over to 407 and find me an easy prey that won't run away too fast. Hey, Demon 75, yeah I was tired of your smoke when I put the pedal to the metal and parked her at 94.7% Bet ya didn't know I was still on that freq! Cheers to all and to all a lot of beers! "Totem Times"

Air Show trivia

By Capt Darrel Duckworth

In 1944, RCAF Station Comox hosted its first "air show" as part of the ceremonies to celebrate Dominion Day. In 1952, the base was recommissioned and, to the best we could determine from sketchy records and memories, the first official Air Show was held in 1956, featuring a variety of RCAF and civilian aircraft. Since then, times between air shows have varied from consecutive years to up to four years apart.

This was due to operational commitments, finances, availability of other military and civilian displays and...because the wing personnel needed a breather.

1961 - First air show covered by the fledgling Totem Times. No count on people, but over 5,600 cars.

The Red Knight barnstormed for the crowd. Children and adults enjoyed meeting "Robbie the Robot" who jerked his arms and head, and flashed lights to the tune of Mary had a Little Lamb - a masterpiece of robotics at the time. For the finale, the Golden Hawks, the RCAF's precision aerobatic team dazzled the crowds in their gold, red and white Sabre jets, performing such manoeuvres as the Bomb Burst and Cross Over.

1976 - CFB Comox Sport Parachuting Club opened the aerial show, followed by aerial displays by CF 104 Starfighters and CF5 aircraft from Cold Lake, a CC 130 Hercules from CFB Edmonton and a USAF F-106 Delta Dart.

The Air Cadets coordinated a prevision ground team display

with a simultaneous aerial demonstration of four Cessna 172 Skyhawks flown by their instructors. Then Comox's own aircraft roared to life, thrilling the crowd with formation flying by CF 101 Voodoos and the faithful T-33s. 442 strutted its stuff in an exciting show involving both the Labrador helicopter and the Buffalo. The Snowbirds tied it all together at the finale with a fantastic display of precision flying that had the crowds flinching and gasping in delight and amazement.

On the ground, the displays, demonstrations and aircraft never stood empty from the moment the show began to its final closing hour.

1984, April 14 - 60th Anniversary of the RCAF

1984 marked one of the high points in Air Shows at Comox. Funding was abundant.

There were new aircraft and equipment to show off. The air show featured hundreds of displays and drew acts and aircraft from across North America. Over 20,000 people showed up to take in the day.

The Skyhawks opened the show, amazing the crowds and delighting the children. The new CF-18 fighters made their first appearance at the Comox air show. The "old dogs" grudgingly admired the CF-18's performance but declared that the Voodoo was still their favourite.

Both aircraft thrilled the crowds with their aerial displays and sleek lines. Other popular acts included

the Ray Ban Golds in their Pitts biplanes and the Western Warbirds performing "impossible" stunts in their vintage Harvards. Crowd pleaser Bud Granley gave a solo performance in "Miss America" that elicited squeals of delight. As always, the Snowbirds stole the show with their finale, performing their brand new "Diamond Roll" created especially to commemorate the 60th anniversary.

Ground displays included dozens of aircraft from the CF, the USAF, the USN, the USMC and civilian aviation.

1986 - The SR71 Blackbird made its first appearance at the Comox air show.

In addition, the U.S. sent a B-52 Stratofortress, C-5 Galaxy, an F-15 Strike-Eagle, an F-14 Tomcat, an A-10 Thunderbird Tank-Destroyer and an AV8N Harrier. Combined with Canadian CF-18s and several British aircraft, this "formation" may have marked the largest "combined force" firepower ever flown from the West Coast of Canada. The aerial show featured many of the perennial favourites that continue to draw fans back show after show.

1990 - The Cold War over! A Russian General toured the CF!

1990 marked the beginning of drastic changes for the DND. A changing world order. Changes in expectations and roles for the CF.

The national deficit forcing large cutbacks. Deployments took many of the air resources that normally would appear at air shows. Yet, the Comox Air Show still drew

Demon Doins

By Lt Chris Orrey

After what seemed like an eternal winter, the monsoon season has officially ended and summer has finally arrived. For once the weather looks like it's going to cooperate and it is even rumoured that Mt. Washington is down to its last eight feet of snow. And, as if that wasn't enough of a miracle, the wash hangar managed to withstand the constant onslaught of wind and rain with no problems.

Although the pace has slowed for the summer months, 407 Sqn is still fairly busy with aircraft being sent to exotic locales such as Hawaii and Chile. This year the squadron has had lots of success with our deployments and unlike last summer, the CO doesn't have to explain to 1 CAD why we have aircraft stuck in Hawaii with plagues of "convenient" snags.

The relaxed pace is soon to be short-lived as we near the 75th Anniversary Air Show weekend. Fortunately, due to a large gap in our periodic inspection schedule, the squadron now has five aircraft available and shouldn't have a problem meeting our commitments for the show. (Keep you fingers crossed!)

As relaxed as the pace has been in the last month, not everyone in the squadron has had the opportunity to use up some leave. The Maintenance Flight has been fairly busy with several courses being run. An armament management course was held here at 19 Wing for the first time, by instructors from CFB Borden, and many of our senior NCOs took advantage of the opportunity. Traditionally, the

course is run in Borden but the instructors thought they would come out to the West and enjoy the reputable spring weather; however, after this year, it's unlikely the course will ever be run again in Comox. Both the AMO and ESO decided that the "spring weather" in the valley was a little cool and went on TD to Halifax and Kingston respectively to enjoy an early summer.

Thanks to the safe operation of the squadron and hard work of the flight safety staff, for the first time in years the ESO section enjoyed some cool beverages, as they managed to clear the Flight Safety Board of all outstanding investigations. Congratulations! Unfortunately, the celebration was short-lived as a week later the board began to fill up again.

407 Sqn is expecting some changes to their side of 7 hangar as, in the near future, we are giving up one of the Aurora bays for 442 Sqn to conduct Labrador periodic until they get their new hangar.

The squadron's AF9000+ Quality Assurance program is well on its way to getting its first external registration audit from ICAD.

The new Quality System Manager, Lt Brian Payan, is busy preparing for CFCAR Victoria to come and give us a consultation audit, which will hopefully take place in early August.

Only time will tell if the remainder of the summer will be filled with sunny blue sky but, regardless of weather, 407 Sqn will hopefully continue to have lots of safe and maintenance free flying.

a crowd of over 50,000.

Cutbacks also hit the U.S. military, traditional supporters of our show, limiting their available resources as well. Air Show planners had to use their imagination.

The show featured many of the perennial favourites, such as the Western Warbirds and the Snowbirds, but organizers now invited private industry and more

professional performers to strut their stuff in everything from biplanes to bush planes.

The crowd eagerly accepted the new venue and cheered every performance.

1996 - Special guests: Astronauts LCol Chris Hadfield and Cdr Jeff Ashby signed autographs and encouraged many young astronaut-wannabes.

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Rumble in Abbotsford

By Sgt Maggiolo

The Black Arts Society Jiu Jitsu Club (Comox) participated in a Children's Spring Tournament held in Abbotsford on 6 June.

The B.C. Jiu Jitsu sponsored tournament included clubs from all over British Columbia.

Our club did extremely well with four 1st place, three 2nd place, three 3rd place and two 4th place showings. All of the kids had a lot of fun.

Special thanks to Steve Hiscoe for letting us use his dojo as sleeping quarters while in Abbotsford. The tournament was extremely well organized and the Black Arts Society looks forward to the children's upcoming Fall Tournament in October.

Anyone seeking further information on the Black Arts Society Martial Arts Club, please call:

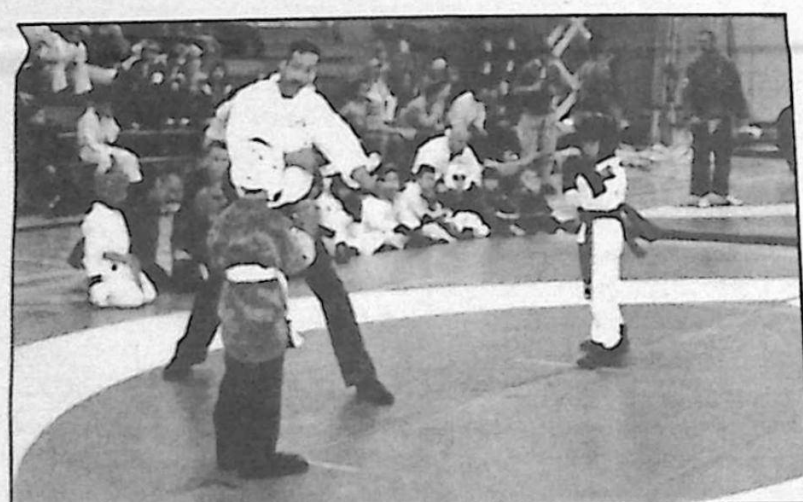
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Comox Club displaying certificates

(L-R): Front row - Fred Martel, Corey Maggiolo, Kai Madsen, Tate Hackert, Jerrald Ullock and Shawn Harrison. Middle row - Sensei Karl Dobson and Sensei Bob Martel. Back row - Hope Gariepy, Emile Gariepy, Michael Maggiolo, Anne-Marie Dubois, Kaitlyn Harrison and Vanessa Martel.



Participants ready to rumble.

Congratulations
Black Arts Society
Jui Jitsu Club (Comox) !

Music to calm your nerves

By Sgt Maggiolo

Thanks to Quality of Life funds, the Wing Dental Clinic was able to purchase cordless headphones and CD players. Our patients will now be able to enjoy music in the dental chair during dental operations. Patients are encouraged to bring in their own music CD when visiting the clinic.

The aim of the cordless headphones and music CE players is to make your dental appointment a more pleasurable experience.



Sgt Buckley Jones relaxing to the music while Dr. Blaikie tends to his dental needs.



Having difficulty forcing yourself to save?

Consider a pre-authorized chequing plan

By Don Somers

One of the key rules of investing is to "Pay yourself first," a rule which many of us repeatedly ignore. Any disciplined investment program begins with savings; the key to reserving money for your future is to view savings as an expense. This means that you must put aside a pre-determined amount of money each month to pay yourself, just as you must pay your rent, your loans and your bills.

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portant to make your maximum contribution each year, the PAC plan will facilitate the saving process.

To set up your PAC plan, or for further details on how you can benefit from this service, please contact your Financial Consultant today.

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MONEY...tips

(NC)—If you contribute to your RRSP on a regular basis, through either an individual plan or a group plan, you can file a request with Revenue Canada for a reduction in the amount of tax withheld from your pay cheque. Talk to your benefits administrator or call your District Taxation Office to apply. For financial planning and investment information visit <http://www.investorgroup.com>.



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Weather Radar repaired locally

By Hans Gassner

The Avionics Lab repairs local avionics (aircraft electronics), among them this month's featured item, the APS-505 Colour Weather Radar. When communications or radar items in aircraft become "unserviceable," which is military-speak for "broken," they are usually sent to the Avionics Lab in 19 Air Maintenance Sqn for repairs. Here, blue smocked technicians—yes, some of them even with pocket protectors!—disassemble and repair them. Working items are then sent back into the system, where on-aircraft technicians can install them.

I spoke with Cpl Derek Kaye, an 11-year Air Force veteran, and a member of the radar team up in the lab, about his work on the unit. Q: How long have you been working on the Weather Radar?

Cpl Kaye: About a year. I got to the Lab a year and a half ago, from the ADP Cell in Shearwater.

Q: How does the APS-505 compare with other avionics you've repaired?

Cpl Kaye: As this is the first time in my career I have worked as a lab rat, it's the most advanced radar I've worked on, so it's been a challenge.

Q: Can you describe what the set does?

Cpl Kaye: The system provides five primary modes of operation: three air-to-surface search and detection modes, and two conventional weather avoidance modes. An indicator provides a three-colour display: green, yellow and red. As an example, a dense formation of clouds with lots of rain



will show red and the areas with the least amount of rain will be green. The range of the system is up to 1240 miles. This gives the operator, in a Buffalo, Labrador or Twin Otter, an idea of upcoming weather or warning of a solid object, such as a mountain peak. Q: Do you enjoy the work?

Cpl Kaye: Oh yeah, we were getting two to three units a week, up until a little while ago. We're definitely the busiest bench in the radar section.

A note from the AVS Lab:

Line technicians, have you found yourself replacing a "black box"

on spec in search of an elusive snag, or that the same "black box" is being replaced on a particular aircraft at a higher than normal rate? Are the units coming unserviceable from supply? Give us a call up in the labs, maybe we can help. Bring the aircraft's "black boxes" to us, we are more than willing to give them a quick bench check. If they are serviceable we can even help narrow the search within the aircraft by offering possible solutions. By working as a team with the squadrons, we can keep the down time of the aircraft to a minimum.

Experience the pride! See you at the Air Show WTIS Exposed

The most important factor within every organization to be successful is their personnel. Within TIS we have civilians, regular force and reservists, all working towards a common goal to provide the best possible service to our customers here at the Wing. Enabling TIS to meet these goals, we have a strong core of reservists assisting us in a wide range of duties. Sgt Clarke performs his duties at Holberg, Cpl Cote works in the Message Centre, MWO Gray is working with the Y2K people, MCpl Bonell is employed with the airfield, MCpl Tracey repairs computers, Cpl Martin is also employed to repair computers and MCpl Lapointe is our IT Supply tech. Without these people, our ability to perform would be greatly impaired.



We would like to introduce our newest member - MCpl Dawn Tracey. Dawn posted in from Edmonton. She has been working in the AIS shop, repairing computers and is fitting in quite nicely.



MCpl Lisa Tracey has been with the TIS organization for over a year now. Lisa can be found in the AIS shop repairing computers.



Cpl Linda Martin has been with us for less than a year. Linda can also be found in the AIS shop repairing computers.



MCpl Suzanne Lapointe has been with us less than a year. As our IT Supply tech, she is in the process of reconciling all IT assets on the Wing.

Happy Birthday EME

By Cpl Udo Carriere

EME is 55 years old! On May 15 this year the Electrical Mechanical Engineering Branch celebrated its 55th birthday. Invitations were sent out to EME Workshops in ASU Chilliwack, CFB Esquimalt and all retired members living in the Comox Valley. Invitations were gladly accepted and the event was a great success.

Festivities started on the night of May 13 at the Air Force Beach Pavilion with a Meet and Greet which allowed everyone to reminisce about days gone by and to catch up with old friends, and make new ones too.



S. Buick and C.F.N. Hebron cutting cake.

On May 14 a sports day was organized and everyone, without any serious injuries, enjoyed a good morning of floor hockey. In the afternoon, after a BBQ lunch, speeches were given and a cake cutting ceremony was held at the AF Beach Pavilion.

Many thanks go out to the personnel who helped organize the event: Sgt Forest, MCpl Lanteigne, Cpl Babcock, Cpl Hemeon, Sue Powers and the many individuals who made it happen. A special thanks to O.S. Buick for creating the magnificent EME birthday cake. Sue Powers' hand made fur teddy bear that was raffled off on May 14 raised \$315 for the Burn Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital. The teddy bear was won by Pat Belanger and was given to Sgt Giguere's daughter, Veronique. Arte et Marte.



EME personnel from ASU Chilliwack, CFB Esquimalt and CFB Comox before hockey game.



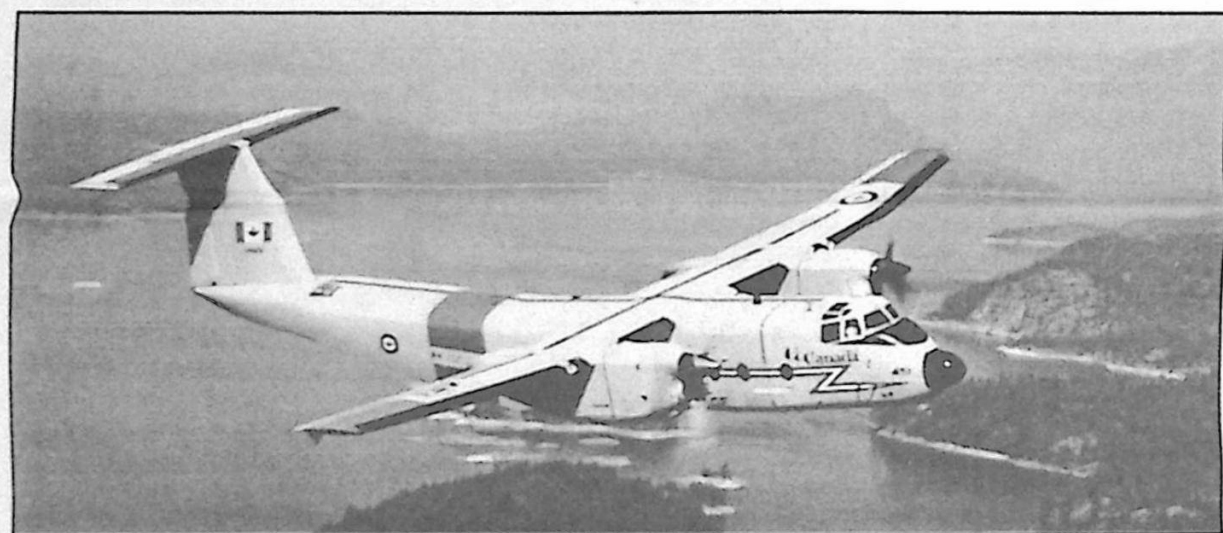
Comox Air

Aircrew flying in the 1999 Comox Airshow



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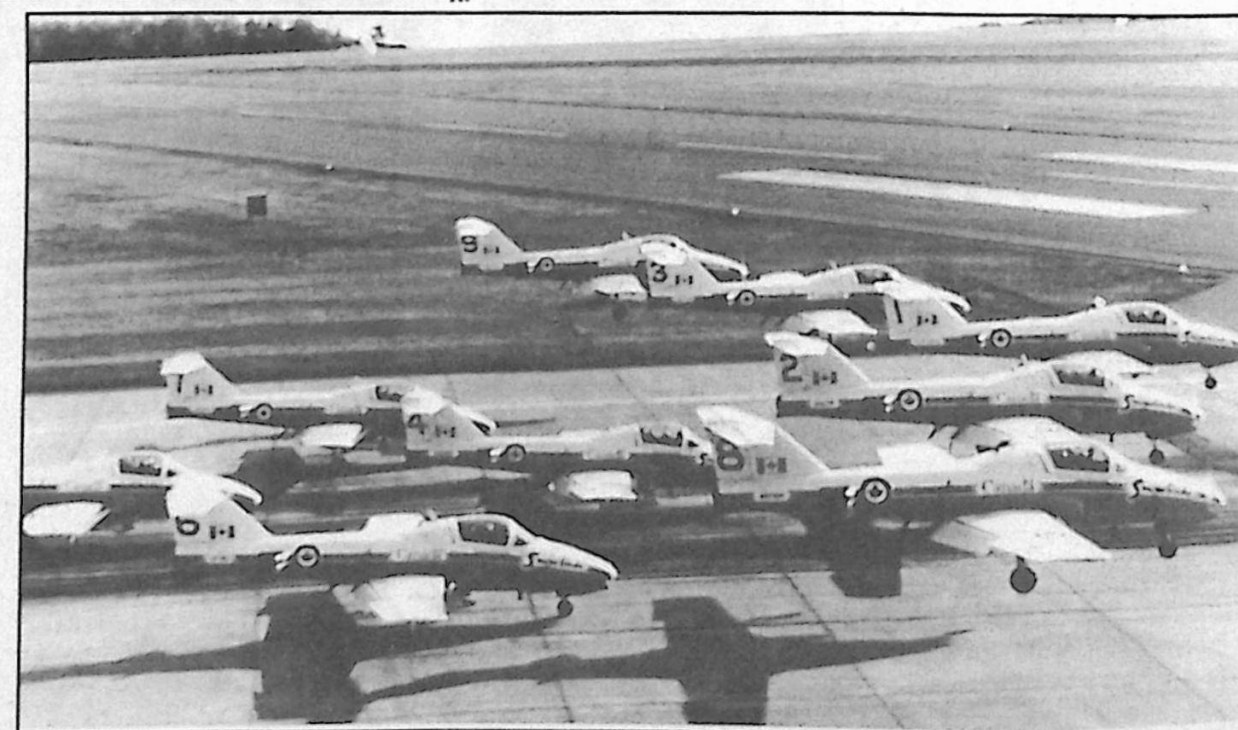
CC115 Buffalo

Pilots: Capt Ryan Napalm & Capt Laszlo Nemedi
Navigator: Capt Gary Sinclair
Flight Engineers: MCpl Chris Wilson & MCpl Colin Brydon

Heads up for the those amazing Skyhawks

If free falling at 120 miles per hour sounds like excitement to you then the Canadian Forces Military Parachute Demonstration Team, The Skyhawks, is your airshow attraction. The Skyhawks are comprised of 17 Regular Force and Reserve personnel; they are expert jumpers, with extensive airborne training, and competition for positions on the team is stiff. Since 1971 the Skyhawks have been performing for appreciative crowds across North America. They have become as much a part of these events as the aircraft.

Get ready to soar with Canada's pride!



Captain Robert "Scratch" Mitchell



1999 CF-18 demonstration pilot

Capt Mitchell comes from Victoria, B.C. His aviation career began when he joined the Canadian Forces in 1989. After receiving his wings in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in 1992, Capt Mitchell was posted to Cold Lake, Alberta for Fighter Training. From there he was assigned to 433 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, Quebec, with whom he served until 1997.

In his current assignment, he is a CF-18 instructor pilot at 410 Tactical Fighter (Operational Training) Squadron, in Cold Lake, Alberta, where he lives with his spouse Genevieve. Capt Mitchell has accumulated more than 1700 total hours of jet experience, with more than 1200 on the CF-18 Hornet.

Capt Mitchell has the rare fortune of being in the third generation of military aviators in the Canadian Forces. His grandfather, Fred Mitchell, flew Spitfires during WWII in the RCAF with 421 Squadron. After which his father, Robert Mitchell Sr., flew many thousands of hours training pilots on the CT-114 Tutor and T-33 T-Bird aircraft. Capt Mitchell considers flying the CF-18 Air Demonstration a great honour, as this year marks the 75th anniversary of the RCAF, and his family's contribution to it.



Show '99

Message from the Wing Commander

**Your Air Show Host and Narrator
— John Breen**

An informative and entertaining aviation professional is always an effective host and guide for an airshow audience. We are very pleased to welcome John Breen to Comox for his fourth engagement as your host for the Comox Air Show.

John was born and raised in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, only three miles from the Shearwater naval air base. In 1960, his father took him to his first airshow. Those were the days of the Lockheed Neptune, the Flying Boxcar and the memorable RCAF Golden Hawks. That event left an indelible impression and ultimately directed John toward a successful career in aviation.

For the 1999 season, John brings a professional lifetime of impressive credentials to the airshow stage. After 27 years as

an air traffic controller, John now works as a safety and service design specialist with a national aviation company. Over the years John has flown a wide variety of aircraft, from Light Cessnas to the Tutor jet and the deHavilland Twin Otter.

John's talents for entertaining and informing an air show audience make him one of the best air show narrators available. His easy listening and authoritative style has been heard here at Comox in '92, '94 and '96 and at airshows across Canada — including Shearwater Nova Scotia, London Ontario, and Edmonton (Nanaimo), Calgary and Lethbridge Alberta.

A member of the International Council of Air Shows, John operates his airshow narration and operations consulting business from his home near Edmonton.

On behalf of the personnel of 19 Wing Comox, I proudly welcome you to the combined Comox International Air Show and Armed Forces Day this Sunday, July 18. In appreciation of the commitment of the members of 19 Wing and to the community that has supported our efforts thus far, let me say thank you for making the 1999 Air Show vision a reality. It takes several months of preparation and planning to put together such an auspicious event as this. It is a feat that cannot be achieved without the strong alliance of the Wing and our local community.

I look forward to my first Comox Air Show as the Wing Com-

mander and especially so during a commemorative year that marks the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Armed Forces Day offers us a tremendous occasion to pay tribute to the past and present serving members of the military, and to reflect proudly on the Air Force's heritage of maintaining peace and security. This year's airshow will showcase that proud heritage with an array of vintage aircraft and equipment that is sure to please everyone.

I encourage the visiting spectators to meet the women and men in uniform. Their role in today's military is as significant and dynamic in protecting our sover-

eignty as it was 57 years ago when the air base was first established on the West Coast. 19 Wing has continued to develop and define its position in patrolling and protecting the skies and waters of the Pacific.

The inclusion of the responsibility of Search and Rescue and our commitments in augmenting United Nations and NATO forces serving overseas, demonstrates how the Wing has grown in the face of new challenges over this past half century. I hope that you will come to understand and appreciate those important roles of our proud serving members during your visit with us.

Bill Carter



The Show

The excitement starts right from the word go. Bill begins his show with a full power, half-roll takeoff followed by a very low inverted pass. During his routine, he smoothly executes tailslides, torque rolls, multiple snap rolls and a mile long, knife-edge pass. And, of course, there's the Bill Carter trademark — both inverted and knife-edge ribbon cuts! The Pitts Special is a highly manoeuvrable aircraft, allowing Bill to keep the performance right in front of the crowd — at all times! Better visibility and excitement make this a show act everyone loves.

The Plane

The factory built Pitts Special S2B was specifically designed for airshow flying. The aircraft owned by Bill Carter has been modified to improve its aerobatics and cross-country capabilities. Power is from a Lycoming engine, custom built by Leavens Aviation Inc. and develops over 260 H.P. The aircraft has a gross weight of 1700 lbs. and a top speed of 212 mph.

The Pilot

Bill grew up in Manitoba and earned his wings in Saskatchewan in 1966. In 30 years as a pilot, Bill has accumulated more than 20,000 hours. Now residing in Guelph, Ontario, Bill is a familiar face on the airshow circuit. During the week Bill is a professional airline pilot with Canadian Airlines International, currently flying North American routes as captain on A-320 aircraft.

Airshow Shuttle Bus Schedule

Shuttle buses commence running on continuous rotation at 9:00 a.m. from:

- Driftwood Mall, Courtenay parking lot south of Zellers.
 - On east side of Thrifty Foods, Courtenay, adjacent to Duncan & 6th Streets.
 - Comox Mall, Comox Avenue and at Comox Community Centre, Noel Avenue.
 - Powell River ferry terminal for 10:45 a.m. ferry arrival.
- From 3:00-7:00 p.m. buses will transport visitors back to original pick-up points.

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Glacier Greens Golf Shots

By Joyce Merrill

Tuesday Ladies

It was wonderful to play in the sun for a change at Glacier Greens on July 6. Forty-two ladies came out for Pin Day.

Congratulations to Pat Verchere for winning with a low net round of 67. Charlene Wadelius and Corrine Innes each won a ball with hidden low net scores. Muriel Krier won low gross with a score of 89. Hot putter of the day belonged to Verle Lafferty with 25 putts, while most putts went to Jennifer Holt. KPs went to June Linklater S3 (Boston Pizza), Verle Lafferty #12 (Boston Pizza) and Edna Dodd #15 (Panagopoulos Pizza). Many thanks to the sponsors. Linda Lott won the 50/50 draw.

Congratulations to Ellie Nicholas who aced her first hole-in-one on July 4 at hole #12.

Interclub Match Play update: Glacier Greens ladies are in second place with 78 points, close

behind Pacific Playgrounds who have 78-1/2 points.

Monday Nite Ladies

Thirty-one ladies enjoyed a pleasant evening of golf July 5. High gross/high net winner was Teri Healey. Most putts - Eve Viklund. Sponsor winners: E.T. Mitten (Aero Art - KP #3), Carmel Horochuk (Panagopoulos Pizza - KP #4), Anne Johnston (Anderton Nursery), Jean Maxwell (Canadian 2 for 1 Pizza), Carol Diewert (Aroma Crystal Therapy - The Garden Gate), Marie Israel (Fish "N" Stitches), Gussy Prichard (The Griffin Pub), Diane Bainbridge (Scott Fraser Pro Shop - longest putt) and Leah Wheldon (Steve Dodd Catering - longest drive). Mystery Prize was won by Teri Healey. Pat Belanger won the 50/50 draw.

First ace in 52 years

By Len Doyle

Eighty-two years young, Crosby Cole had his first ever hole-in-one on the tough par three 15th hole at Glacier Greens on Thursday, 24 June.

Crosby has been golfing since 1947 and this was his first ace. Witnesses to this historic event were Crosby's wife, Ruth, and fellow golfers Bev and Don Buchan. Well done Crosby!

All engineering math students successful

By Pat Allan,
CFCCN Coordinator

Congratulations to the 23 brave souls who returned to school after extended absence, taking the *Introduction to Engineering Math* course in the Electronic Engineering Technician/Technologist Program from Ontario's Loyalist College. Many of these students hadn't seen the inside of an academic classroom for 20 years, and all emerged at the end of the course with a passing grade.

Some students found the first quiz a turning point. Comments ranged from "a wake-up call," to "a reality check," to "a kick in the pants." While the students ranged widely in their background and comfort level when they started, hard work and focus got everyone through.

Students were told to prepare for an hour and a half of homework for every hour of class time. That's four classroom hours and six homework hours every week for 11 weeks. The COs of 19 AMS, 414 and 407 Squadrons all supported the students by releasing them from duties and arranging schedules to allow them to attend class from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The course was sponsored by the Canadian Forces Community College Network. It took place on base, the first of eight to be offered. These courses, combined with the advanced standing for 11 courses Loyalist College is offering to members of MOC 526, QLS, will culminate in a diploma in the Electronic Engineering Technician/Technologist Program. Loyalist is also considering extending similar advanced standing to other MOCs in related fields.

When offered on-campus, the Technician level of the loyalist program lasts two years, consisting of 19 courses. The first year consists of nine courses; QLS qualified members of MOC 526 are awarded advanced standing for five of them. The second year consists of ten courses, with advanced standing for six. That means that our members, by taking only eight

courses, can obtain the civilian credential of a diploma as well as certification by the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists. This provincial certification makes it easier to transfer the certification to other provinces.

The next course to be offered will be *Introduction to Calculus*, starting in mid-September, using the same instructor. Details have not yet been settled, but students who finished the first class will be contacted.

If you have a strong math background and feel confident that you could successfully complete the next course, Loyalist is willing to admit you to the program on the same basis as current students. If you succeed in the next course, advanced standing for *Introduction to Engineering Math* would be granted.

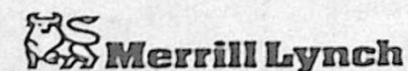
For information about *Introduction to Calculus*, contact Pat Allan, CFCCN Co-ordinator at local 8889 or 339-2280.

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Jake's Trivia Corner
1. Who was the first relief pitcher to win the Cy Young Award?
2. Which Montreal Canadiens star sat out the 73/74 season in a contract dispute?
3. How many consecutive home runs did Reggie Jackson hit in the '77 World Series?

CANEX News

By Donna Young

Sunshine at last, we knew if we waited long enough it would reap-pair! Some of us were lucky enough to have planned our leave for when the sun showed up; I am on one week's leave; Donna Chappin is on two weeks; and Trish and John are on two week's leave. Donna C and I are both doing the camping with family type holiday while Trish and John are going more exotic with a trip to Vegas. Trish wanted to be sure to get some pool weather. Manon, Eric and Stephanie are going to be heading back to Ontario to see family as well, so we wish them a safe and fun journey.

You may have noticed some more changes going on over at the CANEX, we have given up some parking spaces over by the old Wallace Gardens building while the work crews are dismantling it. We aren't sure where it is going but, apparently, it is being demolished. The new Wallace Gardens building is at the opposite end of the CANEX building. All kinds of changes and additions to look forward to.

Did anyone notice dirty water a couple of weeks ago? The fellows were working on a water line in front of CANEX. I thought people were slacking off in the bathroom, so that tells you what the water was like, but it was just a matter of the lines being flushed out again - one way or another it was a flushing thing!

We have been enjoying our leave, well I have. The lightning storm on 7 July did some damage to the transmitter for the Powell River radio station so my husband was back to work trying to get the parts and pieces to fix it. Needless to say, we both enjoyed having our kids, and especially our grand children, here. They are a lot of fun.

Has everyone picked up their tickets to the Air Show? We are selling tickets at CANEX and also have some really nice souvenir T-shirts. There are the Voodoo shirts we always carry and some new Comox ones, as well as special Air Show shirts. Come in and have a look. You will find a good selection of snacks and picnic items as well as fishing gear. So come out and support the 19 Wing 75th Anniversary Air Show.

I noticed the sign on the door to the Cable office, saying shorter hours because of injury, so I called Jane to see how she was doing and what happened. Apparently on Canada Day she stepped on a rock, her ankle twisted, and she ended up with a hairline fracture. We hope it mends quickly and that she feels better soon.

Well, duty calls. It seems that my grandkids like watching Grandma ride the rope swing over at the Kin Beach Park. See you in the store next week.

There is a big Summer Sale on at CANEX so come in and see what you might need and remember; CANEX IS YOUR STORE!

Rec Centre News

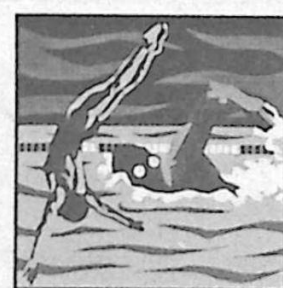
By Jake Plante

Commander's Cup Softball

The next Commander's Cup Sport will be softball and, this year, we are introducing orthodox style pitching to the championship. The six-team race is very close and softball should stretch the placing somewhat. We hope to see all six teams in the tournament: 442, 407, 414, 19 AMS, Log and Admin. Competition dates are 24-26 August.

Commander's Cup Hockey

The most popular Commander's Cup sport is scheduled early this year - 20 to 23 September, then there will be a weekend break and action will resume with the playoff on 27/28 September.



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By Finn

When an order for flashing comes back wrongly dimensioned; when storage space may be converted into a sheet metal shop; and when it rains - then rains some more - it's time to replace the hard hat with a thinking cap.

So, at least, thought Brian Bowden, CE's roofing team captain. His deliberations have now resulted in savings that may well exceed half the normal cost of purchasing commercial flashing.

"Yes, your supplier is responsible when he gets the specifications wrong, but not for the cost to CE of having a crew waiting for the replacement," says Brian Bowden. "So Don Nesbitt and I got some sheet metal, found the right machinery and, with help from Plumbing & Heating team leader Steve Eggiman, managed to get set up in a part of the new CE storage building by General Stores."

"Now, when it rains too much for us to work on a roof, we can utilize the time by working on the flashing required. Not only does it ensure that the metal is cut to

(B)rainstorm a money saver



CE's Don Nesbitt and Brian Bowden cutting flashing.

specifications, but it saves CE money that can be better spent elsewhere."

"Brian's initiative is an excellent example of what we expect from our people," comments Don Buchan, CE Structural Shop Team

Leader. "If possible, we like a new idea every day - but if that may be asking a bit much, we are always anxious to hear where we can do our job more efficiently, at less cost, and at an even higher standard of quality."

Blotting out the past

When a 45-gallon oil drum accidentally overflowed by the Central Heating Plant, allowing some of the oil to spill, the response was instantaneous. From the plant, CE personnel immediately placed absorbent paper on the oil. Wing Fire Hall had men and equipment dispatched within seconds, and WGSO Ken Ilitski materialized seemingly out of nowhere. If viewed as a response test, it would be difficult to envisage a better result.

The spill was cleaned up in short order and no environmental damage could be detected.



Holiday Inn is coming - Not!

Our last edition boldly stated that a three-building motel complex with 214 rooms was under construction adjacent to the arena. Oops, major typo! That should read 24 rooms. Our apologies to all of you who had planned to book visiting friends and relatives into the facility rather than have them under foot at home.

CE electricians reap praise

The job took them 1½ years or so but, in the end, a crew of CE electricians, assisting W Telecom, succeeded in completing the installation of pipe conduits for telephone lines throughout the Base. Their efforts have now been rewarded with a Wing Commander's Commendation, citing the crew's "dedication, team spirit and willingness to get the job done."

Named were Ian Cameron, team leader, electricians Terry Simpson, Isaac Lucas, Simon Carty, Shayne Thomas, as well as

electrical designer Randy Stevens. "The crew did a good job," says Ian Cameron, "but it should not be forgotten that other electricians at the same time were carrying out tasks equally important, just perhaps a little less noticed. I say a 'well done' to everyone."

The lengthy project came about when new rules dictated that all phone lines must be secured in conduits.

CE personnel looked after most of the main closets and building infrastructures throughout the Base.

Ark Park

Having laboured mightily for several weeks, a CE crew, headed by carpenter Charles Turner, is nearing completion of a Quadra maintenance facility the size of a small bungalow, only higher.

The height is owed to the configuration of the boats primarily to be facilitated, namely the marine section's jetboat or its 31-ft "cousin," the *Genie*. Other, smaller, boats will also be accommodated for refit or maintenance as required.

The two bigger boats have in common with their ancient forebear, Noah's Ark, that they are used either for actual rescues, or to practice against such potential situation.

The *Genie* is mostly used by SARTECH or CFSSAR for requalification after basic training.

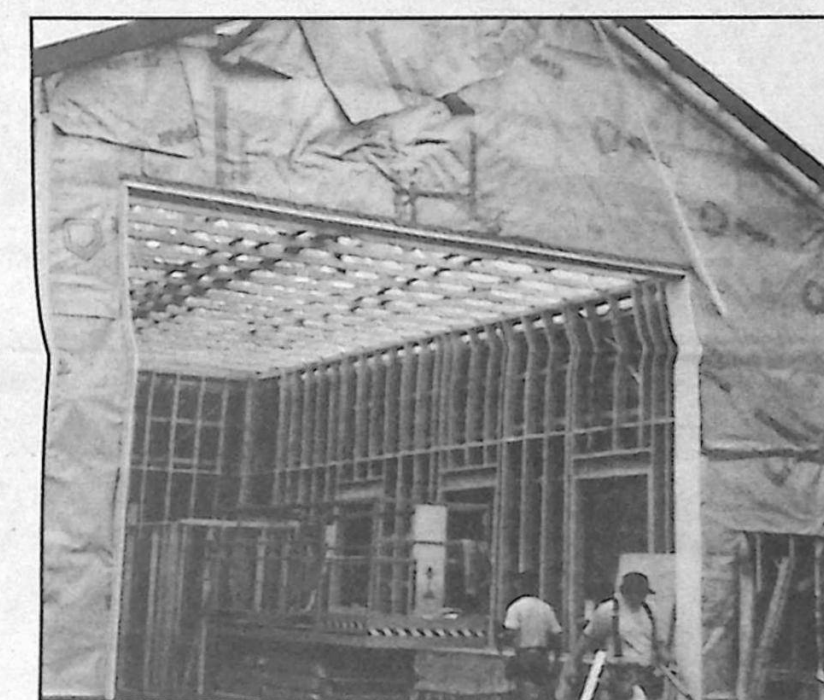
Charles Turner is satisfied that the building will stand up to any reasonable test - and that includes any "huff and puff" by the



CE carpenter, Charles Turner.

weather. "It's a solid and well-built structure," he says.

Besides its leader, the crew consists of Tom Woodman and Tom Dowker, carpenters both, and apprentice Steve Darvault.



New maintenance facility.

CE posts fence

"Oh, give me land, lots of land..." began the old Western song, ending "...don't fence me in." For the kiddies normally summer-sheltered by CFB Comox' Community Centre, the temporary facility will not only not provide them with a whole lot of land, it will quite securely fence the small rovers in.

The arrangement is purely one of convenience pushed by expediency. With the new centre under construction, and the old in the process of being torn down, the building squished between Canex and the post office is the currently most suitable building to serve as a daycare.

Main problem was the lack of a fence. In the picture, CE Roads & Ground personnel (L-R) Steve Gosling, Pat Burch and John Egan make preparations to string wire mesh, thereby making the area secure.



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Say hello to summer with the CMFRC



An enthusiastic group of CMFRC volunteers celebrating summer, and their contributions to our community at a recent CMFRC volunteer appreciation party.

Keeping pace with the needs of youth

CF National Youth Summit: Imagine the Possibilities!

Quality of life for teenagers of military families will be the topic of discussion when as many as 65 selected youth delegates and 20 youth leaders from military bases across Canada gather at Geneva Park Conference Centre, on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia, Ontario for the first Canadian Forces National Youth Summit.

The National Youth Summit is being held in response to a recommendation contained in the report by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCNDVA) on quality of life within the Canadian Forces, tabled in Parliament last October. Commenting on the impact of the military lifestyle on children of all ages, the SCNDVA report notes that "youth programs have not kept pace with their needs" and recommends that "programs for

teenage members of military families be given special attention in the development of family support policies."

Funded by the Quality of Life Project Management Office, the National Youth Summit is the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency's response to that recommendation. CFPSPA CPO Greg Pearson says, "it's extremely important that we truly listen and respond to youth."

The Summit's overall theme – "Imagine the Possibilities" – reflects the Canadian Forces National Youth Summit Planning Committee's clear mission to create a setting that inspires youth (14 – 19 year old) from military families and adults who work with them to:

- Celebrate the unique strengths of those growing up in military families

- Heighten the understanding of issues facing youth from military families
- Share success stories
- Work together to make recommendations and identify strategies for action

To assist the National Youth Summit Planning Committee, youth and youth workers at most CF locations held local consultations in May and early June to identify issues of priority to youth. Results are being used to ensure that the workshops, discussion forums and special guests at the National Youth Summit are relevant and inspiring to youth in CF families.

For more information on the National Youth Summit contact Jill Sturrock at the CMFRC, or Mary Johnson at (705) 424-1200 ext.3127.

Volunteering at the CMFRC: What's in it for you?

The CMFRC Volunteer Development Program offers individuals an excellent opportunity to contribute to their community while at the same time strengthen their own personal and professional development.

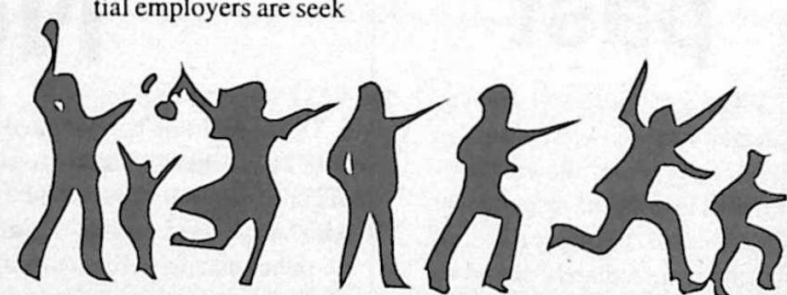
To list a few of the benefits of becoming a CMFRC Volunteer:

- An enhanced self-image as a result of positive volunteer experience.
- Several CMFRC Volunteer positions offer program specific training which will greatly enrich your professional and personal development.
- New and increased skills that can be utilised in other areas, such as communication, computer, time-management, event planning and budget planning skills.
- An increased knowledge of your community
- Opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.
- More and more, potential employers are seeking

individuals who list volunteer experiences and references on their resumes.

- Many colleges, universities and other post-secondary institute's look more favourably on entrance of grant applications from students who list volunteer experiences and references.
- For teens, volunteering can open doors to future employment opportunities by providing workplace experience, letters of reference and community contacts.
- Volunteering will greatly help in the transition from one location to another or from work to retirement.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you have helped make your community a better place in which to live.

For more information on how you can become a CMFRC Volunteer contact please call Tina at 339-8290.



Sewers wanted at the Courtenay Rec Center!

Sewers are needed to help in sewing classes for adults with mental handicaps, Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30pm, July 19 – 23. Great instructor, super people. Come out and join us! For more information please call Heather at 338-5371.

Help Wanted!

The Comox Military Family Resource Centre is accepting applications for casual/emergency child care providers. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older, have demonstrated experience in the child care field and consent to a criminal records check. Please contact Alex at 339-8290 for further information.

We've moved

The new recreation centre is coming along nicely and the old community centre is in the process of being torn down. As indicated in past notices, Wallace Gardens Community Centre had to be relocated temporarily until construction on the new facility is complete. On 21 June, dedicated association members came in and moved everything from the old centre into the temporary facility located between CFHA and the Post Office. Thanks go to the following people for their hard work: Liz & Will Bech, Stan & Jane Bekus, Keith Foraité, Rhonda Hughes, Holly Irvin, Kerry & Kevin Kilmury, Dolina Meaden, Paul Taylor.



Motorcycle Mom

Eileen Foley (otherwise referred to as "Mom" to all those who know and love her) celebrated her 75th birthday on 17 June. At one point in time she had commented that she had never ridden on a motorcycle. Fairy Godfather Paul Taylor appeared as if by magic at her door the day of her birthday and took her for a ride around the MQ area on his GL1500 Honda Goldwing. "Mom" indicated that she had never Bungie Jumped either – well, there's always next year!

CANADA DAY Poster Contest

This year we did something a little different for Canada Day. The kids made up their Canada Day posters with craft items supplied by the committee; this way everyone started off on an even basis. The response was great which made the judging very difficult. Congratulations to the following artists:

0-3 yrs: Nicole Besnard, Joseph Hale, Brett Weiss.
4-6 yrs: Kimberley Tuohy, Erika Cayouette, Chantal Forget.
7-9 yrs: Jennifer Therrien, Alora Kilmury, Melissa Hausehildt.
10-12 yrs: Samantha McCorriston, Jerry Therrien, Melissa Rollin.
Prizes may be picked up at the Wallace Gardens office Mon-Fri 0900-1200 hrs.

Fear and cheer in Kosovo

By Capt Jon Burbee, CE Mil Eng.

Capt Burbee held the position as CE Ops O until tasked to go on a six-month tour of Kosovo late spring of this year. The following are his vivid impressions of a duty full of hardship but also rewards, in a land of beauty, chaos, cheers and fear.

18 June, 1999
Hello in The World,

I just thought I'd send off a quick note to let you all know that I'm fine and to tell you a little bit about what we've been up to since I got here. I really am fine, I'm loving the work, and it's been an unbelievable experience so far.

I guess the best way is to go chronologically. I left with 350 other military personnel on a 747 from Edmonton enroute to a 13-hour plane trip. (I'm not complaining though, I got to sit in the executive first class section upstairs.)

We arrived in Greece and it was HOT. My job with the nine others from the unit was to collect the 35 vehicles being unloaded off the

ship and get them to Skopje, Macedonia to marry up with the rest of the unit already in theatre. Things were very chaotic as there were many anti-NATO protests. We had to work at night and leave with police escort.

We finally moved north and linked up with the rest of the engineers who had camped in the middle of about 10,000 other NATO troops of all nationalities. It was like a constant airshow with all the helicopters shuttling military equipment around as well as troops in preparation for crossing into Kosovo. We also saw in the near distance a steady stream of transport planes taking off and landing. It was very hot there too; one day the thermometer on the back of my truck read 49°C! I couldn't drink water fast enough and the schedule didn't allow for everyone to sleep enough to get over the jet lag.

Then we moved into a marshalling area a night before we left to go into Kosovo. People were a little anxious, as we had heard that

Canada Day Raffle results

Congratulations to the following winners in the 1999 Canada Day raffle: Brian Reid (Bicycle), Rick Dozois (Basket), Frank Unrau (Two rounds of Golf), Kevin Hughes (\$50 gift certificate Toscano's), Tom Robichaud (\$35 gift certificate White Spot) Terry Doucet (\$25 gift certificate Pizza Hut). We would like to thank Busy B Crafts for the donation of the gift basket and Glacier Greens for the two rounds of golf.



Teen Volunteers

Every year, Wallace Gardens pays tribute to its volunteers by holding a banquet in their honour. Unfortunately, we have neglected a vital group of people who have consistently over the past year volunteered their services – our teens. This year, we invited those teens who had continuously participated in various activities, whether sock hops, teen dances, or flyer delivery, to attend a dinner held at Boston Pizza in their honour. Capt Curtis Wright, Mayor of Wallace Gardens, attended the dinner and presented each teen with a Certificate of Appreciation. Once again, we would like to thank these teens for their hard work and dedication to their community.

T-Ball season at an end

Our T-batters had a great season. They started in May with a wet season but were able to make up all games but one. Four teams were fielded and everyone seemed to have a great time. A wrap-up banquet was held on 26 June at the WARF and it was a great success. The rain stayed away until everyone had time to use the bouncer from Bounce-a-Mania; have their faces painted; eat lots of hotdogs and popcorn and have a BIG piece of cake at the end.



A big thank you to our two face painters – Michelle Bekus and Jessica Potvin and to Jane Bekus for popping our popcorn. Our Deputy Mayor, Stan Bekus, handed out trophies and certificates. A special thank you to all our volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and all parents who stayed and cheered on our players. See you all next season!

Ward Reps needed

The WGCA consists of volunteers who organize and promote projects and services to enhance the quality of life in our community. All residents 18 years of age or over are eligible to become members of the association. The community is presently divided into nine wards, each having at least one representative on the community council. Each ward rep acts as a liaison between their respective ward residents and the WGCA on all matters pertaining to their ward. Because of the posting season, we are losing some ward reps. Vacancies are as follows:
Ward 1: Blocks A & B, Houses 1 to 101A
Ward 5: Houses 66 to 83A
Ward 7: Blocks 102, 103, 105, 107, 108 & 110.

If you live in any of these wards and are interested in filling one of these positions please contact Jane Bekus at 339-8211, loc 8571.

However, half an hour after settling into the vacant corner that was to be our home, automatic gunfire rang out from across the street. Everyone took their battle positions as we tried to figure out what was going on. It turned out it was just an Albanian Kosovar firing celebratory shots in the air with a bottle of their ubiquitous plum brandy (slivovich) in hand. The Sergeant Major and two escorts went and politely asked him to please stop shooting as he was scaring the wits out of his Canadian boys. Welcome to Kosovo!

The home we pulled into turned out to be a former slaughter pen for livestock, as testified to by a number of cow and pig skulls and ribcages lying around. It wasn't like we had lots of time to pick a great spot, but this was ridiculous! A number of reporters had joined us for the ride into Kosovo – from Canadian Press, Globe and Mail, CBC radio, Edmonton Sun and Reuters. They were really impressed with how we worked and

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Miscellaneous for Sale

1989 Honda Goldwing GL 1500 Wineberry, mint cond. Lots of extras & chrome, etched windshield, matching pop-up camper, murals on both. Price negotiable. 339-4400. <2/2>

20 ft. 1980 Prowler Trailer, sleeps 6, 2-way fridge, propane service check done, new battery, new thermostat. Stabilizer bars and 2 support jacks included. \$4,500. Hm: 339-7331, Wk: loc 8740. <2/2>

14-1/2 ft. Runabout, 60 Johnson, E-Z Load trailer, canvas top, one electric downrigger, one manual downrigger, fish finder, compass & CB radio. \$3,500 firm or will trade for motor cycle of equal value. 1923 Bell upright piano in good cond. \$900. 339-8282 or 890-0057. <2/2>

Storage Available

A-1 Mini Storage has heated, well secured storage available next to the Base. Mention this ad & get first month half price. 334-6863.

Little Bear licensed family Day Care has spaces available. Meals & activities provided, subsidies welcome. Call 897-0174. (Puntledge Park area.) <2/2>

A perfect part-time home business. 5-10 hrs. a week earns you financial freedom. Training & support provided. 1-800-521-8563. 24-hr. toll free. <2/2>

Wanted

One used exercise step/stair in good condition. Linda 337-8303. <2/2>

For Sale

Mick's Munchies

Thriving kiosk in the Comox Mall. Excellent couple or family business. Owners will train and recipes are included. Cheryl or Cliff 339-4460 or 897-0019.

Comox Valley Minor Hockey registration

contact:
Dale Stewart 334-0567
or
John Jackson 339-1901

Jake's Trivia Answers

1. Mike Marshall.
2. Ken Dryden.
3. Four.

Celebration '99!

Open to all. Evergreen Seniors annual "Seniors Helping Seniors Celebration" will be held 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday 28 July. Entertainment, games, draws, raffles, baking, plants and produce, books, white elephant table, etc. *plus lunch!* Advance tickets \$5, \$6 at the door. Limited number of tickets available at Filberg Centre, Courtenay. Phone 338-1000 for info.

This event is put on by the Evergreen Seniors to assist members attending the BC Seniors Games - this year in the Elk Valley.

Thank you

I would like to thank all the friends and neighbours in the PMQs for the wonderful surprise party they hosted for my birthday. Also, the members of the WOs' and Sgts' Mess for their best wishes.

Thank you for the gifts, flowers, lovely birthday cake, balloons, and especially for the "bike" ride - a first for me. It was a wonderfully exciting day.

*Thank you all,
Edna Foley (Mrs. A. Mum)*

Gooseberries-cherries-raspberries
Honey & apple juice, fresh or frozen
Gravenshtein, Spartans, Galas in season
Open daily 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
339-7784
1507 Philmonte Road, Comox.

Volunteer Help Wanted

-Do you have good communication skills? -A friendly manner? -A desire to improve our environment and -Time to volunteer? Project Watershed Society is a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the stewardship of our watersheds through information, education and action. During July and August, volunteers are needed to help conduct a confidential survey of 150 small businesses to collect information on their use and disposal of toxic wastes that may be polluting Baynes South. With this information we hope to determine if a disposal facility is needed. Volunteers will learn effective interview and teamwork skills, and make many business contacts. Please join us in the community effort to **Clean Up the Sound**. Phone Project Co-ordinator Catherine Cardinal at 339-1619 for more information

ReUnion 99
407 Sqn Demon Association
17-19 Sept 99

We proudly invite all Demon squadron members, past and present, to a weekend of reminiscing and tale telling of days gone by. Come out and reunite with old friends.

Where: 19 Wing Comox
Cost: \$60.00 per person
(make cheque payable to 407 Sqn ReUnion)

Contact:
Maj R. Barrett (250)339-8211, loc 8538 or Capt A. Laird, loc 8204.

Art in the Park
Creative Fun for Kids

The Comox Valley Community Arts Council is pleased to announce the arrival of Art in the Park '99. Since 1989, Art in the Park has offered a wide variety of visual and performing arts courses throughout the summer months to kids ages 6-12. The aim is to develop and understanding and appreciation for the arts in young people.

This year's Art in the Park offers some popular favourites, along with three new and exciting courses. Printmaking, Pottery, Drawing and Theatre are back along with new workshops in Dance, Paper and Candle Making, and Native Art and Storytelling. Talented artists from around the valley will teach their crafts to young people focussing on imagination, self expression and fun!

Courses are under way and continue through the summer until the second week of August. Cost is \$25 for each 3-day workshop, 2 hours per day.

For registration info or questions about Art in the Park contact Jen at 334-2983.

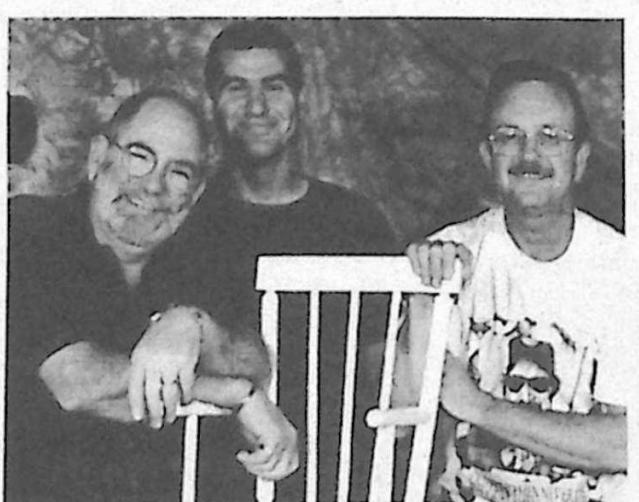
Groupe AA
en français

Le Groupe l'Espoir vous invite à venir fraterniser le dimanche soir à 7:30 p.m. au 1413 Little River Road, Lazo. Le Groupe l'Espoir est un groupe ouvert (Bienvenue aux AL-ANON). Pour plus de renseignements, appelez Emile 339-4088.

Announcing a new
Poetry Contest
to celebrate the
Year 2000

\$5,000 in prizes

Closing date July 30, 1999
Following the successful 1998 contest, the Poetry Institute of Canada will again award over \$5,000 in cash and other prizes, to more than 160 poets in Canada. Any poet, previously published or not, may enter this contest and be a winner. It is open to poets of any age. Any subject or style is acceptable and there is no entry fee. The poem should be original and consist of 24 lines or less. As well as the opportunity to win a cash prize, many of the poems will be published in an Anthology of Verse which will be especially designed to celebrate the millennium. Send your entry to: The Poetry Institute of Canada, PO Box 557, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6S4. Include your name and address at top of poem page. Typed or neatly written poems please.



Cpl Tom Kennedy assured us that the makeup was required for other purposes. Something about casualty simulation for a mock crash exercise. Yeah - right! Anyway, thanks for the donation guys. Gotcha!

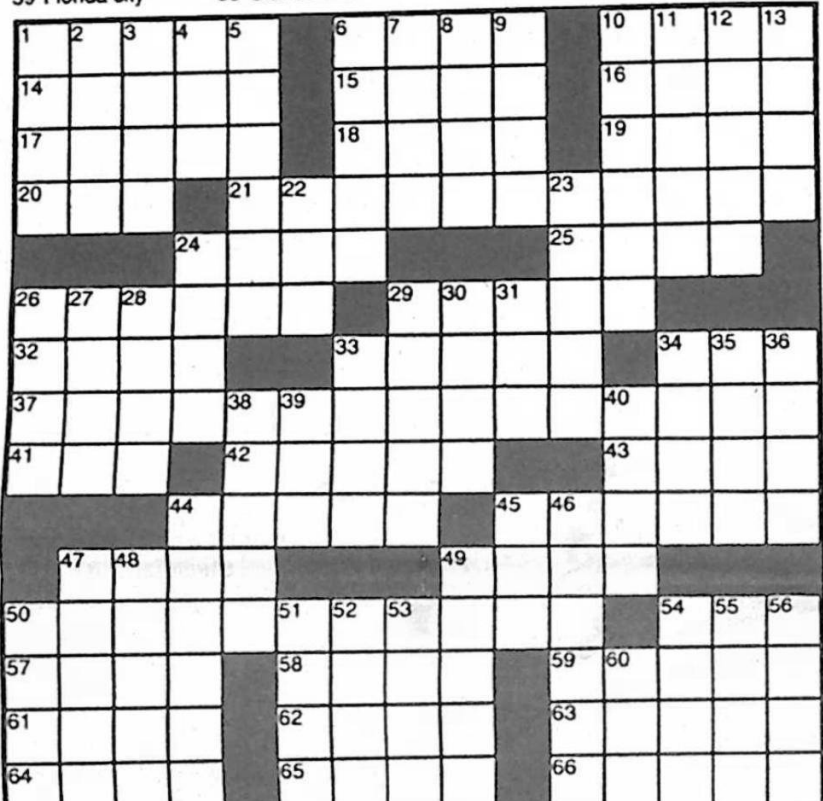
TODAY'S
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Garret
- Gnom - (got hold of)
- Overwhelmed
- Traveler Polo
- Enjoy a novel
- Sturdy cart
- Act the peacock
- Strong wind
- Use the pool
- Secret agent
- Unlucky
- President Perón of Argentina
- Sets (down)
- Volcanic rock
- Wool givers
- Tel -
- Bake eggs
- Airport info (abbr.)
- Kind of park
- One of 29
- Across
- Pass into law
- Length of cloth
- Elegant
- Unpleasantly damp
- Deal with
- Say
- Difficult
- Kitten's cry
- Be fond of
- Spiral
- Florida city

DOWN

- Elec. units
- Canvas cover
- Deuce topper
- Sorbet, essentially
- Government emissary
- Keyboard instrument
- Close at hand
- Bath powder
- River to the Baltic
- Totals
- Sleeve part
- Roof overhangs
- Changed the color of
- Make lace
- Rossini work
- Jakarta's island
- Pig of filmdom
- Declare openly
- Place
- Hut
- Sword handle
- Unit of work
- Glance over
- Dutch cheese
- Semester
- Rooney of '60 Minutes'
- Staircase post
- nutshell (briefly)
- Actor O'Neal
- Ill humor
- Knows how
- Horror film actor
- Reprimand
- Double-take
- actor Jack
- Young mare
- Sour, as cream
- Mountain sound
- Name of a thing
- Four fluid ounces
- Gander or drake
- Verve
- Cross a creek
- Vehicle



PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

DAVE SARAH GNUS
ALAN ADORE RARA
BIKE PEARL ARGO
STEPS ROMANCE
ITCH WELD
MAGNOLIA TEMPO
OSU PARED CAIRO
TILL YESSES SLIP
HALOS SOAPS ABE
NYLON PROLIFIC
LOOM STAG
TUITION GUARD
DAMP SOUSE ALOU
EXPO ELMER NUDE
WISPI SABER AMES

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New CO takes over

Members of 386 (Komox) Sqn, Royal Canadian Air Cadets held their Annual Ceremonial Review Parade on 13 June. This year, the parade included a Change of Command ceremony to welcome a new Commanding Officer.

The parade took place at 2:00 p.m. at the 19 Wing Comox aircraft wash hangar to end the culmination of a very busy training year for the cadets and staff. LCol Grant Smith, CO of 442 Transport and Rescue Sqn, 19 Wing, was the Reviewing Officer for the parade. A viewing audience of over 300 parents, family, friends and special guests were treated to the inspection of the 96 cadets on parade, followed by a demonstration by the 27 member squadron band and the nine member drill team. Awards and medals were presented to the deserving cadets and special presentations were made.

At this point in the parade, the Change of Command ceremony took place to mark the retirement of Capt Colum Canavan, who has been the band officer since 1991 and took command of the squadron on 13 June 1998. The new CO, Capt Don Hogan, has been with the squadron since 1991 and has been the training officer for four years.

The ceremony included a march past of the cadets by the outgoing CO, then a formal exchange of the Squadron Banner and signing the certificates, followed by a march past by the incoming CO. LCol Smith was the Presiding Officer for the ceremony.

Presenters of the awards at the parade included: Mr. John England, representing the Air Cadet League of Canada; Mr. Henry Hincks, 386 Sqn representative for the Air Cadet League; WO Phil Garvin, representing the Regional Cadet Officer of Pacific Region Cadets; Mr. Lloyd Lohnes, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 160, Comox;



Mr. Al Brown, President of 888 Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association of Canada; Mr. Irish Ireland and Mrs. Polly Ireland of 888 Wing RCAF Association and Capt Victor Simonson, past CO 386 Sqn Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

Mr. Don McNabb, a member of 888 Wing RCAF of Canada, was Master of Ceremonies. Following the parade, everyone attended an informal reception at the Cadet Hall.

386 Sqn Awards

First Year Proficiency - LAC Tyrell Ross, Overall Most Proficient Cadet - Sgt Thomas Kizuk, Best Cadet for Dress and Deportment - Cpl Amanda Black, Best Drill Instructor - WO Tristan

Thomas, Most Improved Bandsman - Cpl Sarah Brown, CO's Award, Best Overall Support - Sgt Hannah Madgen, CO's Award for Encouragement - Sgt Ryan Gauthier, Nonie Ireland Trophy for Sportsmanship - F/Sgt Branne Seabloom, Ernie Waycott Trophy for Leadership - F/Sgt Valerie Lyall, Most Progressive and Efficient NCO - WO Steven Fleming, Collin Cathcart Award for Spirit of Cadets - F/Sgt James Everett, Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence - WO Steven Fleming, Lord Strathcona Medal - S/Sgt Natasha Neave, Canadian Cadet Scholarship Fund - WO Andrew Marles and WO Tristan Thomas, Collin Cathcart Memorial Bursary - Cpl Amanda Black.

Fear and cheer in Kosovo (continued from page 13)

the reception we received. Someone told them that they should be proud; they paid for us. One of them said though that this story would have about a one-week lifespan. Shortly after arriving, a British infantry unit moved into the area and started doing patrols.

The Sergeant Major and I headed out the next day to find a better site. We were awaiting orders to move north to Pristina, but it could be a day or so until we got work. We looked at a couple of spots, one of which turned out to still have Serbian soldiers (known as VJ) living in it. They had until 6:00 that evening to depart the area and it was unlikely that they'd do something stupid being so outnumbered in the area but at the time, it was just the two of us and our two drivers. A little unnerving.

We finally found space behind a factory that had a fence around it and lots of parking. I had the job of negotiating an occupancy agreement for the place. It was the easiest task I've ever had; the owners and managers were all Serbian, so they wanted NATO troops there really badly as they feared reprisals. They offered food and any-

thing we needed. After we had an agreement, myself and the Warrant Officer who accompanied me were invited to their place for drinks. It is strictly forbidden for me to consume alcohol, even though to refuse is considered rude. We tried to explain this and asked for Coke or something. They finally acknowledged this, but wanted us to come with them. They were very afraid, and rightly so. They wanted the protection, just in case during the chaos of the transition. We didn't go with them, and I saw them the next morning.

Just before we headed out, a car screamed up to our gate with a young teenage boy in the back, bleeding from the chest. An unexploded bomb had gone off and they wanted our help. We have two medics with us who attended to his trauma injuries right away with the help of the gate guards doing first aid. Then another car came saying that the boy's uncle had also been injured. He looked pretty much dead on arrival, but the medic continued for a while, to keep up appearances. The boy was evacuated by

the Brits to Pristina hospital, but the older man died. Another huge wakeup call that this was not another training exercise. We have a Warrant Officer trained in Critical Incident Stress debriefings who led a session for all involved later that evening to help people cope. On the good side, all non-medical people did excellent first aid and managed the scene and evacuation process expertly. The British medics and, subsequently, the chief surgeon at the British field hospital were astounded at the skill of our two medics. The chief surgeon, who we eventually ended up moving in beside in Pristina, said that the procedure performed by our relatively junior (a corporal) medic was something even he'd be unsure of doing properly and said that they MUST be commended. I had already submitted the nominations.

We then moved north to Pristina. I don't know if I can adequately describe the simultaneous order and chaos of the area. It was ordered in that we were told the precise minute we could enter the town and what routes were safely cleared of mines and what

Take care of your tires

By Capt Suzanne Raby, WTNO

How long has it been since you had a flat tire? Over a five-year period, more than 60% of all drivers will have this sometimes terrifying and always aggravating experience. It's important that drivers not take the reliability of their tires for granted. For instance, in the United States, over 200 drivers are killed each year on the interstate shoulders while working on their vehicles. The easiest way to avoid tire problems is to verify and maintain the proper pressure recommended for your tires. The American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety

(AAAF) has found that under-inflation is the leading cause of tire failures. Yet over half of all drivers fail to verify tire pressure regularly and are even unaware of how to determine the recommended pressure for their tires. To make certain that you're not a victim of an unnecessary tire failure, check what your tire pressure should be (usually found inside the vehicle door) and then check your tire pressure once per month. Ensure the safety of yourself and your family: take the necessary five minutes once a month to check your tires and be safe on the roads!

888 (KOMOX)
RCAF WINGAir Force Association of Canada
Calendar of Events - July & August

July 10 - August 16:
Every Saturday - Steak Night, Cards/Darts/Bocci and Rollover Raffle, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. \$7.50
Wing General Meeting: 4 August, 8:00 p.m.
Comox Air Show: 888 Wing parking tickets on sale at the bar, \$1.00 each. *Hurry!*
888 Wing hours:
Monday - closed* Tuesday - closed
Wednesday, noon - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, noon - 1:00 a.m.**
Friday, noon - 1:00 a.m.** Saturday, noon - 1:00 a.m.**
* Bar open on Holiday Mondays. ** Bar could be closed as early as 9:00 p.m. if there are no customers, at the discretion of the Bar Manager.

Royal
Canadian
Legion

Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)

Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.

July 16 Gord Kruger & Friends
July 23 Vested Interest
July 30 Island Country

Special Events:

17 July Fun Golf at Longlands, 3:00p.m.
\$15.00 entry includes BBQ. Register at bar.
17 July Games Night.

Must register by 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m.

Branch 28 Cumberland
(336-2361)

Every Wednesday, Bingo 7:00 p.m.

Hall rental: non-members \$75, members \$50, kitchen use \$25.

Branch 160 Comox (339-2022)

Mondays...Ladies Auxiliary Drop-in Bingo
(Upper Hall doors open 6:30 p.m., Bingo 7:00 p.m.)
Friday Night Dances 8-12 p.m.

July 16 Highway 19
July 23 Ventura Highway
July 30 TBA

Friday & Saturday: Meat Draws (3:00-6:00 p.m.)

For hall rentals contact Ken Seymour 339-2022, Mon-Fri.

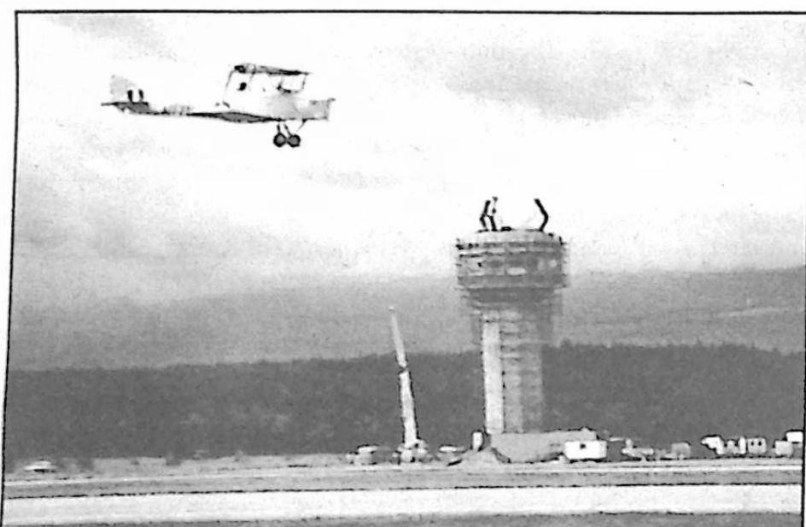
general area we would be in. After that, it was a free for all. We saw a building that was half finished (all on the outside, unfinished on the inside) with rubbish all around it and broken glass. We couldn't contact any owner, and the city properties office is all run by Serbs who were either in hiding or had left. So, we just moved in; very un-

Canadian, but when in Rome... We really wouldn't have had a place to live otherwise.

To be continued
in the July 29th
edition.

Scale Model Event 99

By Joel Clarkston



Is this a full size Tiger Moth or not? This superb flying machine was built by Bill Heap from the Comox Valley. It is hoped that the Tiger Moth will also fly during Airshow 99.

The Comox Air Force Museum held its 4th annual scale model event over the weekend of 26 June and all things went remarkably smoothly. After four years of organizing these events with many of the same people involved, the administrative problems were mercifully few and far between.

This year's event saw 21 competitors show up, with a good contingent from Victoria representing some very capable builders and flyers. Participants from as far away as Port Alice and Port Hardy were

also attracted to the event and made a good showing of their aircraft. The museum Lancaster was ably flown by Capt Mike Benoit and captured the Pilots' Choice award which was an indication of how much the competitors appreciated the complexity of building and flying a four-engine aircraft.

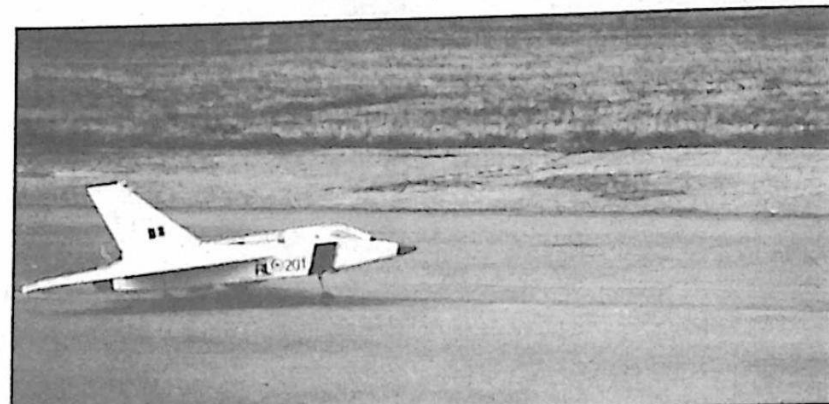
A record number of spectators were attracted to this year's event and the museum staff is still trying to analyse the reasons why. Despite the threat of the daily downpour from the ever-present thun-

der clouds, the people of the Comox Valley took the chance and were treated to non-stop model flying from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. The post-event analysis is unable to pin down the reason for this surge in interest in the museum activities but, whatever the reason, it was much appreciated.

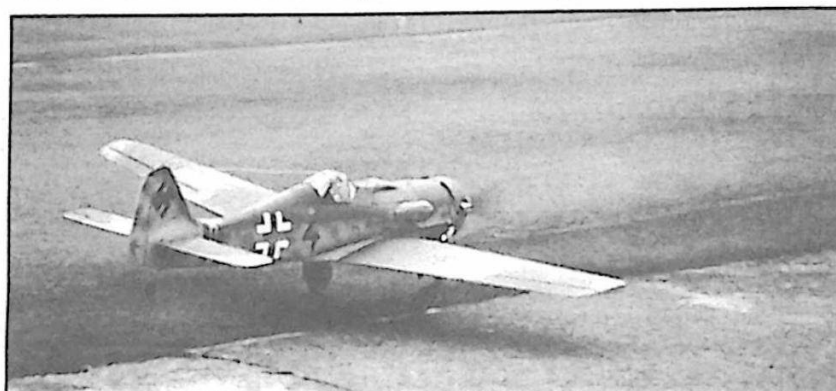
The museum staff and volunteers would like to extend thanks to all of the sponsors, competitors and volunteer workers who made this event possible. Island Courier sponsored the Friday night meet and greet; RCA Ops donated a ride in the DeHavilland Chipmunk; the Heritage Aircraft Committee provided the judges; the local Radio Control Aeronautical Association provided the flight line workers, including the scorekeepers, and 386 (Komox) Squadron provided security. A special thanks to the Air Traffic Controllers, Captains Bruce Mornan, Serge Roy and Mike Hale for providing such excellent coordination between the model flying and actual aircraft arrivals. And, of course, the ever-present and hard working museum staff provided the core support and organization of the event. Now on to the next event.

Speaking of the next event, about a dozen of the military models will also be participating in Airshow 99. If you missed the Lancaster or the Defiant flying in the model event, they'll be back on Sunday 18 July on the airshow flightline, flying between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. The Avro Arrow and the DeHavilland Tiger Moth will also be there, along with a Corsair and Mustang.

The theme of the Airshow is heritage and there will be plenty of heritage models there to support the show.



The AVRO Arrow needs no introduction. This spectacular flying model was built by Rob Prichard of Comox. He is also a volunteer of the Heritage Restoration Committee and will have his Arrow flying during Airshow 99. This aircraft was voted the Peoples' Choice during the Scale Model Event.



Tom Feenstra of Courtenay built and flew this excellent model of a Focke Wulf 190D. He took first place in the military builder/flyer award. This aircraft will also fly at Airshow 99.



The museum's Lancaster, sponsored by Mrs. Kerry Kueber in memory of her husband Arnold, flew three times during the Scale Model event. Ably piloted by Capt Mike Benoit, the model was a huge hit with the crowd and won the coveted Pilots' Choice Award. The Lancaster will fly again at Airshow 99.



Grant Empey from Port Hardy entered this 1.5 scale model of a North American Mustang. It was modelled after a Mustang that served in the auxiliary squadrons RCAF in the early 1950s.

75th Theme wins two parade prizes

The 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force theme won two awards for the Comox Air Force Museum during the July 1st parade in Courtenay. The museum entered three vehicles (a 53 ambulance, a 45 Willys jeep and the 75th anniversary theme trailer) in the parade and captured Best Antique Vehicle and Best Out of Town float awards. Adorning the 45 Willys were four of the museum staff and volunteers dressed in period RCAF uniforms. MCpl Bob Melville wore a Royal Flying Corps uniform, complete with riding boots, Sam Brown and pistol; Capt Gary Woodroffe was in pre-unification summer dress RCAF; Murray Smith wore flight sergeant attire (and drove the jeep) and Joel Clarkston looked like the oldest Battle of Britain pilot the crowd had ever seen.

The Heritage Aircraft volunteers continue to add to their vehicle collection and plan to support the Comox Nautical Days parade as well. They have recently completed their 53 Willys in Air Force Police colours and will have it on display during Airshow 99. It will subsequently make an appearance in the Comox Parade to complete the planned summer parades for the volunteers. Look for their display in the static display area near the Comox Air Force Museum gift shop booth.

Leaving your home alone this summer?

False alarm prevention tips

- Secure your doors and windows prior to arming system
- Teach house guests how to operate alarm system
- When arming the system do not leave windows open in the vicinity of a motion sensor.
- Prior to leaving on vacation test your system at least one week in advance.

Summer vacation checklist

- Install a monitored alarm
- Make sure that your home looks lived in
- Cancel your paper delivery
- Intall exterior lights and set interior lights on timers
- Dont's leave toys and tools lying around

Have a great summer!



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