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# Standing tall

One of the best views on Vancouver Island officially opened on April 27 when 19 Wing Comox unveiled its \$6-million Air Traffic Control tower. The facility is the latest, and easily most striking example of the unprecedented series of infrastructure improvements sweeping the Wing.

Standing 46 metres high, the concrete tower dominates the airfield at CFB Comox. Along with several key technological improvements, among them a communications capability identical to that used at Toronto's Pearson airport, the new tower offers one obvious advantage over its nine-metre predecessor. It's really quite high.

"The view up here is phenomenal," said the Wing Air Traffic Control Officer Maj Joe Pacowski. "Where before we had to bob and weave pillars and reflections just to follow an aircraft, up here we've got unobstructed view of everything - the circuit, the approaches and all of the ramps. It's a whole new perspective."

The tower is slated to become fully operational in mid-July, when the last of its communications equipment will be installed. Until then controllers will have to en-



(Photo by Wing Imaging)

sure the leaks, cracked glass and general decrepitude of the current 43-year-old tower." The old tower's time has certainly passed," said Pacowski. "The Wing was a different place when it was built, with different aircraft making different demands upon controllers.

These days most of our flying is done over the water, to minimize noise for the local population. The old tower's in the wrong place for that."

The tallest control tower on Vancouver Island, the Comox facility took 55,000 person-hours to

complete, more than 1,000 cu.mtr. of concrete and a little over 21 months to build. Controllers and supporting staff will, for the first time, enjoy a climate-controlled workspace as well as an elevator for the six-storey journey to the observation deck. (More Page 16)

## Cadet Gliding School has new hangar

Spirits soared at 19 Wing's 'largest' unit on April 26 as Royal Canadian Air Cadets of the Regional Gliding School celebrated the opening of their new home, Glider Hangar 15. The \$1.5 million facility will house the unit's nine gliders and five tow-planes, the biggest fleet on the base.

"It's fantastic to finally have a roof over our heads again," said Regional Cadet Air Operations Officer LCol Tom Byrne, who runs the province's air cadet flying program from its base at 19 Wing. "For the last six months we've been working out of three different buildings. It's been a struggle, but it's been worth the wait."

The new hangar is located across the ramp from the civilian air terminal. The 1,100 square metre facility contains a supply section, administrative offices, workshops and enough floor space to accommodate all 14 aircraft, provided the gliders are stored with their wings removed.

The need for Glider Hangar 15 emerged from the rubble of 3 Hangar, which the cadets shared with 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron. That hangar was demolished last year to make way for yet another new hangar designed to house the Cormorant search and rescue helicopter. Although they lost their space to the Cormorant fleet, Byrne said things could not have worked out better for the cadets.

It's a great setup. We'll share the ramp with the civilian airport, but other than that we'll be running our own show here. That'll make a big difference this summer, when our program really takes off."



RAdm R.D. Buck, Commander Pacific Region (L) chats with LCol T.R. Burne after officially opening the new RCAC Gliding School hangar.

Byrne anticipates his staff will oversee approximately 7,000 glider flights this year, many of them coming in the busy summer months at the Wing. He also feels the new hangar will give cadet gliding a higher profile.



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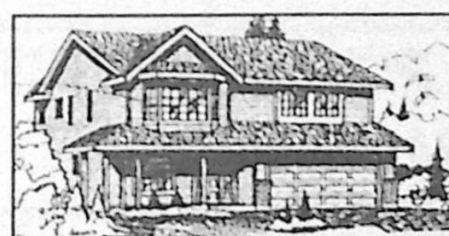
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## Two Air Reservists acknowledged



Pictured above is Sgt Joanne Conway, receiving her "Most Deserving Air Reservist Western Area-2000" award from A1 Air Res Coord (Western Area), LCol Al Astles.

Sgt Conway was appointed as the Air Reserve Flight's Chief Clerk on 1 Apr 99. She took over an Orderly Room that had a good deal of room for improvement and it is evident she was up for the challenge. Through her own initiative Sgt Conway quickly and efficiently put things right. She hasn't looked back since. The highly proficient day-to-day operations of this AR Flight are due (to a very large extent) to Sgt Conway's dedication and the high standard she has set

for herself and her staff. Her efforts were further acknowledged when the ARF OR received an excellent rating by a SAV team from the Western Area office. The AR Flt Comd, Maj Paul Weed, credits Sgt Conway for many of the improvements made in the ARF OR but did mention her only weakness may be her vision as she had a minor confrontation with a patio door. Ouch...that must have hurt Patio Joe!



LCol Al Astles, A1 Air Res Coord (Western Area), presents MCpl Suzanne Lapointe with her "Most Deserving Air Reservist Western Area-2000" award.

MCpl Lapointe's performance quite simply put, has been extraordinary. Prior to her arrival at the computer Maintenance Centre in TIS flight, it became evident that constant purchasing and upgrading of computer systems here on the Wing had created large discrepancies in our databases. TIS and Supply flights' inventories were inaccurate which meant that approximately 65 Distribution Accounts (DA) were wrong and have been for a number of years. Since her arrival, she has tracked, verified and correctly recorded thousands of past and present PC's on behalf of 19 Wing and assisted all DA holders with their accounts.

Undaunted by this immense project, with some of the paperwork dating back to the early 1990's, she began a physical verification check of all of 19 Wing's IT assets. Through her efforts, W Supply has been able to reconcile approximately 95% of all the DA's here at 19 Wing. There are two facets of her duties that are very important - the physical checks and the paperwork/data entries into the database for inventory accuracy. Her willingness to go the extra mile and extraordinary performance in support of the Wing has been clearly demonstrated and is deserving of this most prestigious award.

## HELP 19 WING FIRE DEPT GIVE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY THE BOOT

On 17 May members of the 19 Wing fire Dept will be collecting for Muscular Dystrophy. They will be at the front gate and side gate with their boots in hand accepting donations from 0615-0800 hrs. So, have your spare change ready and give your donation to the nearest Fire Fighter and help them give Muscular Dystrophy the BOOT. Since 1954, Canadian Fire Fighters have joined Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada in funding for research and essential services to thousands of Canadians affected by over 40 neuromuscular disorders.

## Fire fighting Boot Camp



Town of Comox Fire Chief, Mr. Rick Bentley thanking Acting Wing Commander, LCol Smith and DWFC, MWO Watson for 19 Wing Fire Department's participation in student training during the Fire Fighting Boot Camp.



During the March break, 38 students from the Comox Valley gave up their one-week or rest to participate in the first Fire Fighting Boot Camp, sponsored by the Town of Comox Fire Department. During that week, the students took part in all facets of fire fighting by conducting training on live fire, vehicle rescue, first aid and basic fire fighting skills.

As part of their training, the students spent two days at 19 Wing's Fire Department to conduct confined space training and receive an introduction to crash rescue. On both days students were taught the immediate dangers of confined space, and how to carry out a rescue in a confined area with the use of self-contained breathing apparatus. The confined space training was conducted by MCpl Dan McMahon at the T-2 training tower on the base.

The introduction to crash rescue training was on airport fire fighting. During this training, the students were instructed by WO Sly Gauthier on the current duties and responsibilities of an airport fire fighter, the type of vehicle we use on an airport and the differences between a crash fire hall and a structural fire hall. They also took the opportunity to ride and operate one of the airport's major foam vehicles in use at 19 Wing Fire Dept, most definitely a highlight in their training day.

All of the students were very receptive to the training and expressed their appreciation to the volunteers of the 19 Wing Fire Dept, who made this an enjoyable and interesting event.



Students practicing basic rescue techniques for removing a casualty from a confined area.



Learning some of the basic functions of an airport fire emergency vehicle.

## Fire Department promotion



Congratulations to MCpl Forget on his recent promotion to Sgt. WCEO Maj Gauthier and WDFC MWO Watson presented his new rank.



## Demon Doins

May is here and the squadron is preparing for two major deployments coming up in the summer season. Both operations are significant in very different ways and are carried out in interesting locations.

Shemya is a tiny island located in the Alaskan peninsula, and is found very close to Russia. It is right on the international dateline and is very remote. The whole island, in fact, is smaller than 19 Wing itself. From here, 407 will carry out driftnet patrols. Driftnetting is a type of illegal fishing, where huge (miles x miles) nets are used to scoop just about anything out of the ocean. These types of nets are designed to catch almost every species of fish in that area. Another negative aspect of this type of fishing is that although the nets bring in everything, most fishermen are selective in which type of fish are kept; they will simply discard all of the other unwanted species that happen to get caught.

Last year, 407 Sqdn played a major role in prosecuting those participating in this illegal activity. Hopefully this year our presence will be enough of a deterrent to prevent driftnetting altogether. It is in this manner that we help to preserve a great natural resource. We will deploy to Shemya for almost a month

this year, in conjunction with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to carry out this globally responsible role.

RIMPAC is another important deployment for 407 Sqdn. Every two years, several nations from the Pacific Rim take part in a huge exercise called RIMPAC. More than 25,000 people took part in 1998. 407 Sqdn is the Canadian air component of this exercise. Some of our Pacific naval units will also be present. The aim of RIMPAC is to practice our tactics in a multi-national environment. Different crews will get the opportunity to train with and against other nations in a mock war. Due to the diversity of the missions that will be carried out during this exercise, this type of training has the biggest bang for the buck, an important aspect of our operations and training in a fiscally restrained budget. This type of training is also true-to-life, since we would be fighting with our allies in times of war. This exercise, set in beautiful Hawaii, is very much anticipated by our crews who are fortunate enough to go for an entire month.

It has been a busy time of year for the maintenance flight. We've been saying "goodbye" to numerous people, planning our deployments, as well as wrapping up PERs.

The ETO section has finished saying its good-byes to Sgt "Nick" Nickerson, and now welcomes Sgt Roger Provencal to fill the AVS Coordinator's position. The ETO section should now have the smoothest running computers in the squadron. Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, Roger and his wife Bridgett will have a new

addition to their family. Good Luck!

The ESO section regrets to inform that MCpl Annette Savage and her husband Phil are moving on to a posting at Petawawa, land of the mosquito and black fly. While they will be missed, they look forward to a change of venue and jobs. There's much physical activity taking place amongst the ESO personnel with Lt. Orrey and MCpl Martel committed to shedding (more than) a few pounds and appearing to be quite successful in doing so. MCpls Konrath and Quinn are frequently seen wearing khaki colours as they engage

in work-up marches hoping to be selected to attend the Nigmegen march this summer in Holland. Hockey season being over, WO Russo has occasionally been seen on the golf course engaged in his own custom fitness program. It would be nice to be able to report that ESO personnel participated in a significant TD in the recent past but that is not the case - MCpl Konrath is, however, looking forward to the upcoming Shemya Driftnet Det and everyone else is pulling to get on the summer Rimpac exercise in Hawaii. Maintenance has had an eventful last

few months recently saying goodbye to Sgt Leblanc. We hope you enjoy your retirement years (can you say "golf pass"?). They welcomed Sgt McCabe as the newest addition to their team. Congratulations to Sgt Anderson as well as Sgt McCabe for their long-awaited promotions. Perhaps we will get some work out of them now... most likely of the paper variety. Six members of maintenance crew proudly say "The 407 Rebels have won the day." ('A' division champions for the second time in four years.)

Until the next time...

## Awards Ceremony



Wing commander, Col W. J. Neumann, with the latest award recipients from 19 Wing. The presentations were made at a ceremony held Tuesday, 25 April at the Officers' Mess.



## Military rescuers kept hopping over Easter

Military search and rescue crews were kept hopping over the Easter break, as they responded to three separate incidents, culminating in the rescue of an injured girl from Cape Scott on Vancouver Island on Tuesday night.

Labrador and Buffalo aircraft from Comox-based 442 Transport and Rescue Sqdn were first called in Sunday afternoon to transport an ill sailor from the Japanese deep-sea vessel *Nara* to medical help in Comox. Less than 12 hours later, a Buffalo aircraft was called in to assist a group of snowmobilers in the mountains around Hope. At first light, a Labrador helicopter evacuated three of their number suffering from hypothermia. Then on 25 April, 442 crews rescued a 13-year old girl from a remote Cape Scott trail after she suffered burns in a campfire accident and could not proceed further by foot.

"It's been a busy few days, but it's not unusual for the beginning of the summer," said LCol Grant Smith, 442 Squadron's commanding officer, whose crews are responsible for covering all of B.C., the Yukon, and out to 1,200 km offshore. "A lot more people are venturing into the woods this time of year but the weather's still unpredictable."

In the Cape Scott incident, Victoria's Rescue Coordination Centre called in one of 19 Wing's four Labrador helicopters at about 2:30 p.m. after high winds prevented a provincial helicopter from reaching the popular hiking trail at the northern tip of Vancouver Island. After being attended to by paramedic-qualified Search and Rescue (SAR) Technicians, the girl was transported to Port Hardy hospital where she was treated and released.

"The winds and rain were really fierce; we were fighting to get into the area," said Sgt Glenn Gray, a SAR Tech who helped hoist the girl aboard the Labrador. Gray adds that the girl's Calgary school group was well-prepared for the rigours of the trail. "They did an excellent job providing first aid to the girl, and had an FM radio to communicate with us. It made our job a lot easier."

Before the weekend began, a 442 Sqdn Buffalo aircraft that had been assisting crews from 8 Wing Trenton and the U.S. Air Force returned from a week-long search for a missing pilot near Lethbridge Alta. The deceased pilot and the wreckage of his aircraft were found Wednesday a few km. south of the U.S. border.

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# Talk about a view!



I was lucky enough to attend the opening ceremonies for the new control tower. It truly is a magnificent facility. Unfortunately it wasn't a particularly clear day for the opening but everyone always is impressed by the view. For the people who will man this facility, it's not the view of the Glacier that impresses them but rather the view of the runway approaches, the circuit and the tarmac. Watching the Aurora doing circuits drove home that fact.

I'm sure when the tower is operational later this summer many of you will have the chance to check it out for yourself. I know I'll be lobbying for another visit. Hint. Hint.

I have to admit to walking around throughout the opening ceremony with a silly grin on my face. I couldn't help but remember the 1995 Air Traffic Control section Christmas party where the unit asked Santa for a new tower. The "adults" in attendance got a good laugh out of the request. We all knew it was a pie-in-the-sky dream back then. Yet last week, just four short years later, there it was ready for an opening ceremony. Although I realize there are hundreds of people and thousands of hours of work involved in this project I can't help thinking — yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus....

Bev Wolf

## \$1 million for new Canadian War Museum

(D-News)

The Molson Foundation has announced a pledge of \$1 million to the Passing the Torch campaign. This major gift brings the Museum closer to the creation of a Canadian War Museum that can adequately preserve and reflect the unique military history of Canada.

General Paul Manson, Chairman of the Passing the Torch campaign, Friends of the Canadian War Museum, stated that the generous gift from the Montreal-based Molson Foundation is an important show of support for the campaign's goals. "We are truly pleased that the Molson Foundation has chosen to lead the way in the private sector by donating this \$1 million toward our \$15 million target," General Manson said.

"Generous gifts of this magnitude now bring our dream of a new museum of military history close to reality," said the Hon. Barney Danson, Chairman of the Canadian War Museum Advisory Com-

mittee. "We fully expect that, stimulated by the federal government's recent decision to fund a new war museum, other foundations, corporations and individuals will follow the Molson example in taking up the torch in support of Canada's rich military history," Danson added.

On 16 March, the Hon. Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced that the federal government would commit \$58.25 million for construction of a new Canadian War Museum, to be located at the former Rockcliffe military base near Ottawa. Like the Molson Foundation, several potential major donors were known to have been waiting for the government's commitment to the project before contributing to the Passing the Torch campaign. With \$5 million already received in donations and pledges, the campaign team is moving quickly to expand the appeal across Canada.

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## April Weather

April was slightly warmer but much drier than average. A new daily record maximum of 17.7 degrees was set on the 8th of this month, exceeding the previous record of 16.7 degrees set in 1959 and 1985.

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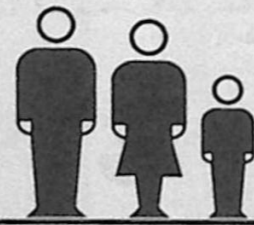
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## 19 Wing Service Person of the 1st Quarter

Cpl Helen MacDonald is a highly valued and inspirational member of the 19 Wing ATC team. Since her arrival in 1997, her initiative, unlimited energy, dependability, resourcefulness and determination to complete all tasks to the highest standard have distinguished her stalwart performance. Helen's comprehensive knowledge and application of operational rules, regulations and procedures significantly enhanced the quality of service provided by the

Instrument Flight Rule Control Centre and her effectiveness as a team player was recently exemplified during the Precision Approach Radar flight check. Faced with a myriad of problems, her sound decisions and quick actions under demanding circumstances were instrumental in the successful completion of the evaluation. As a trainee monitor, she used excellent inter-personal skills to develop trainees and improved their progress through constructive

feedback and encouragement. She demonstrated exceptional initiative and resource skills when she designed and built a map/strip writing easel that greatly enhanced the training environment for both Officers and NCMs at the unit. As Statistician and Unit Historian, she was pivotal in the compilation and production of monthly aircraft statistics and ATC events culminating in a very well written annual ATC historical review. As Entertainment Committee Treasurer, she ensured that all financial transactions were justified and flawlessly recorded. Cpl MacDonald's exceptional speaking abilities were highlighted, when she was handpicked to represent the CF at a High School career briefing. Her outstanding presentation inspired many more students to pursue a career in the CF than the recruiters anticipated resulting in her receiving a Letter of Appreciation for her "professional demeanor and strong presence".

Cpl MacDonald is also a pillar of the community, evident in the numerous commendations for her continued support of the Comox Military Family Resource Centre (CMFRC). Helen was profiled in a

CMFRC newsletter and on a local cable TV show, where she eloquently imparted an honest and realistic perspective of military life presenting a sterling image of the CF. As a key member of the CMFRC, she spearheaded the planning, organizing, marketing and publicity of the International Woman's Day Conference and as a Welcoming Committee member, she diligently planned, organized, and hosted highly informative newcomer sessions conveying available family services/resources at 19 Wing. A tireless worker, Helen volunteered many off duty hours for fund raising events for the community council such as the Millennium Bash at Wallace Gardens. Professionally motivated, she enrolled in Facilitator training and subsequently applied her new-found



Cpl MacDonald on duty in the radar unit.

skills to facilitate an innovative workshop at the CMFRC. She is currently revamping the entire CMFRC public/media relations program.

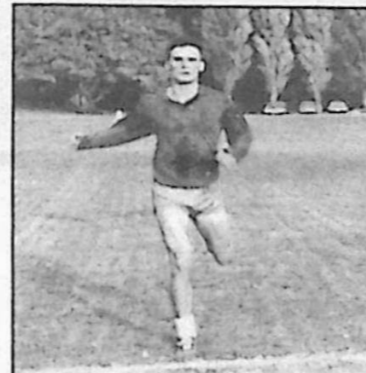
For her tremendous work, uncommon dedication to the Wing and community, and exemplary improvements to the ATC mission Cpl MacDonald is most deserving of this recognition. Congratulations, Helen, and well done!



Cpl Helen MacDonald receiving her award from Wing Commander, Col. W.J. Neumann.

## Reservists in Profile

### Runner returns from Algeria



Overall, Canada came 17th in the 12-km. The women's team finished near the back, and the men's 5-km team competed without a full line-up due to injuries. Skuja considers his placement "average".

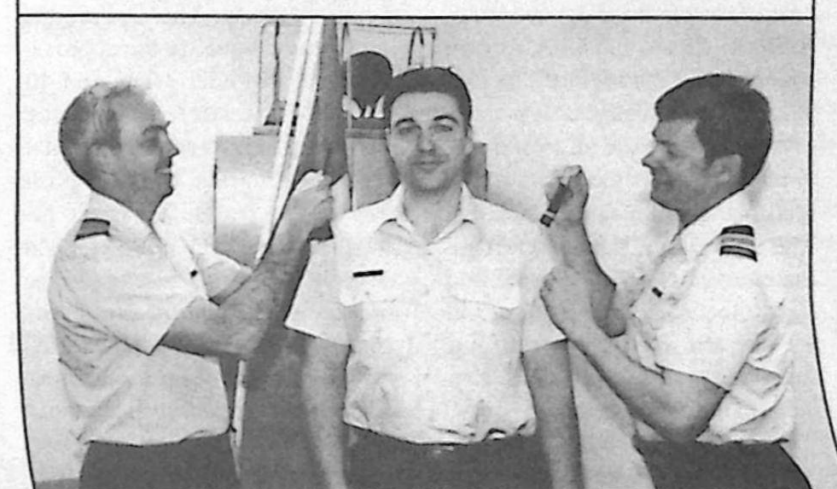
"CISM is very tough," he said. "When I run brilliantly, I might break into the top half. The problem is that we're competing against professional runners. In many countries, if you're a great runner, the military recruits you and looks after you and all you have to do is run. So that's what we're up against."

Not that Skuja thinks the Canadian military hasn't looked after him in its way. A former Aurora

navigator in his Regular Force days, Skuja has remained at Comox since his first posting to 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron in 1986. As a reservist he mans the Duty Officer desk at Wing Operations 12 days a month.

"Ten CISM's have been quite an experience, and I'm grateful for this opportunity," Skuja said. "But I'm concerned that the team seems to be getting older. Where are all the twenty-something runners out there? Perhaps this program isn't advertised well enough. If you're a male who can run 10-km in 34 minutes, or a female who can do five km in 19 minutes, then you have a good chance at making the CISM team."

## WTIS Promotion



OCdt Dean Vey receiving his promotion from LCol Walker, WLogO and Maj Bryski, WTISO. OCdt Vey has been accepted into the UTPNCM program and will be off to the University of Manitoba to complete his B.A. this summer. Following that, he will undergo pilot training. Sir Cedric, 414 Sqn mascot, offers his congratulations to OCdt Vey. Sir Cedric was present for the ceremony as he has been on attached posting to WLog Sqn undergoing Supply Tech trg. He has since been RTU'ed!



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# More than a Gliding School

For those who have been mystified by the size of the new hangar to house the Regional Cadet Air Operations, a little explanation is in order. Most personnel at 19 Wing are only aware of the summer Regional Gliding School with its seven weeks of intense glider activity. In reality, the Gliding School conducted at Comox is but a small part of the Regional Cadet Air Operations responsibility and represents only about 40% of the year's flying activity.

The RCAOPS staff is responsible for the entire Air Cadet flying activity in British Columbia, both gliding and power. Following the intense summer Gliding School activity the aircraft sets, usually one towplane and two gliders, are deployed to the various gliding centres around the province. From September to late November the RCAOPS field staff provide weekend glider familiarization flights to the 48 Air Cadet squadrons in the region. The purpose of these flights is to provide every cadet with an air experience to put into reality the aviation subjects being taught at the squadron. The Vancouver Island aircraft operate out of 19 Wing Comox and Nanaimo. On the Lower Mainland the airports at Abbotsford and Langley are used. In the Okanagan/Kootenays the equipment is based in Penticton and further deployed on weekends to Trail, Creston, Cranbrook and Elkford. In the north, the base is Prince George with weekend deployments to Vanderhoof, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace and Dawson Creek. During the familiarization flying periods the aircraft are either rotated through 19 Wing for routine maintenance and repairs or are serviced by mobile repair parties deployed by road. Typical seasons see at least a couple of unscheduled engine replacements and a good number of engine cylinder changes somewhere in the field.

By the end of November the wet weather is closing in and it is time to bring the aircraft back to 19 Wing for winter refurbishing and overhaul. Normally, the gliders are air towed to and from the various gliding sites but on occasion the weather intervenes and glider trailers are used. Given that glider flying is restricted to daylight visual conditions there can be long periods of time when it is just impossible to air tow a glider from, for example, Prince George. Either the aircraft are trapped or road travel is used.

The winter period will see very little flying activity but inside the new hangar it will be busy. With five Cessna 305 towplanes and nine Schweizer 233 gliders to take care of the winter maintenance program is very intense. While all aircraft are refurbished each year, one glider and one towplane are normally totally disassembled for a major overhaul each winter. For the towplane that means that every single component, including all of the windows, fittings, cables and electrical wires, is taken out so that the fuselage can be stripped of all paint and properly inspected for damage. For the glider that means

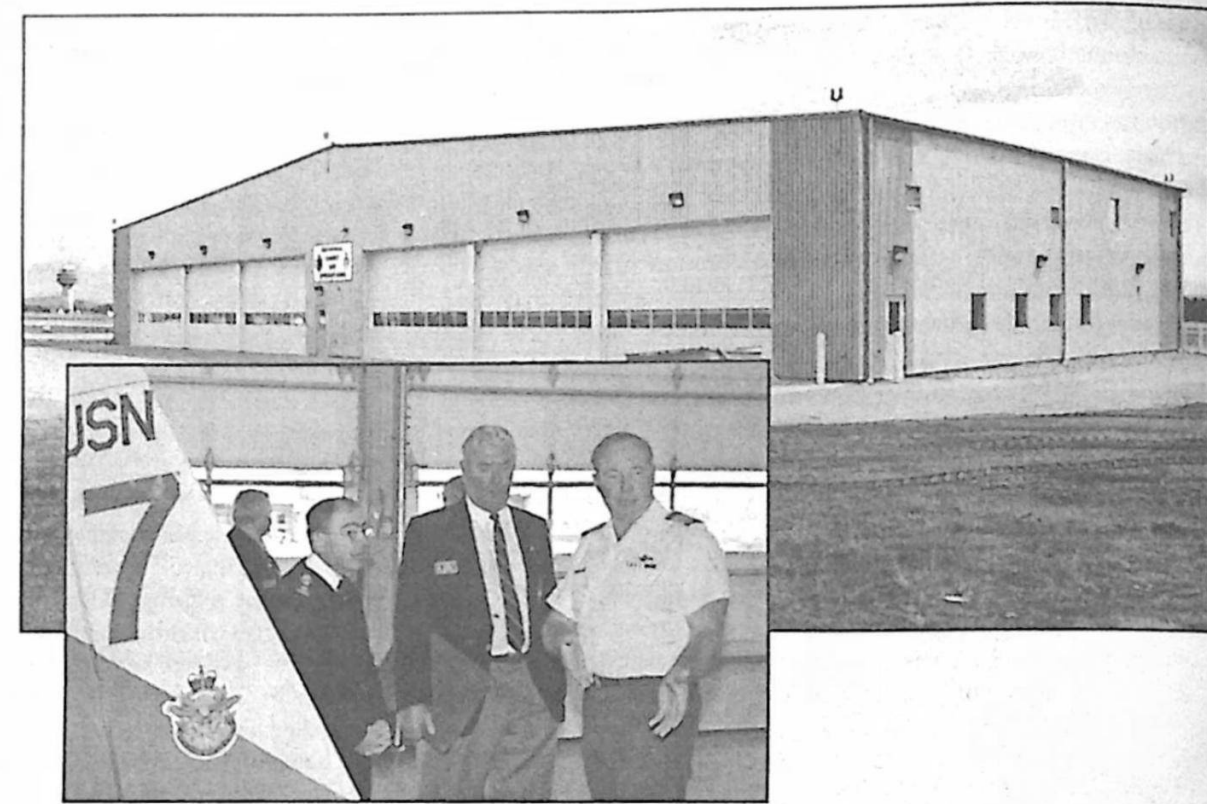
that all components, plus the fabric fuselage skin, are taken off to allow for this inspection. Both aircraft are then repaired, repainted and built back up with serviceable components.

In the past, the lack of hangar space at 19 Wing meant that some of the aircraft had to remain in the field over the winter in rented or borrowed hangars. The refurbishment for those aircraft had to take place in the field and, in general, could not be carried out to the same level as enjoyed at 19 Wing with the support of base shops. The new hangar will allow the storage of all of the towplanes intact and all of the gliders once they are disassembled. All winter maintenance can now be carried out at 19 Wing.

By mid-March each year the aircraft should be finished and the weekend familiarization flying again starts up. The Operations staff must re-qualify the approximately 150 glider pilots and 40 tow pilots scattered about the province who are used in the weekend program. To accomplish this the key people, the check pilots, are flown at 19 Wing and then over the following weekends are sent out to the gliding sites to re-qualify those in the field. This involves a series of lectures, written exams and check flights that ensure the pilots are ready to fly the young squadron cadets on their air experience flights. Some of the glider pilots will be new pilots from the previous summer cadet course and they will be building their flying time towards that needed for a passenger carrying rating. Others will be experienced CIC and Reserve officers who have been in the program for up to 20 years and have accomplished thousands of flights. The checkout program must be structured for this mix of experience. Once the checkouts are completed, the sites carry on with the weekend familiarization, flying until the end of the training year in early June.

The cadet training year runs from September until June. During that 10-month period the Region Cadet Air Operations team will have provided over 1200 training flights and over 3000 familiarization flights. In early June some of the aircraft will be brought back to Comox to be used on the Tow Pilot Conversion course and the Glider Instructor course. These are unique qualifications that must be taught in-house by RCAOPS staff. The tow pilot candidates are usually experienced aviators while the instructor candidates are normally newly commissioned Officer Cadets who themselves were new cadet pilots just a few years back. The instructor course is very demanding given that the graduates will be responsible for safely teaching 16-year-old cadets how to fly. By the end of June all of the aircraft will be back in Comox for the Gliding School.

The summer program that most Comox personnel are aware of starts with a week of staff training, followed by a six-week course that sees 46 Air Cadets attempt to qualify for their Air Cadet Glider



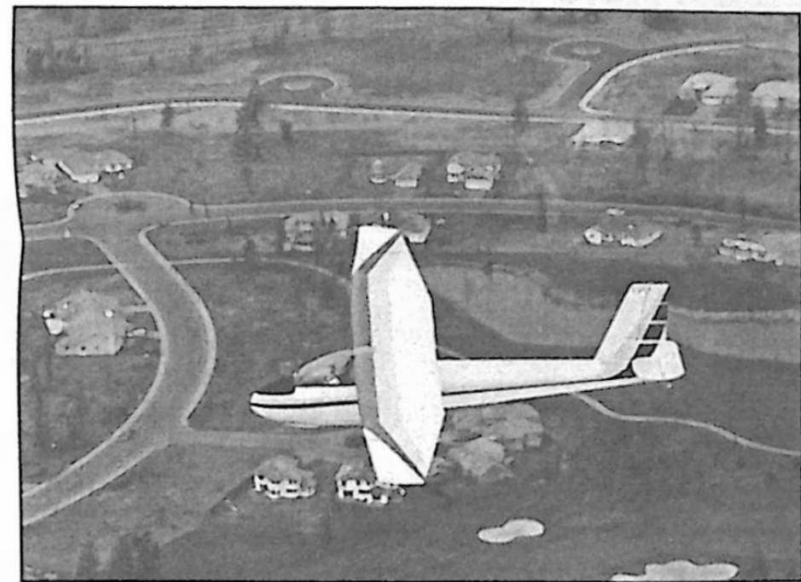
wings and a Transport Canada Glider license. The cadets are split into two groups or flights so that the flying day can be carried out before and after the normal 19 Wing activity. The major flying units - 407 Sqn, 414 Sqn and 442 Sqn - conduct most of their weekend flying between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs to allow the gliders an uninterrupted morning and evening shift. By the end of the seven-week period the school will have flown some 28700 sorties. In addition to the cadets training for their glider wings, two junior courses of Air Studies cadets will have been given air experience flights.

On the non-gliding side of the flying operation, the RCAOPS staff are responsible for all of the cadet power flying. Each year some 30 cadets are awarded a power flying scholarship. The actual training is carried out by several commercial flying schools. These contracts are awarded after a fairly rigorous competition that rates the competing schools management, aircraft, flying site and flight instructors. This year the cadets will be trained in Victoria, Courtenay and Campbell River. During the September to June period the cadet squadron officers and cadet pilots fly cadets in powered aircraft. The RCAOPS staff are responsible for ensuring that these flights meet the objectives of the program and that all of the pilots are both current and qualified on the type of aircraft to be used.

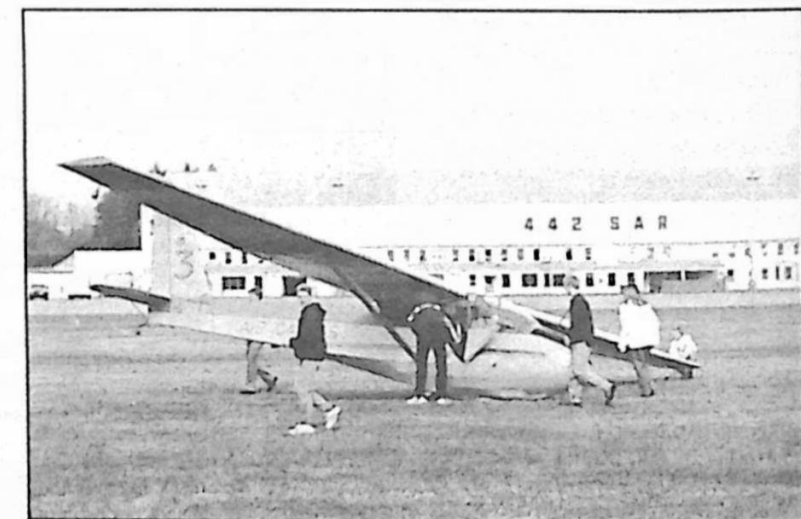
The final major responsibility of the RCAOPS is the administration of the careers of the approximately 80 Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) officers attached to the unit. These officers, who are scattered about the province working at the gliding sites and at some of the cadet squadrons, must be given the administrative support, the training and courses needed to work effectively and to advance through the system.

The new hangar will not only be the centre for the RCAOPS flying activity at 19 Wing Comox but it will also be the focal point for all of the Air Cadet flying activity in the province. It will be a focal point that all of 19 Wing can be proud of.

**Regional Cadet Air Operations officer, LCol T.R. Burne (above right) explains the glider operation to RAdm R.D. Buck, Commander Pacific Region, and Mr. Phil Perry of the B.C. Air Cadet League following the official opening of the new Cadet Air Operations hangar (top).**



Weekend familiarization flight.



Weekend glider training activity at 19 Wing.



Glider pilot's view of Comox area.



The North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

## A message from the Wing Commander

I would like to convey to all personnel of 19 Wing that 15-21 May has been designated North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH).

NAOSH Week is an annual event in Canada, the United States and Mexico. It is sponsored by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), in association with the Workers' Compensation Board of B.C., Human Resources Development Canada, and the B.C. Ministry of Labour. This year's theme: **HEALTHY WORKERS: HEALTHY BUSINESS: WORKING SAFELY FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE** emphasizes avoiding disabilities through accident prevention.

Every year, workplaces in Canada, the United States, and Mexico participate in NAOSH Week with a range of special activities that reinforce the importance of occupational health and safety. By celebrating and rewarding collaborative safety initiatives, NAOSH Week increases safety awareness all year long.

The objective of NAOSH Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees, safety committees, the general public and all partners in occupational safety and health on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace. Through NAOSH we strive to encourage renewed interest in Health and Safety Programs.

The operational roles of 19 Wing Comox require that we function as a close knit team. We all share this common goal. Operational effectiveness dictates the need for formal safety programs to maintain the full capability and availability of our team.

Health and safety in the workplace is crucial. I invite you to participate in the events and programs planned during NAOSH Week. We can make significant strides towards increasing safety awareness by being proactive in reducing accidents and illness. I urge you all to support and promote the Wing Safety programs not only during NAOSH Week but throughout Occupational Safety and Health Week last year and next year. Thank you.

Col. W. Neumann



Safety Legislation Course 29 February - 3 March.

### Safety Poster Contest

In fitting with the theme **HEALTHY WORKERS: HEALTHY BUSINESS** capture your ideas and designs on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and send to: Wing General Safety Officer, 19 Wing Comox, P.O. Box 1000 Station Main, LAZO, B.C. V0R 2K0

The winning Safety Poster will be used to create a 2001 Naosh Week Safety Calendar and Montage. Submissions must be received by 19 May 2000. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## NAOSH Week 2000 15-21 May

### HEALTHY WORKERS: HEALTHY BUSINESS

With the kind permission and support of the Wing Commander, Col W.J. Neumann, and the proactive support of the Wing Safety Council, 19 Wing Comox will once again participate in North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. NAOSH Week is an annual event in Canada, the United States and Mexico promoting the importance of protecting your future through safe practices today and every day. It also encourages safety and health committees and unions to take the lead in bringing health and safety to the forefront in both their organizations and their communities.

#### Why should you participate?

The prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses is everyone's responsibility. Employers have the responsibility to develop, implement and maintain safe and healthy workplaces.

Supervisors must ensure that employees are properly trained, use safe work procedures and wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Employees have a responsibility for their own safety and that of their fellow employees. This means following safe work procedures, reporting unsafe conditions, unsafe acts to your supervisors, and practicing good housekeeping, **KEEPING YOUR WORKPLACE CLEAN AND SAFE.**

Safety Committees must work with everyone to demonstrate workplace health and safety effectiveness. Collaboration and cooperation between employers and employees is the formula for a successful workplace health and safety program. Programs developed jointly by Joint Occupational Safety and Health Committee, unions, management and employees have proven to be most effective, and are the focus of NAOSH Week.

NAOSH Week serves to remind everyone of the importance of workplace safety and health programs, and to encourage safety and health committees to take the lead in safety and health initiatives. Good safety and health prac-

tices optimize human resource potential and contributes to better economic performance. Everyone stands to gain, employers, employees and unions. Safe practices learned and utilized at work are carried into the Community and the home. Your NAOSH Week Steering Committee encourages everyone to seize the opportunity and be inspired by the positive influence of the NAOSH Week 2000 campaign.

The theme for NAOSH this year is **Healthy Workers: Healthy Business**, working safely for a healthy future. This theme emphasizes avoiding disabilities through accident prevention.

Collaboration and cooperation among Squadrons, Sections and our Community is a formula for a successful NAOSH Week.

Your Steering Committee has planned various activities and training sessions that will be most effective to meet the safety needs of 19 Wing. To view the NAOSH Week planned activities see the calendar on this page.

### EAP: Spreading understanding

Explaining what EAP stands for and how it can help employees deal with stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. EAP will maintain a double-edged sword for the next five days.

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"Safety becomes important because a depressed co-worker is far less careful than one who is not," says the safety-minded gathering. "So when we talk about safety, we determine whether or not we suffer accidents. If help co-workers regain perspective, we can reasonably problem-free workers as a result."



MAY 2000 - NAOSH WEEK ACTIVITIES		
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17
<p>WComit proclamation WHQ Conference Room - 0830 hrs</p> <p>NAOSH Flag Raising WComox Fly Pole 0900 hrs</p> <p>Safety Display Career Mall - 0915 hrs</p> <p>WHMIS/HAZMAT Training 8am, 10am &amp; 1pm 1 1/2 hrs sessions Bldg 64 DIAC Trg Classroom</p> <p>Base wide Safety Inspections and Surveys</p> <p>Confined Space Trg (Gen) Bldg 22 Rm# 210 0800-1600 hrs (4-day course)</p> <p>Spill Response Trg (Theory) Queens Harbor, Master 12:00-15:30 hrs ABATS Theatre (Session One) Bldg 2</p> <p>Standard First Aid Bldg 20 NBCD Classroom 0700-1530 hrs (2-day course) Day 1</p>	<p>Defensive Driving Bldg #22 Classroom Trg 0800-1100 hrs</p> <p>Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness 0830-0930 hrs</p> <p>WHMIS/HAZMAT Training 8am, 10am &amp; 1pm 1 1/2 hrs sessions Bldg 64 DIAC Trg Classroom</p> <p>Confined Space Trg (Gen) Bldg 22 Rm# 210 0800-1600 hrs (4-day course) Day 2</p> <p>Spill Response Trg (Theory) Queens Harbor, Master 12:00-15:30 hrs ABATS Theatre (Session Two) Bldg 2</p> <p>Standard First Aid Bldg 20 NBCD Classroom 0700-1530 hrs (2-day course) Day 2</p>	<p>WHMIS/HAZMAT Training 8am, 10am &amp; 1pm 1 1/2 hrs sessions Bldg 64 DIAC Trg Classroom</p> <p>Confined Space Trg (Gen) Bldg 22 Rm# 210 0800-1600 hrs (4-day course) Day 3</p> <p>Spill Response Trg (Theory) Queens Harbor, Master 12:00-15:30 hrs ABATS Theatre (Session Three) Bldg 2</p> <p>Standard First Aid Bldg 20 NBCD Classroom 0700-1530 hrs (2-day course) Day 3</p>

## The gym that was

A second overhead door has been installed at the old Rec Centre (B28), to serve vehicles delivering material for storage – or, of course, carting away items stored where used to be the gym. The first door was cut to accommodate the pool area, also to be used for storage.

"The floor is excellent hardwood and seems salvageable," says CE carpenter Charles Turner. Down the road the building is slated for demolition, so taking the floor out may wait until then, which could be a couple of years or longer. But no doubt the wood is of value if it can be removed intact.

"Either way, the gym certainly provides high capacity storage," adds Charles Turner.



CE's Lance Callera and Charles Turner cutting covering before overhead door installation.



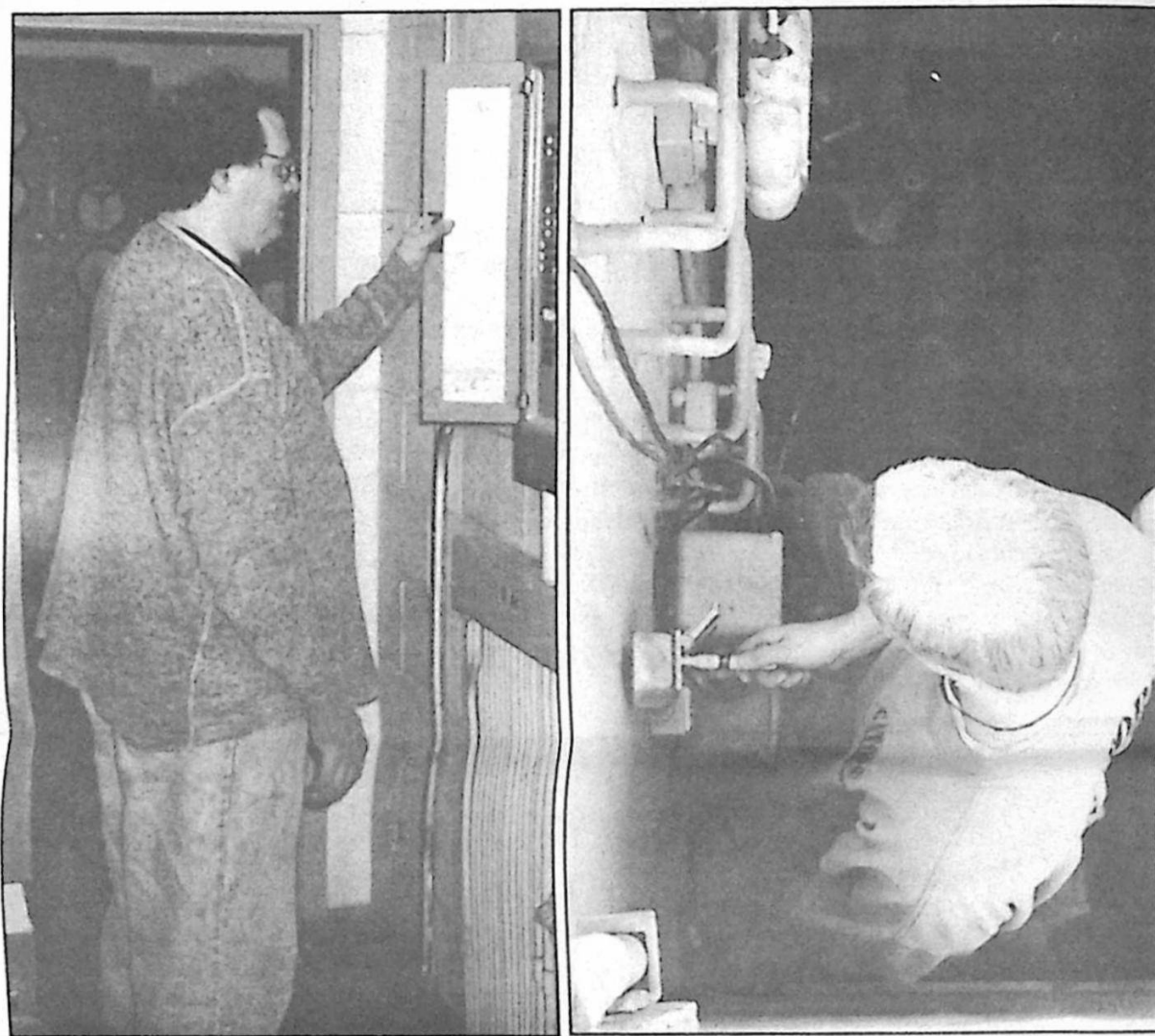
# Finn Bits

## Steamy trippers

The pertinent words are kind of – well, boring. Words like Steam Service Vault #5, and Ground Fault Interrupter. Very technical. Wherefore the folks from CE usually just calls them steam pits and GFIs. NO, TGIF is something else.

Located close by the Auto Hobby Shop, the steam pit in question had given the electricians some headaches by tripping the interrupter on too many occasions. Team Leader Ian Cameron had electricians Shayne Thomas and Mike McCooy attempt to solve the problem.

"We did. For now, anyway," says Ian Cameron, explaining: "The interrupters are notorious for being extremely finicky. A slight tremor, too much humidity in the air will set them off. We'll see how it goes."



CE electrician Mike McCooy checks fuse boxes above-ground while electrician Shayne Thomas tests for faults underground.

# Spectacular roofing start

It is a time when apple trees strew petals, flowers bloom, foliage turns green, so it follows that CE's roofers must be also blossoming forth. Or, perhaps in the better image of birds, perched like eagles on lofty aeries, visible to groundlings but themselves blessed with spectacular views. Later, the sun will tan the 'eagles' black almost like crows.

"Apropos spectacular," says Brian Bowden, captain of the Roofing Team, "I've pretty much the same crew as last year, which is being spectacularly lucky. Having a proven gang goes a long way towards a successful season."

So far, the Roofing Team has completed B31, under which roof operates CE's Refrigeration & Mechanical Team, and B109, CE's main building. The latter gave the crew some unforeseen problems.

"Talking about spectacular," says Brian Bowden, "the dust blowing off that roof was something else! Black and thick enough to look like smoke. We all had to



CE's Roofing Team busy atop B31, CE R&M Shop (L-R): Lee Sharpen, Brian Bowden, Charles Williams, Darlene Jedras.

wear masks. In fact, Fire Hall ended up sending a truck to hose down the roof, forcing much of the dust off, and binding the rest, the easier for us to tackle. It was quite awesome."

Roofs to be fixed in the immediate future include Combined Mess, the Headquarters Building and the old Torpedo Shop, which building has been taken over by the Airfield Engineering Flight.

"We anticipate a busy season," says Brian Bowden. "If I may use the word *spectacular* once more, for this early in spring we have enjoyed exceptionally fine weather – spectacular weather, you might say. Let's keep our fingers crossed."

Besides its captain, CE's Roofing Crew – operating as a subgroup under CE's Structural Team (Team Leader Don Buchan) – consists of Charles Williams, Darlene Jedras ("She has been doing a bang-up job"), and Lee Sharpen. A fifth member is still to come.

## Working with a smile

Bright sun, bright yellow grass mower – but none of them brighter than Carrie Nagel's smile. For CE's Airfield & Works Team, summer's joys include the never-ending task of keeping the Base expanse of grassy fields under control. Carrie, though admitting the job may occasionally feel tedious, finds it also a challenge – weather rarely stays constant, there are obstacles to get around, small creatures live in the grass, a sharp look-out must be kept as larger objects of stone or concrete may ruin the blades. And then there is the satisfaction of being able to see immediate results of the day's labour!

Carrie, of course, is not alone. Her colleagues at A&W also man mowers, edgers, cutters. Soon students will augment their numbers. Entire convoys of machinery will be seen headed for the grasslands between runways.

But on that day at least, it was Carrie who wore the brightest, biggest, happiest smile. A smile caught by the camera.



Carrie Nagel about to get back aboard grass mower after clearing away rock.

## The Forgotten forgotten – again!

By John Stoll, Chief Engineer, CHP

One thing is to forget ancient cities, cultures, or that first miss, but to forget folks with whom you work side-by-side? Unforgivable, I should think. But that is what happens to us at the Wing Central Heating Plant. All the time! Well, almost all the time. The odd bitterly cold winter day when heat doesn't come through for some reason – suddenly people know whom to blame. Are we kindly appreciated the rest of the time? Ha!

We are – no, not "The D-Day Dodgers," we are the "Forgotten CHP'ers," and you can sing the same tune.

This little gripe does not by one iota diminish the "Well Done" bestowed upon the tradesmen and labourers who have toiled away at the new Cadet Hangar. But who went unmentioned when praise was spread like compost in last

month's Totem Times? You guessed it: we at the Central Heating Plant! Once again. For the umpteenth time, The Forgotten were forgotten.

Please ask *who* supplied, and *whence* came, the portable boiler which saved the day, not to say fingers, toes and other extremities from freezing, when the Hangar found itself without heat for a month or longer? Where came the boiler crew from?

It was cold working in that hangar. Small portable heaters were tried but to no avail. As one disgruntled tradesman said, "This ain't no better than that proverbial breezy trying to best the wind!" He was right, too. But that didn't solve the problem.

The problem was one of insufficient BTUs. Heat was needed quickly. The CHP crew went to work and with the assistance of

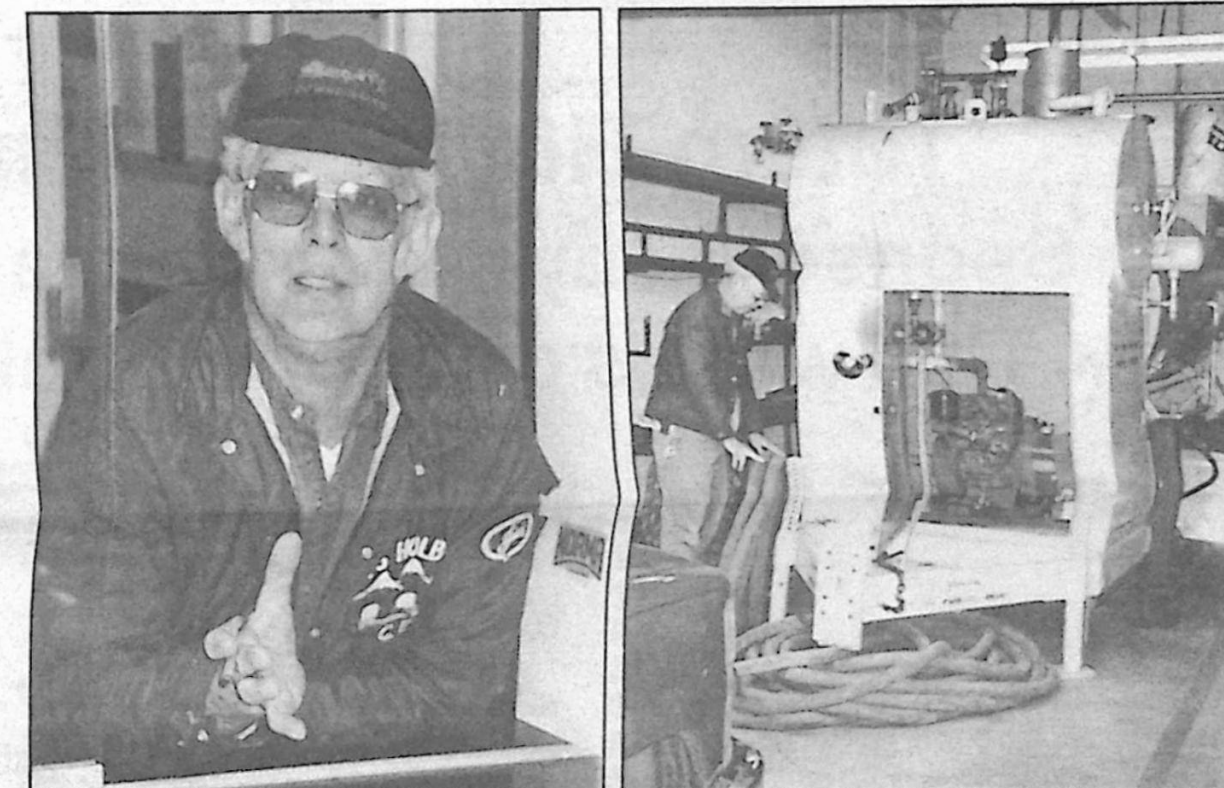
Steve Eggiman's Plumbing & Heating Team, we soon had the portable boiler in service and the place warmed up. Sure, that boiler received some curious looks from people waiting at the civilian Air Terminal, especially when full steam blew from the unit. But the unit not only worked well, it proved dependable in a crisis.

Just like the Canadian Forces. Just like Construction Engineering.

So, let's remember the forgotten few and spread a few thank you's of our own: to Jim Walker and Manuel Furtado for doing the day shifts, to Tom Richardson for his boiler watch on midnight shifts.

Thanks, guys!  
Yes, we are THE FORGOTTEN FEW – UNTIL THERE AIN'T NO HEAT!

And then we get blamed...



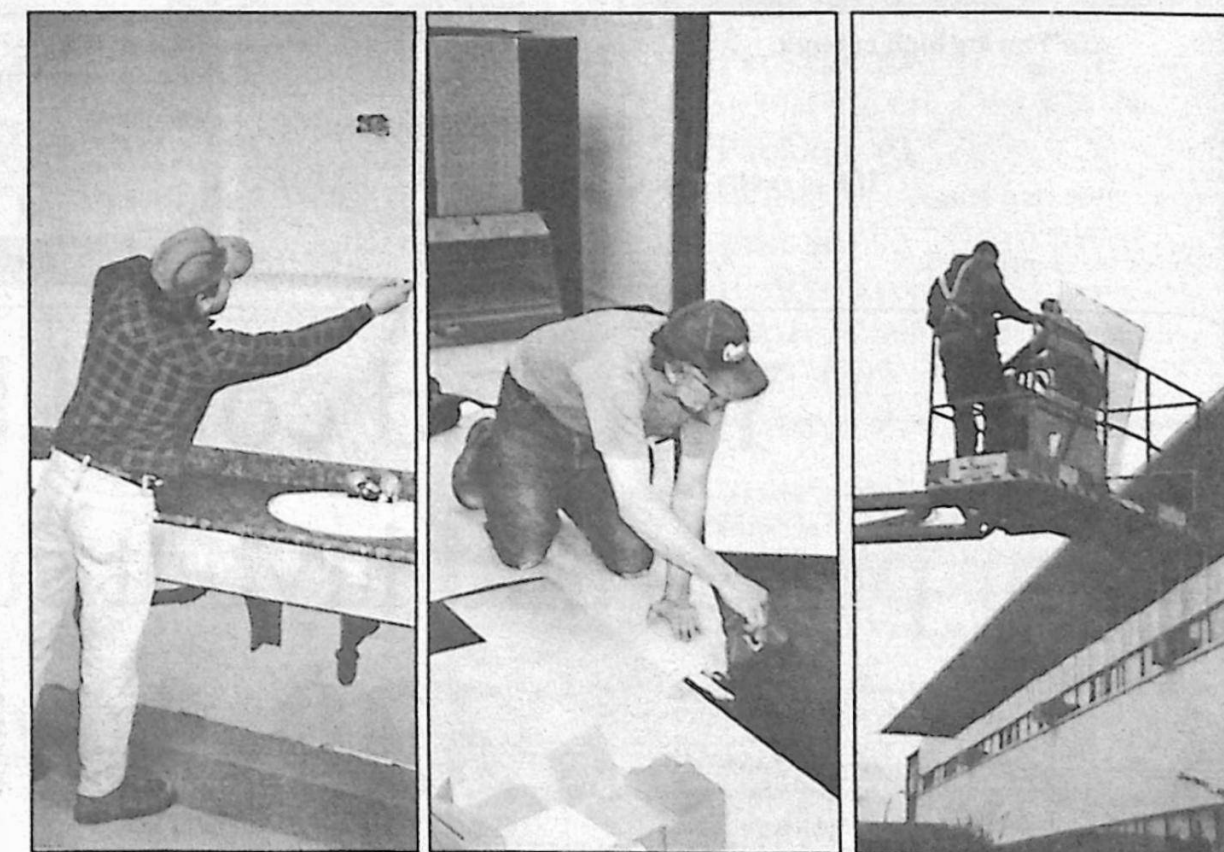
Jim Walker: "Hey, this the place for complaints?" Jim Walker and portable boiler, both still in garage.

## Jr Ranks – fixed to last

The last of Sheila, wasn't. And the last of Jr Rnks renovation it may not be, either. But CE crews are hopeful the task is now done, and to everyone's satisfaction.

Amongst the final details were completion of the upstairs washrooms and replacement of windows. (L-R): Structural Team's Jan Christensen measures, carpenter Mike Power puts down tiles and carpenters Keith Doleman and Brad Douglas carefully – oh, so carefully! – remove large window pane from the Jr Rnks' side of Comb Mess.

And Jr Rnks is ready once more to serve in all respects.



## Drawing the line somewhere

From top to bottom... just as various Base roofs are being fixed, so are the markings on the ground below. And not just somewhere, practically everywhere, if on the by and bye. For, it is a big Base for one man to do. The man is CE painter Glen Hendry, and he has painted the Base white and yellow a few times before – from centre and bike lines on roads, to bays on parking lots.

The freshly painted stripes are protected by red markers – a protection effective only if obeyed by drivers or pedestrians. It is in everyone's interest to see roads marked as clearly as possible, so please observe the markers and drive, or step, around the newly-painted areas.



CE painter Glen Hendry freshening sidewalk lines.

# Nijmegen Preparations

The 19 Wing Nijmegen Team has now completed over 100 km of marching towards its training goal. The team, shown below in front of their distance status board, is in good shape and high spirits. Originally starting with 37 volunteers, natural attrition has brought it down to some 22-24 regulars vying for one of the eleven spots on the final team. The final team will be selected in mid-June after a final test of back-to-back 40Km marches. Team Sergeant-Major, MWO Wayne Shields, adds "based on past training efforts, we are right on track as far as our training objectives having been met. I suspect there will be a few more drop out as we get into the longer distances."

To date, support from 19 Wing for OPERATION NIJMEGEN 2000 has been excellent. We have kept "Wing Supply, the Medical Clinic, Wing Imaging and Public Affairs very busy" remarked Major Kevin Bryski, Team Leader. "They have responded to our requests and needs in a very timely and profes-

sional manner and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them." Support has also been provided by several community members, including Dr Chris Kipple, Comox Chiropractic and Joyce Kitching, a volunteer Masseuse. Dr Kipple, son of a former Air Force officer, volunteered his time to do gait measurements on the team to determine if anyone should be getting better footwear in order to prevent problems down the road. Joyce Kitching, daughter of a former airman, felt compelled to offer her services. WO Yvon Benoit, Deputy Team Leader, commented "both of these individuals embody the values of Canadians, both today and when we liberated Holland in WWII."

In order to better educate the general public about the history behind Nijmegen, the team has launched a widespread public af-



100 kms. down—a burning 700 or more to go!

fairs campaign. They are raising money for the Comox Air Force Museum's Y2K Spitfire Restoration Project, have been featured on the Air Force Internet web page, appeared in several articles in the Echo and Record and are regular

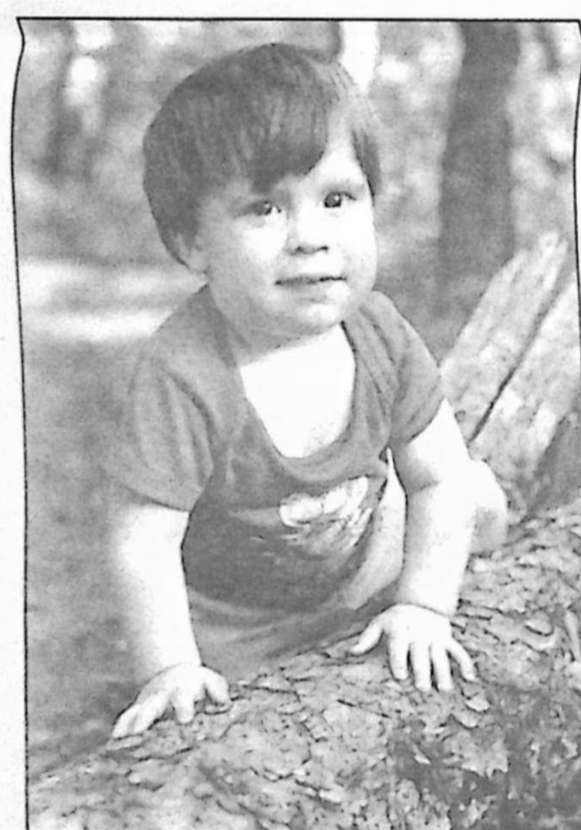
features on the Eagle FM 97.3 traffic report on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Additionally, the team has launched a "Meet the Nijmegen Team" program by meeting the general public at local shops and

restaurants in the Comox Valley. At approximately, 1030-1100 hrs following the training sortie on Sundays, the team will provide an opportunity to share with the public their experiences and promote the reasons why Holland hosts the annual Nijmegen Marches. Locations for upcoming appearances are: 30 Apr - Huckleberry's Fabrics Inc., 1930 Ryan Rd E, 7 May - Tim Horton Donuts, 789 Ryan Road, and 14 May - McDonald's Restaurant, 1799 Cliffe Ave. Other locations are currently being sought.

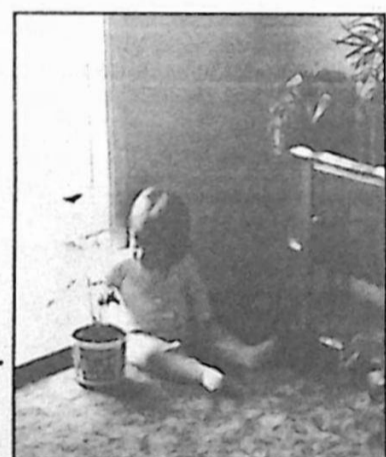
The Village of Cumberland and the Bahai's of Cumberland will be conducting a ceremony to honour Canadians who served in the Liberation of Holland. 500 red and white tulips, sent from Holland as a gift, were planted last fall. Veterans and local dignitaries will be in attendance. The ceremony will be conducted at Peace Park, in Cumberland at 7 p.m. on Friday 5 May. A contingent from the Nijmegen Team will be present and all are invited to attend.

## Totem Times 2nd Photo Contest Sponsored by Overweitea Food and Drugs This week's category: Babies and toddlers



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- Open to amateurs only.
  - 1 entry per person.
  - No nude photos.
  - Name, phone # and title on back of photo.
  - Photo size up to 11 x 14.
  - Drop photos off at the Overweitea photo lab or the Totem Times, during office hours.
  - Deadline 4:30 p.m. on June 1.
  - Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
  - Winners to be announced in 8 June Totem Times.



If I'm really quiet.

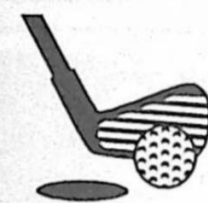


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# Glacier Greens Golf Shots

## Club tee times explained

By Larry Lott, President

Many of the 19 Wing personnel, be they Regular Force, Reservists or DND civilians, have voiced complaints that they are unable to obtain a tee time to play golf at Glacier Greens. These complaints centre on the assertion that GGGC is a military facility and "why shouldn't I be permitted to golf at that course?" The reality is that you can, but not at a moment's notice!

GGGC has a fairly constant membership of 600 who pay annual dues. To cater to these numbers, we have a tee time chit system whereby the member indicates which days of the week and at approximately what time of the day he/she wishes to play. Three days in advance, the Pro Shop staff wade through the chits and record a tee schedule.

Wing personnel who are members are well versed with the system. The complaints seem to emanate from those who desire casual golf as green fee players. For you, please be aware that we have two free fee times per hour but for tee reservations we need at least 24 hours notice since these times are also available to members of the public who wish to play our

course. A call to the Pro Shop (339-6515) a day ahead will normally be sufficient.

We often witness shift workers who pop in unannounced to play. For singles, we can usually get you going within the hour as the Pro Shop starter slots you with a threesome. If you want to play with your own foursome, a 24 hour in advance call should get the desired results. Our Golf Pro, Scott Fraser, and his staff can work magic to accommodate you but the larger the group, the more difficult the task!

The Rec Centre has daily golf passes available at a reduced green fee rate but the simple task of purchasing these passes cannot guarantee a tee time. Again, some advanced notice is required.

We cordially invite 19 Wing personnel to test the system and I believe you'll readily see that we can be accommodating. The Social Centre/Clubhouse provides an excellent pre and post-game venue for food and beverages. We can also accommodate unit golf outings with advanced planning as we have a range of rental clubs, pull and power carts.

Fore!!

## 25th Logistic Bonspiel

By MWO B.A. Howell

The 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver) Anniversary Logistic Curling Bonspiel, held at the Comox Valley Curling Club from 23-25 March, was a huge success.

The "Logspiel" Committee and all participants would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the following companies who generously donated prizes for this event. In addition, a special thank-you to Totem Times cartoonist Gord Hatch for designing the Silver Anniversary "Logspiel" Crest: Arderton Nursery, New World Awards, Andrew Sheret Ltd. Plumbing Supplies, Old House Restaurant, Arizona Gift Gallery, Overweitea Foods, Boston Pizza, Pacific Business

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## Ladies Club

By Joyce Merrill

Tuesday, April 18 was the Spring Fling Tournament for the ladies at Glacier Greens. Fourteen teams made up of three took part. The scoring was done under the Modified Stableford System, which is points for best low net.

Congratulations to the hot team of the day - Kathy Branch, Martha Campbell and Anne Patterson who came first with 70 points. Second: Carmel Horochuk, Shirley Wallis and Gillian Iddiols (68). Third on C/B, Lorraine Courtemanche, Kay Banks and Lydia Brinkman (67).

Low putts was a tie - Judy Fellbaum and Helen Williams both had 30.

KPs went to #4 Fran Hutchinson, #7 Gussy Prichard, #12 Kathy Branch, #15 Lydia Brinkman and #17 Joyce Merrill.

Many thanks to the prize committee. The 50/50 draw was won by Gillian Iddiols.

**Monday Nite Ladies**  
Winners for April 17 were: Low gross - Diane Burke; Low Net - Teri Healey; Least Putts - Kathy Branch; Longest Drive - Jennifer Holt; Hidden Hole #4, high score - Martha Campbell. Kathy Branch won the 50/50 draw.

## Ladies Club

By Fran Hume

Blustery winds and rain covered Glacier Greens, but 12 ladies braved the elements to participate in Ladies' Day. The scheduled event of Matchplay vs Par was cancelled, as was the putting competition.

This week's winners were determined by luck of the draw. The coveted Ducky Ball was awarded to Ellie Nicholas, Corrine Innes, Caryl Diewert and Jessie Trto.

Reminder: the starting time for Tuesday Ladies Day will change to 8:00 for 8:30 a.m. from now until September.

## Jake's Trivia Corner

1. Who drew the most walks in one major league baseball game? How many?
2. Who holds the record for the longest long jump in the world?
3. Who has the most Tour de France victories for an American? (Answers on page 14.)

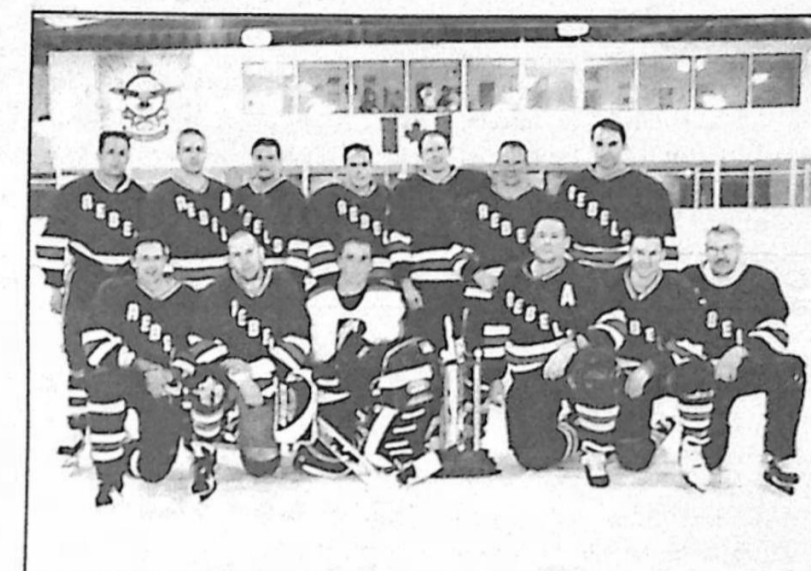
Did you know that Canada has the most polar bears of any country in the world?



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# Rec Centre News

By Jake Plante



ISHL "A" Division winners

The 407 Sqn Rebels won in their division playoffs by defeating the RCMP 4 to 1.



ISHL "B" Division winners

The 414 Sqn Knights defeated 442 Sqn 2 to 1 to win their division playoffs.

## Commander's Cup Sports 2000

- Volleyball 3-5 June
- Softball 19-23 June
- Basketball 23-25 Aug
- Golf 2 May, 6 & 27 June, 8 Aug.
- Floor Hockey 13-15 Sept

# Aquafit



Who: Military, DND, Rec Pass holders

When: 1 May-30 June

Package #1

Mon, Wed, Fri 1600-1645 hrs. Cost \$38.00

Package #2

Tues & Thurs 1030-1115 hrs. Cost \$25.20

Package #3

Mon-Fri: may attend all classes offered.

Cost \$63.00

Drop In: \$3.00 per class

To purchase a pass, see the Fitness Department or for further info contact Andy Moorhead at local 8946.

## ENVIRONMENT WEEK

Just a thought...

Your efforts add up. For example, a one-day Power Smart Promotion in British Columbia saved the amount of energy produced by a medium-sized generating station by simply having people turn off unneeded lights.

- News Canada

## ENVIRONMENT WEEK

Just a thought...

Vans, pickup trucks and sports utility vehicles can spew out six tonnes of exhaust and greenhouse gasses a year - that's 50 percent more than the average sedan, and has a more damaging effect on human health.

- News Canada

# Comox Military Family Resource Centre

Centre de Ressources pour Les Familles Militaires de Comox

Phone: 339-8290

## Gigantic Garage Sale and Family Fun Day



Date: Saturday May 27th  
Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre

Garage Sale • Bake Sale • Back Yard Bouncer • Face Painting  
• Cake Walk • Pizza • Hot dogs • Popcorn  
• Craft tables • Kids Creative Craft Area • Craft tables are available for rent • We are accepting items for donation to the Garage Sale. To arrange pick-up or drop-off please call the CMFRC at 339-8290.

*"Eagle Eye on the Street" will be there to cover the event.*

## Employment workshops

**Childcare Service:** Free childcare is available for all military families. Please note there is a refundable registration fee required. Policies regarding childcare will be provided at registration.  
Cost: No workshop fee required for the military community. \$10.00 fee for civilians.

This workshop may be what you need to learn more about the direction you will take in the job or career market. It is designed to help you identify your interests, attributes, values, and skills relevant to your goals and aspirations.  
**Facilitator:** Dave Muir  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3  
**Time:** 8:30 - 11:30am  
**Where:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre  
**Registration:** Call 339-8290

### Tap into Your Potential Skills Workshop (Part 1)

Are you feeling stuck and unsure of what you would like to do in life? You are not alone!

### How to Turn Your Dreams into Reality - Skills Workshop (Part 2)

This is a continuation of the Skills Workshop Part 1. Once

you have identified your skills and the direction you want to take, this workshop will bring you one step further towards putting your ideas to work for you. Learn how to maximize your job search by interviewing people in your field of interest, tapping further into your career interests, and exploring all your options.  
**Facilitator:** Dave Muir  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10  
**Time:** 8:30 - 11:30am  
**Where:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre.



## Workshops

### It's Your Body

In our society, we are so focussed on our bodies. More specifically, we are focussed on what our bodies look like. Give yourself a break - you are great just the way you are. The only thing we should be striving for is a body that is healthy.

**Facilitator:** Shelley Combs R.N. BScN

**Dates:** May 9, 16, 23

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Fee:** \$10 per person for military families; \$15 per person for non-military families

**Registration:** Call 339-8290

**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre

### Children on the Move

It is inevitable in the military community to be faced with moving. Having children factored into this equation just makes life more interesting! What can you do before, during and after a move to assist children with this life altering event? Parents can share their ideas and success stories.

**Facilitator:** Alex Greenwood

**Dates:** May 11, 18, 25

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Fee:** \$10 per person & \$15 per couple.

**Childcare:** A childcare subsidy is available for military families attending this workshop. Please call Mara @ 339-8290 for more information.

**Registration:** Call 339-8290

**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre

### Genealogy for Beginners

This workshop is a basic start. *Genealogy for Beginners* is for those who don't know where or how to start their journey into the past. Participants will start with the basics (pencil and paper) and then touch on how to use the Internet for researching genealogy.

**Facilitator:** Don Catling

**Dates:** May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Fee:** \$2.00

**Registration:** Call 339-8290

**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre

### Introduction to MS Word (Level 1)

**Facilitator:** David Burneau

**Date:** TBA

**Time:** 6:30-9:00pm

**Fee:** \$10

**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre

### Intermediate Windows 95/98 Computer Repair and Upgrades

This Workshop will give users who have a basic understanding of Windows 95/98 an intermediate level of Windows 95/98 operation including crash prevention and crash fixes, modifying personal settings and overall usage. Also included in this workshop is an introduction to computer hardware repair and upgrade.

**Facilitator:** TBA

**Date:** TBA

**Time:** 6:30-9:00pm

**Fee:** \$10

**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre

# Wallace Gardens Community Association News

## Easter events drew crowds



Can't wait to get started on those pancakes with bacon, not to mention the strawberries and whipped cream!

WGCA held its annual Easter Festivities on Saturday, 15 April in the new Fitness/Community Centre. Turnout was awesome, despite the cooler weather. Members lined up for a delicious breakfast after which they headed outside for rides on "Little Toot," the Easter Parade and an Easter Egg Hunt.



Little Toot led off the Easter Parade.

Congratulations go to the following winners of the colouring/egg contests:

**Ages 0-3:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Zachary Hale, Nicole Besnard and Natasha Hacking (It was a tough decision - so they tied.)

**Ages 4-6:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Martina Doucet; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kenzie Meaden; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Meagan Dumont

**Ages 7-9:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Susan Bech; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Richard Woodward; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Shane Maye

**Ages 10-12:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Katie Woznow; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cayla Ellsworth; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marina Watson

**Best Hat** went to Jennifer Bialek and **Best Bike/Wagon** to Kayley Melanson.

*Special thanks to all those who volunteered their time to make this a special day:*

Anna Woodward, Jacklyn Hardy, Becky Hunter, James Hunter, Jen Gaudet, Michelle Bekus, Evan Bekus, Richard Woodward, Al Rose, Dolina Meaden, Debbie Robichaud, May LeBlanc, Padre Murry, Glenn Baird, Mona Baird, Wil Bech, Stan Bekus, Jane Bekus and Mike Murry.

### Adult Craft Club

Sun. 28 May, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Community Centre Craft Room

Craft: Garden glove doll

Cost: Free/Members,

\$3.50/Non-Members

Materials list may be picked up in the WGCA office

Mon-Fri 0730-1200 hrs.

### Teen Dance

Saturday, 20 May

Large multi-purpose room A & B

Fitness/Community Centre

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Cost: \$1.00/WGCA members,

\$4.00/non-members

For more info call Mona at 339-4627



### Family Bingo

Sunday, 7 May, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Large Multi-Purpose Room

.25¢/card WGCA Members,

\$.25/first card Non-Members,

.25¢/each additional card Non-Members

For more info call Debbi @ 339-

6317 or Rhonda @ 890-7535

## Pet Corner

With the onset of nicer weather, more and more dogs will be seen on leash taking their owners out for their daily walk. Please remember that failure to remove defecation from public or private property other than the owners can lead to a \$30.00 fine as stated in Wing Standing Orders 2-07 para 24i.

Please carry a bag with you so that you may clean up any "presents" left by your pet and dispose of them in the proper refuse container.



### COUNTRY J AMBREEE

SATURDAY, 13 MAY

6-8 P.M.

LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM A & B

.50¢/WGCA MEMBER, \$1.50/NON-MEMBER

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

DOLINA @ 890-0679 OR SHELLEY @ 339-4169



**COURTENAY FLIGHT CENTER**  
**YOUR FLIGHT TRAINING SPECIALIST!**  
**338-9814**  
 or contact  
 MWO CYRIL RODGERS LOC 8501,  
 MAJ TONY APPELS LOC 8175 OR  
 CWO JOHN MERCER LOC 8723

**27' Prowler**

Posted, must sell. 1979 model with fridge, stove, full bathroom. Sleeps 8. \$3,900 o.b.o. 890-0350 <2/2>

**Autos**

1992 VW Jetta GTX 16V 2L, 5 spd, 4-door, Air, Cruise, ABS, Sunroof, Ski bag, Recaro seats, BBS, new rubber 133K. One owner. \$10,500. 339-1725 <2/2>

1997 Dodge Caravan. 73,000 Km. Ex. cond. inside and out. Asking \$13,800 obo. 339-6998 <2/2>

81 Citation, drives good. Asking \$400. Call Nancy or Jim 339-3710 <1/2>

1989 Toyota Corolla LE, ex. cond. five speed, 183K, burgundy, new tires, repair manual. \$4,800. Call 334-9412 <1/2>

**House for Sale**

6 yrs. old, 1500 sq.ft. Duplex in Puntledge Park area. 3 Bedrooms, ensuite, 2-1/2 baths. Shed, fenced backyard. Diane 339-6689 or loc 8751. <2/2>

**Miscellaneous**

Black leather jacket, size 12, ex. cond. 339-1725. <2/2>

Puzzle ring (man's) from Damascus, Syria - 8 strands, 12 diamonds, 14 carat. Appraised \$1,500, asking \$600 o.b.o. Never worn. 338-6390 or 334-2885. <2/2>

Backyard fence with green plastic fencing and pressure treated wooden frame. Asking \$100. 339-3710 <1/2>

**AUTO FOR SALE**  
 1991 Dodge Caravan (Black Cherry) 5-passenger, automatic, new valves & reconditioned head, new tires, regularly maintained. Asking \$5,500 o.b.o. Phone 338-5591

**\$1 CARWASH**

A 24-hour carwash is available to all base personnel. The Auto Club carwash is located next to Clothing Stores. Hot soap, hot wax and a cold rinse - all supplied for a loonie.

**Choristers Wanted**

Singers required for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel (RC) choir, 19 Wing Comox. Practices are Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m.

For more info, please contact: Charlotte Harvey (choir director) 897-09856

**Wanted!**

Fastball players for local ladies team. Call Brenda at 338-1956. <2/2>

**House for Sale**

Spacious, bright 2380 sq.ft. custom built home in Foxwood, only minutes from CFB Comox. Mountain and pasture view with wraparound covered verandah. Many features and extras. \$238,200. For viewing call 250-339-6106 or e-mail for more info: sabodak@mars.ark.com

**Townhouses for Rent**

\$610/month. 4 B.R. Comox T.H. Newly decorated. Near new frig, stove, F.P. Playground. No pets. Close to school and shops 338-0061

**Super Camping guide released**

BC Lodging and Campground has released the new Super Camping guide, designed to assist RV travellers in BC to find top class campgrounds. It features listings of private campground which have been thoroughly inspected and passed as "Approved Accommodation" by Tourism BC. The guide also lists provincial parks that offer camping facilities; RV dealers who offer service and supplies and RV rental companies that are members of the RV Dealers Association of BC.

To obtain a FREE copy of the Super Camping 2000 Guide the general public can visit any Tourism BC approved travel info centre or call the Association direct at 604-945-7676.

You can also search the listings at www.camping.bc.ca. More than just a site of lists, it features camping tips, circle tours, regional tourism information supplied by partners of the travel.cb.ca site, postcards to e-mail to fellow campers and links to other camping sites of interest.

**Jake's Trivia Answers**

1. Jimmie Foxx (6).
2. Mike Powell, 29 feet 4-1/2 inches.
3. Greg LeMond (3).

**French Courses**

The following French courses are available this year:  
 PL4 (or PL3) May 8 - June 9 (Mon-Fri: 0730 - 1530)  
 Specific skills June 12 - 30 (Mon-Fri: 0730 - 1530)  
 Additional courses and/or different levels can be run if there is sufficient interest.  
 DND military and civilian personnel, as well as military dependents are encouraged to apply using the P drive:  
 P:ALLUSERLANGUAGETRAININGREGISTRATION.DOC.  
 or call Dr. Fathi at 8828.

**RCAF Airwomen's Reunion & History Book**

In June 2001, RCAF Airwomen will hold their 5th Reunion in Halifax. Since this will also be the 50th Anniversary of the first Airwomen in the peacetime RCAF, a book will be published to mark the occasion. Were you an Airwoman? If so, you must have treasured memories. Were you a "first," or do you know someone who was? Were you on a winning sports team? Do you have any experiences, anecdotes, or other stories to share?

Please let us know so we can include them in our history book. Contact us at: Airwomen's Reunion Committee Box 216, Kingston, NS B0P 1R0 Fax: 1-902-765-5747 (Greenwood Museum/Attention: Airwomen) E-mail: millic.oneil@ns.sympatico.ca

**C-V Newcomers' Club**

Monthly meeting Mon. 8 May, 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay. The club is open to women who have moved to the Comox Valley during the last two years. This is the last meeting before the summer break and will consist of a short business meeting, election of officers and a Potluck. Some club activities will continue through the summer. For more info call Karen 703-2611 or Dorothy 897-1089.



Sign up on B.C.'s New Organ Donor Registry.

Your driver's license decal is no longer enough.

It's easy to register. Fill out the Organ Donor Registry Card and mail it to BCTA. You will not receive a confirmation and will only be contacted if there is a problem with your Registration Card.

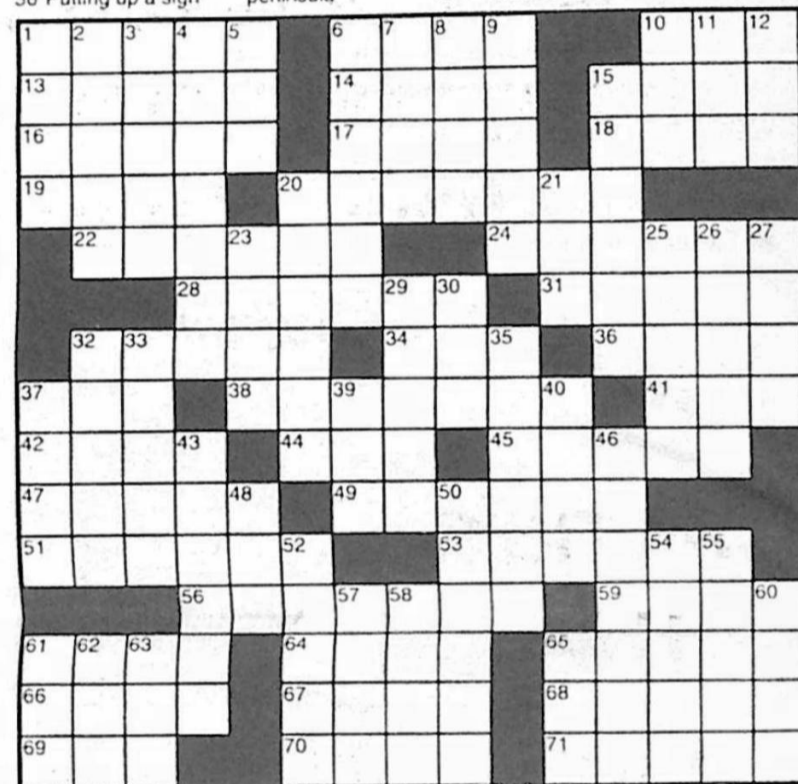
For more information call: 1-800-663-6189 or visit the web at: www.transplant.bc.ca

**TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

ACROSS  
 1 Cay  
 6 Snow boots  
 10 Summit  
 13 Licorice  
 14 Flavoring  
 14 Felpe or Maltz  
 15 Filled tortilla  
 16 Bird that honks  
 17 Become  
 18 Ceremony  
 19 Chaplin's wife  
 20 "Dudley Do-Right" villain  
 22 Cupid's beloved  
 24 Withstand  
 28 Archmedes' shout  
 31 Aquatic mammal  
 32 Juan's father  
 34 Under the weather  
 36 Reasonable  
 37 Mover's vehicle  
 38 Gulp down  
 41 "The Thin Man" actress Myrna  
 42 Sometimes they go on trips?  
 44 - Paulo, Brazil  
 45 Faun  
 47 Plane spotter  
 49 Tomato jellies  
 51 Iron deficiency  
 53 Sufficient  
 56 Putting up a sign

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 1 Othello's foe  
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 3 Circus roarers  
 4 Tired  
 5 Golfer's peg  
 6 Great Plains Indian  
 7 Jai  
 8 String  
 9 Excellent  
 10 - chi (self-defense art)  
 11 Autumn mo. actress Myrna  
 12 "The Flaven" author  
 15 Rendezvous  
 20 Mouselike animals  
 21 Baseballer  
 23 Mongrels  
 25 Boot-shaped peninsula  
 26 Mexican mister  
 27 Low card  
 29 Metric weights  
 30 Everything  
 32 "Love Song"  
 33 Battery terminal  
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Canadian Cancer Society's Cancer Information Service 1-888-939-3333 English and French service provided by information Specialists

Willow Breast Cancer Support & Resource Services 1-888-778-3100 English service provided by survivors French service available upon request

**For Civilian and Military Personnel Employee Assistance Program**

Do you have a problem that affects your work performance, or threatens to do so? Can think of nowhere to turn?

If you feel motivated towards a change for the better, call either one of your current referral agents (RAs)

Stéphanie Gray @ 8296 (or use e-mail)

Finn Schultz-Lorentzen @ 8379 (or use e-mail)

Full confidentiality guaranteed EAP Room, call 7035

Hours of Operation - 19 Wing Medical Clinic  
 Monday to Friday 0730 - 1530 hrs.  
 Sick Parade  
 Weekends and Stat Holidays 0930 - 1030 hrs.

**Next Deadlines Advertising: 10 May Articles: 12 May, noon**

**CANEX News**

We've enjoyed a few weeks of beautiful spring weather but now it seems that winter's trying to make a comeback. Hopefully, it's only temporary and we can all get back to our yard work and plans for camping, etc.

Joe has taken a week off to enjoy time with his daughter and her family who are here for a short holiday from Alberta. Donna and Al have enjoyed their daughter and grandson Sawyer's stay for a few months. Needless to say, Donna is missing Sawyer terribly and is taking every opportunity to go see him in Vancouver. She really misses having a baby around to rock and

cuddle. Nancy and Joe have both celebrated birthdays in the last few weeks. Manon G and her family have enjoyed a few weeks in Quebec.

If you've been in to see us here at CANEX lately, you have undoubtedly noticed us all dressed in our bright red shorts. It shouldn't be too difficult to spot a CANEX staff member now when you're in need of some help. Just don't bring any angry bulls in!

New stock is still rolling in through the warehouse doors, keeping Dwayne and Sue (just to name a few) very busy. Ladies, if you're looking for brand names at low prices, the CANEX has it!

We have another sale coming up just in time for Mothers' Day. Our Customer Appreciation Day sale runs from May 18 to 21.

The Personal Insurance Co. is offering a contest, open until September 30. Enter to win any of the following great prizes:

Grand Prize - Suzuki Grand Vitari; 2nd Prize - choose a Suzuki Marauder 800 Motorcycle or a Suzuki Quad Runner 500 ATC; 3rd Prize - One of 26 Sony Playstation with games package (one prize per base). Details and contest rules in store.

Star Movie is having another promotion. Movie Night in Canada runs from 1 - 31 May. Rent a New Release for \$1.99 Monday to Thursday.

Come in and see us at CANEX where friendly service, Advantage Pricing and interest free credit plans are waiting for you.

**Please note CANEX new Sunday hours starting May 7: 0900 - 2100 hrs.**



**888 Wingnotes - By Norm Blondel**

**Dawna's the One**



**Smokeless Wing**

In other 888 Wing news, the new Executive was elected at the AGM on April 5, the new President being Jim Lucas, 1st VP Don McNabb, new 2nd VP George Potvin, new R&P chair Joyce Hollowell, replacement Sgt-at-Arms Fred Maniak, and all other positions remain the same, except for our CF Liaison Member, position vacant. After some lively discussion, it was decided to keep the Wing smoke-free inside, any possible amendments awaiting action by Workers Comp. Our major social event of the year is the 22nd Annual Charter Ball. At deadline time, some tickets were still available at the bar, so my advice is either to call 339-0888 after 12 noon, or hustle over with your \$25.00 per ticket. Ventura Highway is playing, and they are G-o-o-o-o-d! So is the meal and guest speaker. Wear something nice. *Contrails* deadline is 10-13 May; get your articles in. On July 1 we are putting in a float for the parade in Courtenay. Contact Mini MacDonald (339-0818) if you would like to march, in an old RCAF uniform or 888 Wing regalia. Membership Chair Al Scott reports we have 582 members, 500 regular, 82 Associate. Membership renewals are due by June 30. Be an Early Bird and qualify for a ONE YEAR PAID MEMBERSHIP if you pay your renewal fee of \$45.00 by May 31. Note: A.F.A.C. is issuing stickers now, so submit your 1999 membership card with your renewal request. For upcoming events, check out the ad on this page. We are working on a scheme to also put our events calendar in a recorded telephone message, available as a "Press One" when you call the Wing. Wait for it.

Dawna developed her computer crafts during her typesetter tour at the TotemTimes, 1961-1963, where her workmanship and ideas, including some articles, contributed to the Best Newspaper awards of that era. Her clear singing voice is another asset to the Wing, usually demonstrated on Battle of Britain and Remembrance Day functions, in conjunction with the "Andrew Sisters," a talented lip-synce group formed by Wing ladies. Dawna has been described as "Our own Very Lynn."



The New Executive of 888 (Komox) RCAF Wing stands ready, (L-R): Ray Fournier, Treasurer; George Potvin, 2nd VP; Joyce Hollowell, R&P Chair; Jack Bradley, Housekeeping; Don McNabb, 1st VP; David Bevs, Past-President; Norm Blondel, Publicity; Fred Maniak, Sgt-at-Arms; Juanita Tressel, Secretary; Mini Mac-Donald, Welfare and President Jim Lucas.

**Royal Canadian Legion**

**Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)**

Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.  
 May 05 Andrew Schmidt  
 May 12 Alley Cats  
 May 19 Country Cousins

**Special Events:**

Early Mothers' Day Celebration - 7 May  
 BBQ 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
 Baby photo contest - cutest baby & match babies to adults.  
 Memory lane entertainment. Name That Tune at 2:00 p.m.  
 Come on out and have some fun.  
 Sunday Crib Tournament: 28 May  
 Registration 12:30 p.m. Play commences 1:00 p.m.  
 General Meeting: 24 May, 7:30 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.  
 May 5 Gord Kruger & Friends  
 May 12 Larry Ho & Jive V  
 May 19 Alley Cats

**Special Event:**

Sunday, May 14 Mothers' Day Band 2-6 p.m.  
 Lounge Island Country  
 General Meeting:  
 Thursday, May 18 at new start time - 7:30 p.m.

Call Branch office Mon - Fri at 339-2022 for more info.

**888 (KOMOX) RCAF WING**

**Air Force Association of Canada Calendar of Events**

Charter Ball, May 6, \$25.00 each, 6:00 p.m. for 7:00, semi-formal.  
 Mothers' Day BBQ, May 14, 5:00 p.m. Tickets on sale NOW!  
 Garage Sale, May 20. Bring items the night before.  
 Lobster Night, May 28, 6:00 p.m. for 7:00. Tickets 10 May.  
 No seating plan, buy your own tickets and COME EARLY!  
 Sunday Brunches & Games: First Sunday each month.  
 Pub Grub Fridays - Horse Racing, Darts, Cards.  
 Regular Force Members Welcome!

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 at 9:00 p.m. if there are no customers, at the discretion of the Bar Manager.



Safety Management Course 7-9 March 2000

# Heritage Happenings

# Comox Tower 1943-2000



Handover parade 27 April 1945. Original control tower in the background.

## In the Beginning



A controller scans a line of expeditors parked on the tarmac.

In September of 1943 a flying control unit from No.32 Operational Training Unit (RAF) at Patricia Bay was sent to Comox to provide contact with aircraft during their training flights. At the time, Comox had approximately 3000ft. of useable runway. #7 Hangar now occupies the location of the very first Control Tower. RCAF Station Comox was reactivated 1 June 1952. On 21 July 1952 the Flight Control Tower commenced operations with F/O R.L. Green acting as Senior Flight Control Officer. In October of 1954 construction commenced on the then "new" control tower to be located on the north side of the airfield. This construction was completed on 25 January 1957 and aerodrome control has been conducted from this facility ever since. The Instrument Flight Rules Communications and Control Center was built beside the Tower location in the early 80's. In July of 1998 the Wing broke ground on the current "new" control tower overlooking the 11<sup>th</sup> hole of the golf course on the southeast side of the airfield. Unlike the old tower, which took over three years to build, construction would be completed in a year and a half. Installation of equipment is due to be completed shortly and operations should commence from the new location in July.

*(Photos courtesy of Comox Air Force Museum)*



Over the years the tower has worn a coat of "many colors."



The tower is prepared for an equipment update in the 80's. Note the mobile control tower in the background.

## 1957-2000



Comox Air Traffic Control prior to 1968.

## 2000 and beyond

*(Photos by Wing Imaging)*



Maj Pacowski, WATCO, and WO Brown assist the Wing Comd in cutting the ribbon.



CWO Dupuis signs the guest book.



What a view!



Construction completed April 2000.



### Comox Air Force Museum

*Dedicated to the preservation of West Coast aviation heritage and history*

located at the entrance to CFB Comox

Open weekends & holidays

10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

