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MND visits Cadets

Cadet Gliding School

By Maj Rob Wilson, RGS(P) PAO

The Minister of National Defence, the Hon Art Eggleton paid a visit to the Regional Gliding School Cadet Summer Training Centre at 19 Wing on August 9. Rear Admiral Ron Buck, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific Command, who bears the responsibility for the entire cadet organization in B.C. accompanied him on his visit.

RGS (Pacific) CO, LCol Tom Byrne, said the minister's tour "went very well. He was very relaxed and seemed to enjoy the odd anecdote with the cadets." The minister visited about twenty glider pilot students attending an Aero Medical lecture in one of the school's classrooms. He seemed surprised when he learned that some of the students were from the Ottawa and Montreal areas. He spoke with several of the cadets in both English and French.

After visiting two other classrooms filled with Introduction to Aviation course cadets, Mr. Eggleton and Admiral Buck made a quick stop at the new Wing recreation facility and then headed to the new Regional Cadet Air Operations hangar, which was officially opened in April of this year. Then it was out to the field for a flight in the RGS(P) gliders. LCol Hatch flew a demonstration flight with the Minister while LCol Tom Byrne took Admiral Buck up for a flight in another glider.

After his glider flight, the Defense Minister commented to LCol Byrne "I think it's just terrific what you and your staff are doing for these young people." LCol Byrne said later, the Minister and the Admiral enjoyed their rides and they noted that learning to fly is a wonderful challenge for the cadets.



Minister of National Defense Art Eggleton is briefed by Flight Instructor 2Lt Steve Judge prior to his glider flight piloted by LCol Gord Hatch, Deputy Commanding Officer, Regional Gliding School.

HMCS Quadra

by Lt(N) Bush

Accompanied by Rear Admiral R.B. Buck, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, the Minister was transported from the Comox Marina jetty to HMCS QUADRA, where a 17 gun General Salute greeted him aboard.

Following this, the party embarked on a walking tour of the ship to view cadet activities. During the "walkabout" the MND took many opportunities to speak to cadets about their activities and where they came from.

RAdm Buck also took the opportunity to speak to cadets, one of which was presented when the Minister was being "scrummed"

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Sar Techs earn their wings

By Buzz Bourdon DNEWS

Capping what was probably the toughest year of their lives, ten newly minted Search and Rescue Technicians were awarded their wings and orange berets in a ceremony held at 19 Wing Comox on July 27.

In front of about 120 family members, friends and staff of the CF School of Search and Rescue, each candidate from Course 34 stepped proudly forward to have his wings pinned to his chest by Maj Gen J.S. Lucas, the commander of 1 Canadian Air Division.

The commandant of the school, CWO Fred Ritchie, then presented each man with his coveted orange beret, the symbol that proclaims that the wearer is now part of arguably the most elite trade in the Canadian Forces.

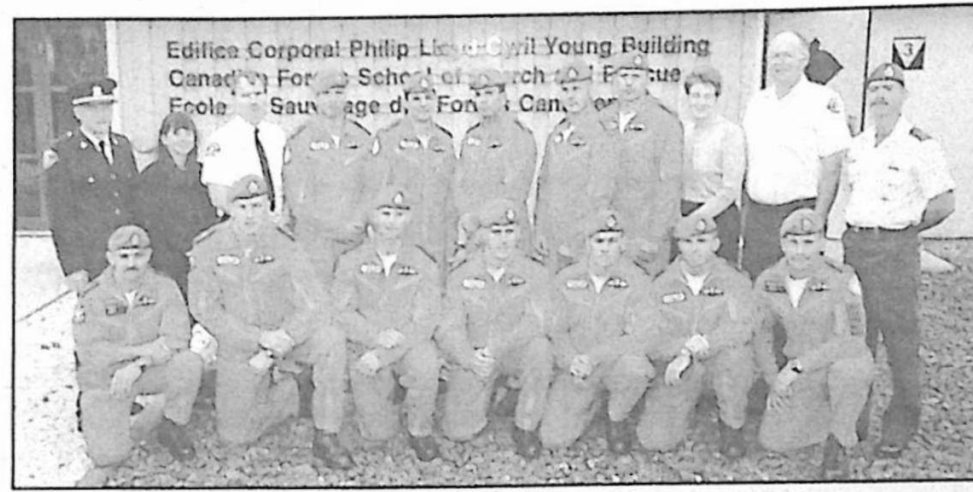
Bad weather cancelled the mass jump of the ten graduates and eight instructors, originally scheduled to kick off the graduation parade. Instead, the ceremony was held in the Corporal Phillip Lloyd Young Building, named after one of ten SAR Techs who have lost their lives over 53 years. It was an emotional parade for all concerned, from the

women who missed their mates for months on end to the children who didn't have daddy to come home to after school. The only leave the candidates received was three weeks off last Christmas and a week in March.

After some hard-earned leave, Cpls Daryl LeCompte, Jason MacKinnon, Steve Bedard and Yves St-Denis will report to 413 Squadron in Greenwood. Cpls Ron Barrow, Morgan Bideman and Conrad Cowan will remain in Comox with 442 Squadron, while Cpls Denis Galipeau, Dana Kelly and Rob Valenti will go to 424 Squadron in Trenton.

To re-muster to SAR Tech, candidates must be at least corporals with four years in the military. Every time the Air Force asks for volunteers for an upcoming SAR Tech course, it is deluged with hundreds of applications. The hard part is narrowing them down to the 10-15 people eventually selected for the course, which used to be only six months long.

The trade originated in 1945 when Course One and Two graduated 23 highly trained para-rescue jumpers.



Back row (L to R): Ryan Shelborne, Lorie McAvoy, Gord Galloway, Cpls Rob Valenti, Denis Galipeau, Dana Kelly, Steve Bedard, Morgan Bideman, Penny Clark-Richardson, Dan Cameron, WO Yves Carignan. Front row: Sgt John Oakes, Cpls Daryl LeCompte, Yves St-Denis, Ron Barrow, Jason MacKinnon, Conrad Cowan, MWO Ron Burke.

Wop May, the famous bush pilot who learned to fly as a fighter pilot during the First World War, decided the Royal Canadian Air Force needed a small, elite group of parachutists trained in para-medicine who could jump down to a crash site and render medical assistance to a casualty while waiting for evacuation. Unfortunately, the RCAF disbanded its infant search and rescue organization at the end of the war, only to reform it two years later on June 18, 1947 when it was given formal responsibility for search and rescue in

Canada and her territorial waters. Course 3 graduated around the same time. The 30-minute ceremony at 19 Wing Comox was the culmination of a year of blood, sweat and tears for Course 34, which started August 23, 1999. Sadly, two of the original candidates did not make it to the end.

The ten graduates are now qualified Paramedic Level II from the Justice Institute of British Columbia and experts in parachute

jumping, diving, sea, field and air operations, mountain climbing, arctic survival and ground searches, just to name some specialties.

Sgt John Oakes, a graduate of Course 25 in 1988, was the current course NCO. "It's a year out of my life. I got to know them really well. It's nice to see the different personalities and the different skills that (they) provide to the trade. (It was) a very proud moment of accomplishment (for

me) watching ten successful SAR Tech graduates walk out with their wings."

During the course, the candidates knew that if they failed, it was entirely possible that their parent trade might not take them back. That would lead to release from the Canadian Forces, said Sgt Oakes. "(But) it's never happened," he said. On the 1988 course, he added, a candidate was failed during the last week of the course.

The next SAR Tech course is scheduled to start in September 2001. The selection process, which will be held in January or February, will see 20-24 people fighting for 12 slots on the course. "A 14-day pre-selection phase will be held at Jarvis Lake, Alberta.

The instructors will select 12 candidates for the course. It will be better to see the candidates face-to-face and not have to depend on a paper file to pick them. You get to actually assess their physical and psychological abilities," said Sgt Oakes.

Wing Admin Change of Command

On 12 July, Col Neumann presided over the Change of Command Ceremony between the outgoing Wing Administration Officer, LCol Mike Spooner (left) and LCol Gary Reaume who will now assume control of the very diversified and busy Administration Branch.



The Wing Commander praised the outstanding support provided by LCol Spooner and his staff over the last three years. In his true fashion LCol Spooner gave an inspiring and humble speech in which he thanked his staff for their dedication and numerous accomplishments in times of

serious personnel reductions and constant changes.

LCol Reaume returns to 19 Wing after a one-year absence on French Language Training. Our new W Admin O will soon get busy spearheading many upcoming projects for the welfare of our personnel.

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Twice a year, the Buffaloes of 442 Sqn migrate north to the Yukon and Alaska. In these 4-5 day migrations they rediscover old watering holes, observe the feeding and mating rituals of the local inhabitants and hone their own survival skills in this unique and often harsh environment. This particular mission was to include instrument and visual flight route checks, a training session with the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) in Whitehorse and some logistic support for a RCMP detachment in the isolated native settlement of Old Crow.

Leaving Comox in mid July, we proceeded to Whitehorse, a five-hour trip with planned instrument approaches in Prince Rupert and Juneau Alaska. The weather was not particularly conducive to sightseeing and, in fact, we were faced with several 'holds' at the enroute airports due to traffic backing up as they attempted to land in poor weather at these sites. We did manage to navigate in visual weather conditions along the gold rush trail from Skagway to Whitehorse and, upon landing, we received an urgent message to contact the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) in Victoria. RCC had been alerted that there was an electronic distress signal originating in the area of Shingle Point on the Arctic Ocean - could we go investigate? Cleverly, we had configured the aircraft for just such a contingency and had included two self-inflating rescue devices (known as SAR Techs) who were already eagerly yipping and straining at their leashes. Ah, the thrill of hearing the familiar mantra "Rescue! Rescue!"

Quickly unloading non-essential personnel and equipment, filled with fuel and loaded for bear (if we only knew!) we launched off

to our destination two and a half hours away. Communications with RCC were spotty on the HF radios, but we learned that a CASARA aircraft from Inuvik had determined that there was a camp in the general vicinity of this distress beacon and people nearby were anxiously waving their arms.

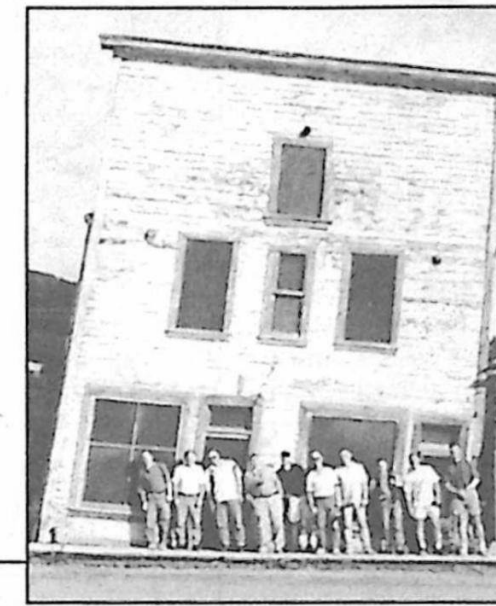
Arriving in the search area, we homed the emergency beacon and discovered a group camped on the shores of a deep and narrow river valley. Perfect Buffalo country! A civilian helicopter tasked to support us arrived shortly thereafter and, upon landing, relayed to us that a hunter had been severely wounded by a gunshot in his upper thigh. Complicating the issue, grizzly bears had recently been sighted in the area! The SAR Techs, already prepped for Rescue and literally loaded for Bear," parachuted into the site and were quickly followed by an airdrop of medical supplies. The patient was stabilized and then transported by the waiting helicopter to Inuvik where the Buffalo then retrieved the now deflated but elated SAR Techs. We returned to Whitehorse completing a long 17-hour workday that provided us all with the best training we could ask for!

The following day was to include a training session with the Whitehorse CASARA but due to the poor weather this event was cancelled and we continued on to Dawson City, the next stop on our northern mission. Dawson City is one of the most incredible places in Canada. As a National Historic Site, it is a living testament to the days of the Klondike Gold Rush and hosts tourists from all over the world. Peter Jenkins, owner of the Eldorado Ho-

tel and the MLA for this area of the Yukon, met us at the airport and regaled us with stories and local facts on our 15-minute drive into town. On the way we passed a mounted RCMP officer in red serge riding proudly on a stallion, reminiscent of days gone by. My first impression of the town was that I had been thrown into a western movie. The streets were not paved due to the effects of permafrost, the sidewalks were wooden boardwalks and many of the turn of the century buildings had been preserved. After a quick check-in at the hotel, many of us proceeded out to the site of Bonanza Creek - the original gold find. We wandered around the National Historic Site Dredge #4, a massive wooden hulled dredge that excavated its way up the small creek as it dug up the placer deposits with huge iron buckets for separation into gold inside its enormous

442 goes to Yukon

By Lt McMahon



hull. Our next stop was more leisurely and involved an exploration of many saloons and shops in Dawson. A must-see was the Downtown Hotel, home of the Sourdough Saloon and the famous drink the Sourdough Toe Cocktail. Some of us, leaving that delightful spot, fairly well preserved I might add, then proceeded to Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall. An officially licensed casino, this "hall" provides Gold Rush type entertainers performing the songs and dances favoured during the Gold Rush Days. Of course all the hotel employees are dressed in the manner of the early 1900s. Interestingly, Dawson City was also host to a Bikers convention so a more modern form of entertainment was provided on the streets and in the bars that evening.

The next morning we were off to the most north and westerly community in

Canada. Old Crow, situated on the Porcupine River close to the Alaska-Yukon border, is an isolated native settlement of 150 people. To reach this site you must travel by air, or alternately navigate by skidoo in the winter and boat in the summer. It is bordered by arctic tundra, mountainous terrain and wide rivers and is on the migratory route of the Barrens Caribou. Arriving at Old Crow, we announced our presence with drops of simulated emergency equipment and the SAR Techs performed another parachute drop. Upon landing, we were met by RCMP Constable Tom Wyers and Darren Michels. Having one of the new vehicles in town, they gave us a short tour of the settlement (boasting 2 km of gravel road) and their detachment. Old Crow is notorious for its mosquitoes, black flies and horseflies but a cool "killing" summer had killed off many of these pests. We thus were able to enjoy a picnic style lunch at the local de-

tachment. There we were regaled with fascinating stories of what it is like to live and police in the Canadian North. Some of the police work is reminiscent of the traditional work done by the Northwest Mounted Police. Life here is definitely made for people who like the outdoors, providing wonderful opportunities to fish and hunt.

After our visit, we then proceeded to Inuvik to retrieve some of our rescue equipment used several days earlier and then it was back to Dawson City for some much-deserved rest before our last and long flight home.

This northern trainer was certainly a success from all points of view with the live rescue providing a particular bonus to the mission. All crewmembers were unanimous on what a great learning experience it provided. Personally, I feel very privileged as a Canadian to have had the chance to see northern Canada with all its distinctive beauty and to meet the extremely friendly and hardy people who live there. I would recommend a northern adventure like this one to any and everyone!

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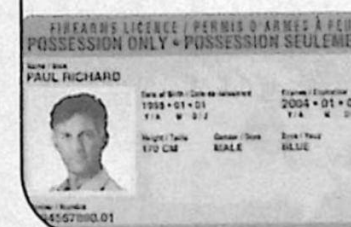
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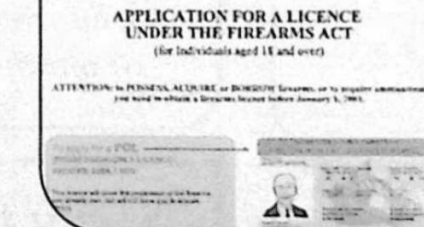
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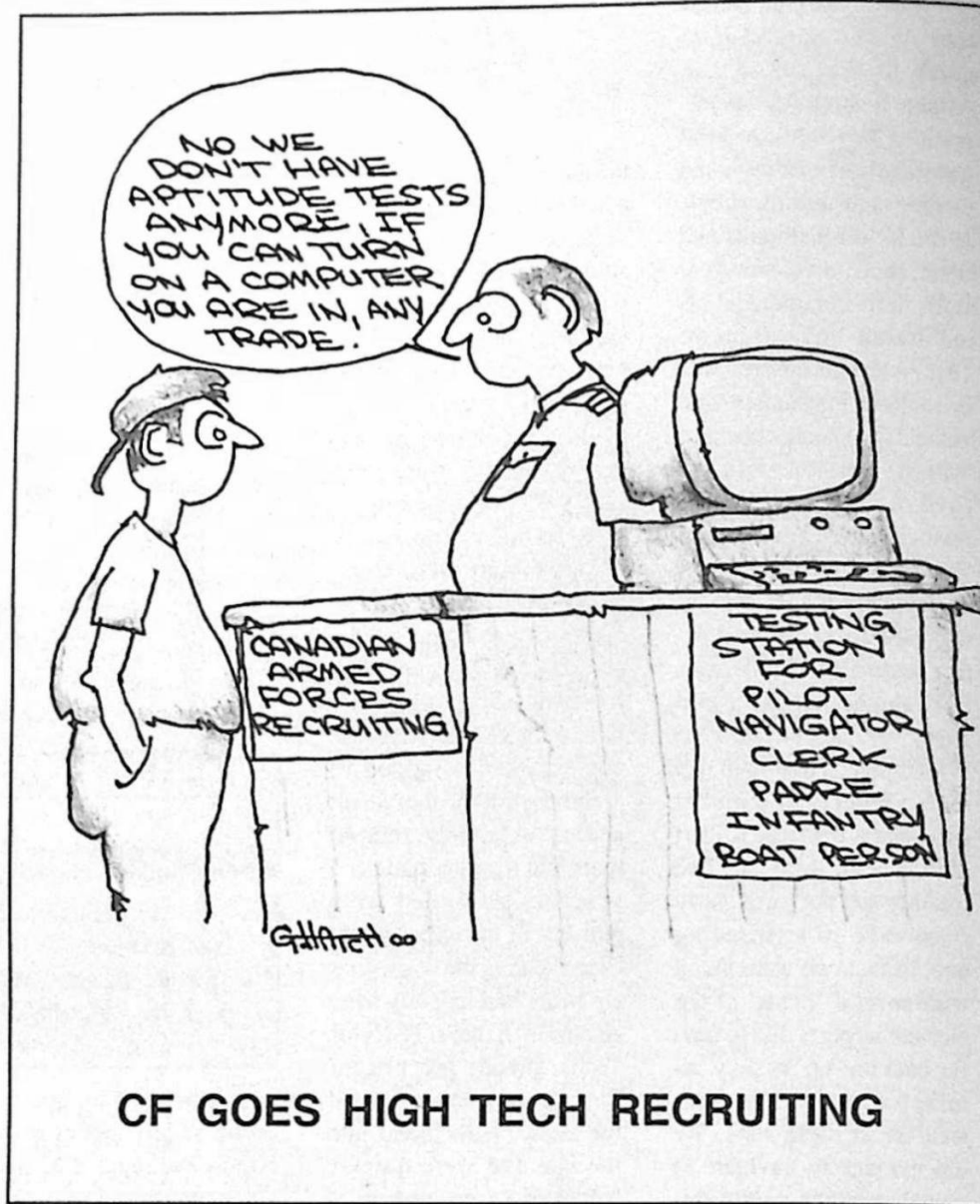
The cart seems to have come before the horse if you think back to the cartoon in the last edition of the Totem Times. It referred to the results of a reader survey of the Totem Times that indicated that 92% of the readers use the paper as a Fish Wrapper! (I thought there was a shortage of fish!) Well actually, we've never had a survey. Maybe we were afraid of what you might actually say.

Regardless, since we are in the re-engineering, restructuring, revitalizing mode around here, we decided a reader survey was a good idea. Thanks for the idea Gord. We have been making changes, as you will note from the advertising in this issue and the new column format (count them, there used to be five and now there are six). But, before we get too far down the road of no return, we would like to give you a chance to tell us what areas are important to you. It is *your* paper.

So fill out the survey and send it to us via the base mail or at the address in the masthead on this page. Nil response indicates approval of the status quo (or that nobody is reading).

LCol M.R. Spooner

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Challenges for 1 CAD

Winnipeg – Three major challenges face 1 Canadian Air Division (1 CAD) according to its new leader who assumed command during a ceremony at 1 CAD Headquarters on July 19.

MGen Steven Lucas, a navigator with 31 years in the CF, sees reducing unexpected attrition, maintaining operational excellence and optimally configuring 1 CAD Headquarters as his priorities for a strong and vital air force.

The air division is only three years old and still needs to be tweaked in certain areas before it reaches its best possible configuration, according to MGen Lucas. "We've done a tremendous variety of activities over the past couple of years, and it's been a delight to see how well our people

have performed," said MGen Lucas. "Maintaining this kind of operational excellence continues to be one of our primary goals."

He's also concerned with the unexpected loss of highly skilled personnel to industry. It's no secret that the air force faces some serious challenges in keeping flight crews and skilled personnel in uniform. This is especially true for an organization that must grow its leadership from within. "You simply cannot find people in the civilian workforce who have the experience and skill-sets we need," said MGen Lucas. "If we need someone with 10 or 20 years experience in our business, we needed to start training that person 10 or 20 years ago." This is what makes retaining our leaders for to-

morrow so important. While he recognizes that money is an issue, the new 1 CAD commander believes that may not be the most important part of the retention equation. CF members' quality of life and job satisfaction are much more important in his view. Making the air force a great place to work will help recruit and retain the high-calibre people needed.

The key, says the commander, is providing air force personnel a balance between being on operations abroad, training at home, being with their families and receiving opportunities for professional development. Recognizing outstanding contributions air force personnel make is part of this plan.

"It is easy to find volun-

teers to be the first in the door," said MGen Lucas. "It's when you've got folks with medals that have three, four, and five on them (indicating repeated overseas tours)...that's when it begins to wear people down."

It is a difficult balance to strike, but one that is essential for the air force's future success.



1 CAD Comd's Change of Command parade, 19 July, in Winnipeg. MGen Lucas, new Comd 1 CAD, shakes LGen Campbell's hand. USAF Gen R. Eberhart, CINC NORAD, looks on. (Photo by Cpl Robert Le Boeuf, 17 Wing Imaging section.)

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Highest monthly temperature	28.5°C on 21st
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Total monthly rainfall	33.0 mm
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Thanks from SAR Course #34



By Sgt John Oakes

On 27 July, ten new members were officially inducted into the Search and Rescue trade. After eleven months and ten phases of training, the ten successful candidates achieved the requirements necessary to bring them to wings standard and be presented the scarlet beret. As NCO i/c, I would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all sections at 19 Wing Comox who supported CFSSAR during this last QLSA course.

From fitness to needles, transport (MSE, ground crews and pilots) to airfield control, pay and leave to ID's and vehicle passes, family moves to single quarter march outs, construction projects at Jarvis Lake to the maintenance of our life support equipment, and the troops just don't perform without being fed and watered. You were the people who made things happen behind the scenes. A very special thank you goes out to Wing Supply and Wing Imaging for another great year of support and services. Too many names to mention, but your profes-

sionalism and dedication is well noted. To the graduates of Course # 34, never forget where you came from or what got you to this next stage in your career. Your learning curve has only begun. The "TOOL BOX" of skills and techniques, that you have been taught over the last eleven months, must now be put into an operational role. Just when you thought it was all over, a new cadre of instructors will take over to bring you to the next level – that of being an operational team member. You now have to uphold that ultimate and final goal:

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Sir Cedric Says...



Good Day all you fine armoured Knights. The lance has been dipped in just a bit of ink so that the great staff at the Totem Times can squeeze our little voice into a busy edition. We have just got an update from Marty in the Golan. The bet was who ever lost the golf game; they would have to shave their head. It was between WO Tim Aldridge and Marty Truchon. The WO's handicap is 5 and Marty's is 9. They played Sunday July 23 and Marty lost by a tiny four strokes. WO Aldridge sold tickets to see who would have the honour of doing the shaving. He raised US\$100 for the Israeli and Syrian Children's Fund. We all hope Marty doesn't forget his hat next time he goes golfing.

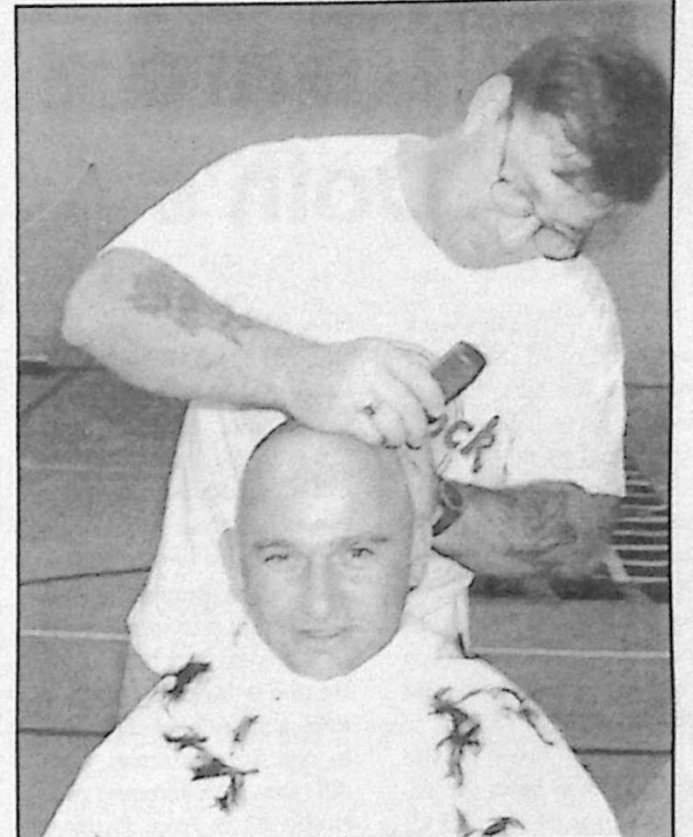
Sgt Smith has a new pet at home (so we hear). He is accepting any and all insects you can find. If you need to get a hold of him at night, check the edge of the road, he'll be the one on all fours with a flashlight.

A huge Black Knight congratulations to Janet and Paul for tying the proverbial knot. Way to go you two. The entire squadron wishes you the best life has to offer together.

Congratulations are in order as well to Cpl Walters on his acceptance to remuster as ACS. And PC-2 is sad to see Cpl Andrews shift to the end of the hangar and become part of the Pod Shop. I hear the guys in there all glow a bit at night. Maybe they could help Sgt Smith find insects for his lizard.

The last two jets came out of Kelowna and arrive 11 August in their new black attire. Yes, the young pilots will be able to call 20-mile Judy's while the more experience ones can now call it at six miles.

That is all for now. Sir Cedric hopes all your summer plans are coming together and remember, shiny side up. Wait, I had another thought to write but a glider just flew over and I lost my train of thought!



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Minister visits Quadra

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by a local reporter. RAdm Buck engaged in his favourite game of "Navy Trivia Pursuit," asking many questions about the 12-pound naval gun to the gun crew that was cleaning it at the time. By doing so, he ably demonstrated how effectively someone in his position and rank could communicate at all levels.

To conclude the visit, the MND and RAdm Buck were taken on a sea voyage by the Captain in order that they could see the Quadra Op area.



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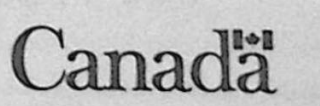
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Demon Doin's

Demon Doin's this week finds most of 407 Squadron enjoying the lazy days of summer leave. The obvious exceptions to this are the unfortunate few who remain behind as Canada's last line of Coastal defence. Operational deployments like RIMPAC and the High-seas Driftnet have given way to Maritime Patrols and crew training.

The big news in the squadron has been the restructuring of the MFC/AMO organisation and numerous personnel changes. Capt Craig Fowler has taken the reins as AMO, and MWO Gary Kendall has taken over the Maintenance Superintendent office. Other changes include: MCpl Mills (to 2 Crew); MCpl Roy, Cpl Laliberte, Cpl Lemon and Cpl Mahovic (to Maint); and Pte Hollmayer (to 19 AMS). Posting in - MCpl Gagnon (from 2 Crew); Cpl Comeau (from Maint); and Pte Shehata (from 19 AMS).

AMO Maint has undergone a lot of change as well. New AVS technicians include Cpl Lou Gallant, Cpl Louie Laliberte and MCpl Jean Plante. It seems that Cpl Neil Boyes, Cpl Brent Lillie and Sgt Val Berube came back from SHEMA with all kinds of interesting stories. Sgt Berube agrees with Brent and can't wait for the next trip back! Sgt Berube is heading to servicing and has been replaced by Sgt Stu Anderson. The A/C that is undergoing periodic #2 is from Greenwood and (as usual) is giving us a run for our money - but nothing that our supertechns can't handle!

MCpls Quinn and Konrath both opted out of the Nijmegen March Team after many dedicated hours. MCpl Quinn saw a better opportunity in the Rimpac adventure. MCpl Quinn was selected for Rimpac at the expense of poor MCpl Ted Konrath who graciously volunteered (read "was told") to stay back and mind the fort in the absence of his colleagues. From the aircrew... Crews 4 and 5 recently returned from Operation Lungfish in Hawaii (again). According to many it was "an excellent training opportunity and we should go back to Hawaii all the time." Much fun was had by

In the 407 AMCRO section, MCpl Joann Nissen has retired leaving some very big shoes for MCpl

"Stump" Saunders to try to fill. Joann will be missed; especially the free candy handouts she would frequently bring in to help keep the rest of us under control! We all hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement. MCpl Saunders has been heard repetitively chirping in the corner "How do you do this?" ever since Joann left.

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On one of the many beach excursions, Capt Grant Cooke was viciously attacked by a Portuguese Man-o-War. Coming to his rescue was Capt Pete Bolton who quickly realised that 'Man, you really shouldn't touch one of those things.' They're both recovering nicely.

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World War II Vet visits Dental Clinic

19 Wing Dental Clinic was honoured with a visit by Dr. Fred Katz who was originally the Dental Officer posted to the Quadra Naval Base in 1941. Mr. Katz, who graduated from the University of Alberta in 1939 as a dentist, retired from his practice in Vancouver in 1989 at the age of 75. Our clinic was very honoured to have Mr. Katz, who is a World War II Veteran, and his daughter Marci visit our clinic and pass on some history.



Framing finesse



On 25 July Col Neumann thanked Cpl Morin for his fine efforts at framing the above picture for a presentation. Cpl Jerry Morin, Photo Tech with the Wing Imaging Section, has really taken to the craft of picture framing. He has produced many top quality and unique matting projects for the Wing - including this personally signed picture of the Queen which was presented to the Base during Her Majesty's Royal Visit here on 19 August 1994.

No Retreat Award



Congratulations Cpl Sheppard!

Cpl Sheppard was the recipient of the "No Retreat Award" (\$100 gift certificate from Canadian Tire) for her hard work and dedication during the absence of the Dental Clinic Co-ordinator (who was away teaching in Borden). Cpl Sheppard ensured that the clinic ran smoothly and that patient treatment was uninterrupted.

Cpl Sheppard is a tireless worker who also devotes time to special charities such as Dr. Paul Helpard's "Tin Grin Cup" which raises money for the Child Development Association. The 19 Wing Dental Clinic won this prestigious trophy last year and hopes to win it again this September. As well Cpl Sheppard will be raising money for cancer by having her head shaved for Cops for Cancer, sponsored by the Military Police.



19 Wing Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Flight Remembering old friends and welcoming in the new

By MCpl Kevin Andrews

It's been a while since we talked about life in building 101 so I am going to attempt to bring everyone up to speed on recent events. As expected, we are still driving the body and trying to keep our enormous customer base satisfied and mobile. The influx of new personnel into the workshop has greatly improved our ability in this area and the serviceability rate has climbed steadily in the recent months.

We welcome our newly promoted Wing Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Officer, Capt Wade Brinkman (congrats), in from 4 Wing Cold Lake, replacing Capt Doug Jose (now posted to CFB Borden). To get to know the boys better he is already embarking on the annual adventure training trip next month kayaking the Broken Group Islands. Be sure to wear your lifejacket!

Our new ETQMS, MWO Ron (ecstatic to be here) Huybers is settling in to MWO Marc Corbin's job quickly and has recently found the time to join the Unit 60 Coast Guard Auxiliary on top of his many responsibilities to the Wing. Coming here from ASU Chilliwack, he and his wife Margaret are sure to enjoy the island lifestyle once they're settled in.

WO Mike Picard is now back after his Golan tour and has resumed his role as the whip (Production Officer). He very quickly followed up on the base moustache/haircut policy recently and is ensuring that we stay on the Plann Expert straight and narrow.

Sgt Gabriel Forest is still in charge of Heavy / SPV section, readying all the snow and ice removal equipment (SNIC) for this coming winter's heavy snowfall and ensuring all the fire trucks and refuellers are ready to go. Sgt Andre Jean is back as the contracts

NCO and will be so far at least six months until MCpl Rod Stolk returns from the sunny Golan Heights early next year.

MCpl Kevin Andrews has moved from 2IC Heavy Vehicle Repair Section to the position of IC Light Vehicle Repair Section and is looking forward to the added challenge (but not the grey hair and weight gain). MCpl Sylvain Bellerose was just recently promoted and will stay at AMSE for awhile. He is really looking forward to earning all that extra pay, writing PER's, attending O groups and running the shop canteen. Congratulations Sylvain. MCpl Don Lanteigne will still be ramrodding AMSE and pulling out his hair while sorting out the varied equipment problems there, as well as trying to keep the Flight personnel in shape as our sports rep.

Cpl Al Babcock is now our new parts co-ordinator and is looking forward to an extended tour here in sunny Comox. MCpl Udo (Papa Smurf) Carriere and wife Vicki and child have been posted to CFB Shilo in Manitoba. Udo was just recently promoted prior to leaving and congratulations are in order. His computer skills and mechanical expertise will be sorely missed. Udo's replacement, Cpl Andrew Deics who is accompanied by his wife Michelle and son Colby, comes to us from CFB Borden. He is settling comfortably into his new home and is a welcome addition to the team. Cpl Chris Hemeon is now IC of Refuelling Section and recently celebrated his move with a new addition to his family, a new 1100cc Yamaha motorcycle. Cpl Dave Johnson, now 2IC Refuelling Section is keeping busy helping out with the shop canteen and breaking in the new IC of the section. Cpl Randy Lindsay is



MCpl Udo Carriere (centre) receives his promotion from Capt Doug Jose while MWO Ron Huybers stands by. MCpl Carriere subsequently is posted to CFB Shilo, Manitoba.



MCpl Sylvain Bellerose receives his promotion from Capt Wade Brinkman (left) while WO Mike Picard watches on.



Capt Doug Jose (left) receives his departing gift from MWO Ron Huybers before leaving for his posting to CFB Borden, Ontario.

hardly recognisable anymore in his Darth Vader self-contained air filtration mask. As our shop-welding expert, where there are sparks there is Darth. Cpl Rick Neveaux is our small engines expert and has been wallowing away at his new cottage at Spider Springs Resort every chance he gets. Catch a big one for us Rick! Cpl Monica Perkins is moving on to bigger and better things in the near future. Having completed 22 years in the EME trade she is going back to school to pursue a new career. Good luck Monica in your future.

Craftsman (Cfn) Terin Alde and girlfriend Audrey have settled into their new home here and he tells me that they are amazed at the beauty of the valley and go to the ocean as much as possible. He is currently doing his TQ4 training and has recently moved to AMSE section. Cfn Chris Hebron, just having returned to us from his long QL5 course in Borden is glad to be back to a normal routine once again. Congratulations Chris, on graduating top student on your course.

MCpl Chris Meaden has been up to his ears in paper work recently trying to perform the combined duties of IC Ancillary and EME system administrator. Chris just joined the ranks of new homeowner and moving day from his PMQ was an event many of us won't

soon forget. Reg Kenyon continues to show his value to the SPV section by filling in for the many vacancies that currently exist at the Flight. At times it seems that he is the only technician working on that side of the floor. His better half Joanne is helping relieve the stress and notches on his belt buckle every day at noon by providing him with a hot lunch at her new place on Ryan Road - The Light-house Café.

Les Brown, our valued civilian in Light Vehicle Section keeps everyone in good humour on a daily basis. Sue Powers, our EME Workshop Management System (WMS) clerk, now back from a week of UCS evaluation training in Ottawa, is really looking forward to closing those hundreds of work orders waiting in her basket.

April LeVigne our new IC tool crib has fitted in very nicely and her many efforts have been appreciated. John Miles as always is giving us great service keeping the new vehicles coming in and the old ones going to the auction block as well as providing the vehicle technicians with spare parts.

Well everyone, this is EME Flight and we are here for all of you. So come drop in for a visit anytime and meet the new crew now that they have been introduced. ARTE ET MARTE.

Central Registry

"If you write it, we'll mail it; if you're searching, we'll try to find it!"

By Gail Eggiman

Vicky is still away on leave and so far I haven't insulted anyone that I know of and Diane hasn't quit yet! Mail is flowing steady, especially with Quadra and Gliding School in full operation. The young cadets are busy writing to parents, grandparents and friends. We get a chuckle every summer when we see the various decorations on the envelopes and postcards. Some are quite artistic, others are using their perfume up fast, and some must have chapped lips from the amounts of lipstick lips that are pressed on to an envelope. Oh, to be young and in love again!

I went out to the new air traffic control tower for a tour. Lucky people! What a view! They have some empty offices downstairs and I don't see why some of us from Headquarters can't move into them. Our building is ancient, too! I've been in it since 1972 (that doesn't mean I'm ancient) and watched all the offices move around like musical chairs. I really think the big boss should use some influence and ask for a new building, preferably one with a view.

We heard from our old co-worker, Marina, last week. She says the house that her husband bought WITHOUT HER BEING THERE.... is nice. If you

are a wife or partner you understand what "nice" means! In August she is starting work in Central Registry in Edmonton.

Summer has been unremarkable so far. There is a cycle at our house and probably the same at others. June to September is fishing and preparing for hunting. July is to wait impatiently by the mailbox to see if he got any tags. October to December is spent hunting anything that moves on or off the island (on land or in the air) and then cutting and wrapping. October to March is throwing rocks down the ice and sweeping (not at our house). April to June is fishing and repairing or replacing gear. Toss in Fish and Game Club meetings. Throw a little beer drinking in and napping in "Dad's chair" and that about sums up the year. Yes, he does have a job, too!

HELPFUL HINT #8 - Please write legibly! At least once a day we must do a group huddle and try to decipher someone's handwriting. If all else fails, we search the nominal roll for a name that comes close! Remember Vicky still hasn't gone for that eye appointment yet, so please write neatly. If you are "script challenged" then print is welcome, in fact preferred.

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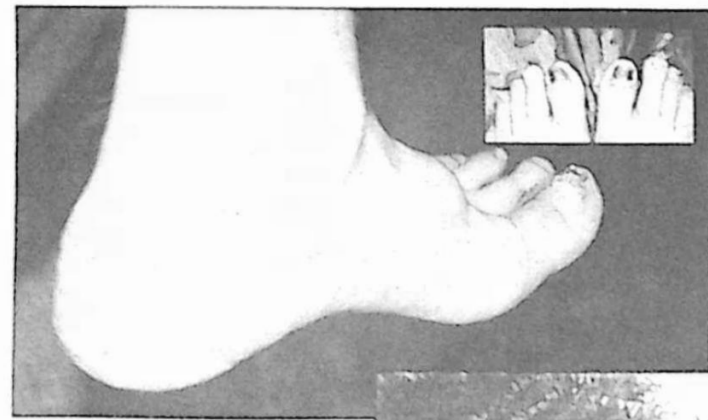
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Nijmegen March — 19 Wing



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The eleven member 19 Wing Comox Nijmegen team endured one of the toughest and longest marches in the world - the four day Nijmegen March. And they did it in style by bringing home the Woodhouse Trophy, awarded to the Canadian Team with the most Esprit de Corps. Selection was made by both Canadian and British staffs and their decision was unanimous. The team was one of 21 Canadian Forces and Cadet teams participating in the millennium edition of the annual march held 18-21 July in Holland. The Canadian contingent numbered 254 marchers, the largest since the CF Bases in Germany were closed in the early 90s. A record 41,000 military and civilian marchers from 52 countries participated.

The 19 Wing Team, under the leadership of Maj Kevin Bryski, was beaming with pride when they returned home early on 27 July, even after a 30-hour voyage on three CF aircraft. "It is an incredible feeling to represent your country abroad, especially when people like the Dutch hold Canadians in such high regard. Parents said to their children - "look there's the Canadians" said Bryski who spent much of the four days buzzing around the crowd handing out Canadian Flags and zapping traffic cops with the Air Force Roundel.

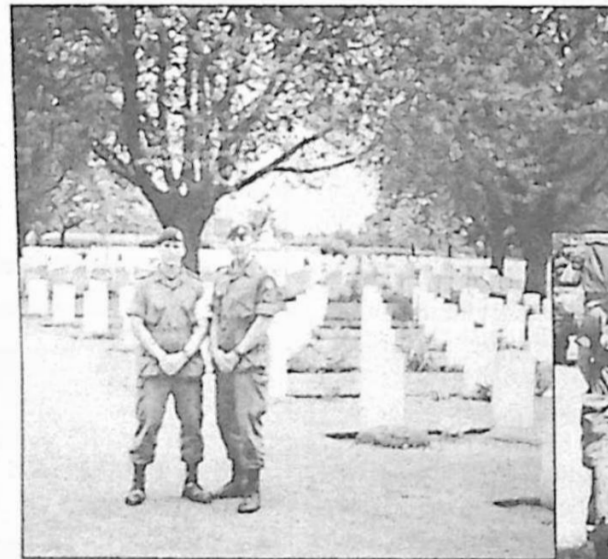
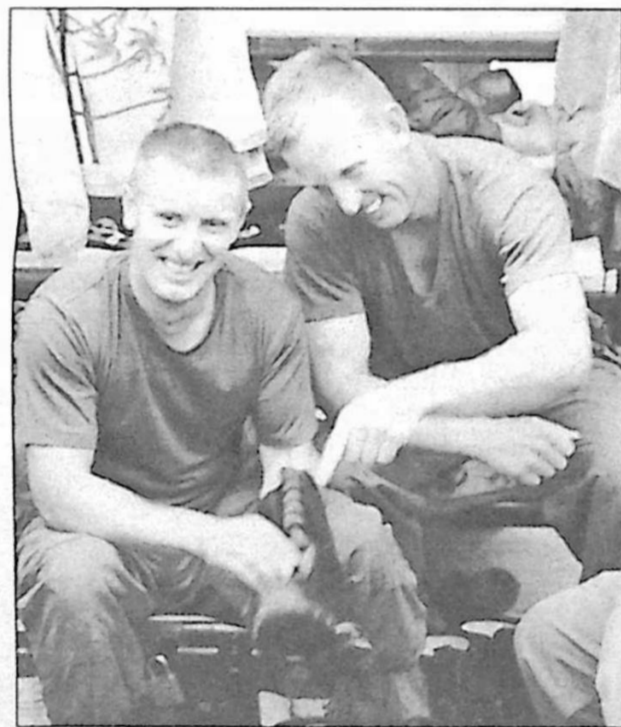
Eighteen of the 21 teams were awarded the team medal that is awarded when more than 90 per cent of the team finish. Remarkably, all four Air Force teams crossed the line intact. "Although the march is not a competition, there is considerable inter-service rivalry among the Army,

A Lasting Impression

By Cpl Maher, 19 AMS

I finally realise what it means to be Canadian. If you're not sure yourself, strap on a rucksack, march 160 kms, sing your heart out and absorb love and appreciation like you've never felt in your life. Stand at Groesbeek Cemetery and feel uncontrolled emotion for fallen (certainly not forgotten) Canadians (or liberators if you will). Marching in Holland was truly one of the proudest moments in my life. I have never felt as welcome as I felt in Nijmegen. Fifty-five years after the liberation of Holland, the gratitude and appreciation felt for Canadians cannot be expressed on paper. I definitely would do it all again.

I would like to express a special thanks to Cpl Chad Hildebrandt for unselfishly stepping aside and allowing me to march with my brother's team from Gagetown. Thank you so much for this opportunity.



Navy and Air Force" remarked WO Benoit, 19 Wing Deputy Team Leader. "We arrived in Europe well trained and prepared to succeed, proving to our brethren that the Air Force can professionally compete against our Army friends who normally are the marching types." 19 Wing did not miss the opportunity to dig it in either. On the final day of the march, the Comox team was asked to lead the Canadian Contingent out of the famed boots and helmet arch at the mili-

tary camp start line. Filling in for the Deputy Contingent Commander, who had withdrawn from the march due to blisters, Maj Bryski ordered the parade to march past in column of route adding the phrase "Air Force Leading" into his words of command. He drew considerable heckling from the Army personnel. Upon the team's return to Canada, CWO Dupuis, Wing CWO, jokingly added that he will invite a couple of army brigades to train with the Air Force next year!

Col Holt, the Contingent Military Commander and veteran of 12 Nijmegen marches, bestowed the honour on 19 Wing to lead the Canadians in the five kilometre victory parade into Nijmegen. Over 250,000 Dutch people lined "Via Gladiola" under sunny skies and warm cheers. Cpl Dean Burgher, Comox team member, was selected to carry the large Canadian Flag. It was a very proud moment for Burgher whose grandmother is Dutch and a war bride.

In addition to being the year 2000, this year's participation was special for Canada. First, it was the first time that we sent five Cadet teams. The Pacific Region Air Cadet team included WO First Class Adam Schellinck from 386 Sqn in the Comox Valley. Although cadets were not required to carry the rucksack, Adam distinguished himself by successfully carrying one. Second, three war veterans accompanied the Canadian contingent. Each saw enemy action in

the Nijmegen area during the liberation of Holland in the latter stages of the Second World War. The Mayor of Groesbeek, the site of the largest Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands, honoured the vets by presenting them with 55th anniversary commemoration medals.

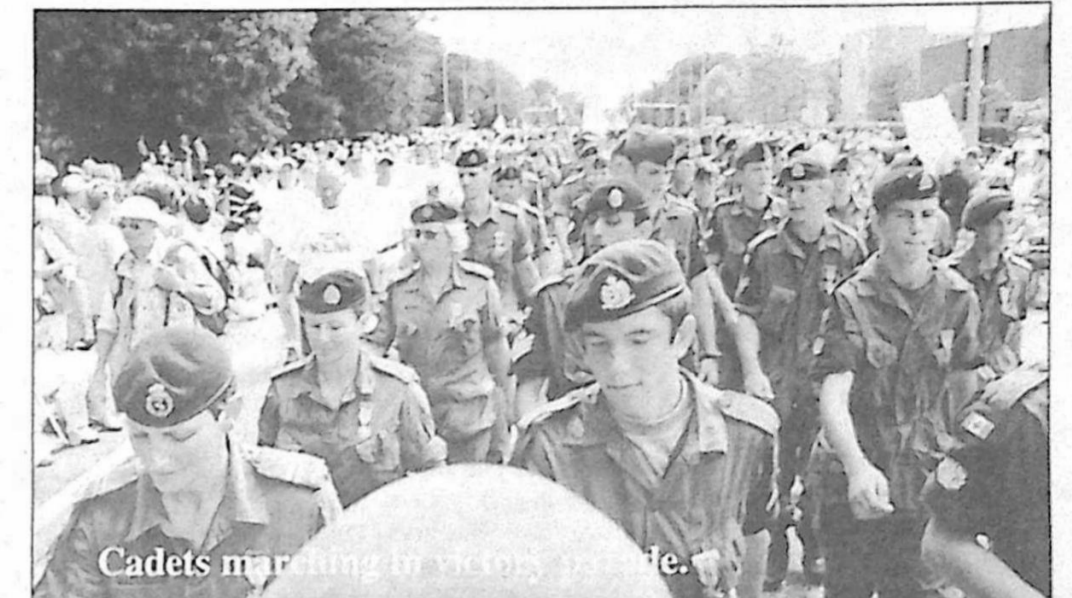
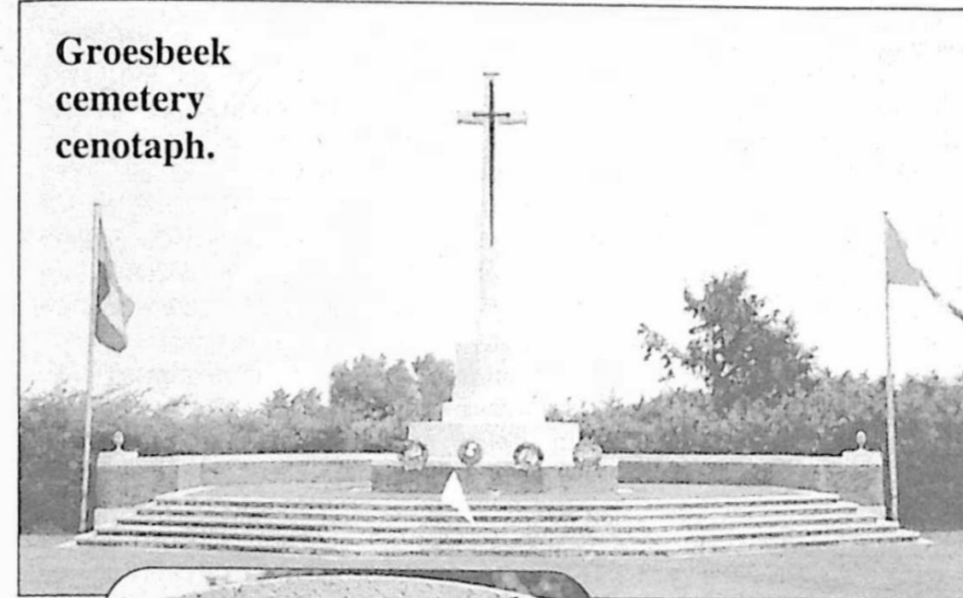
At a ceremony held on the third day of the march, the Canadian contingent halted at the perfectly manicured cemetery to conduct a ceremony honouring the 2,300 Canadians buried there. MWO Shields, the 19 Wing team Sergeant-Major whose uncle is buried at Groesbeek, said "having the veterans with us significantly personalized the already deeply emotional event." The Dutch Air Force graced the ceremony with a fly-past. Several wreaths were laid and the marchers took some personal time to reflect.

The team is now putting their aching feet up and getting re-acquainted with their families and loved ones. Each one will now find a special place in their homes for their Vierdaagse Nijmegen medal and reflect on their triumph and moment of glory. We will also reflect on our comrades who fought to give Canada, and Holland, the freedom we all enjoy today.

For more information and pictures, see the 19 Wing Comox 2000 Nijmegen internet site at www.comox.dnd.ca/nijmegen/. Until Nijmegen 2001, the Woodhouse trophy will be on display at the front entrance of the 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre.

Woodhouse Trophy winners

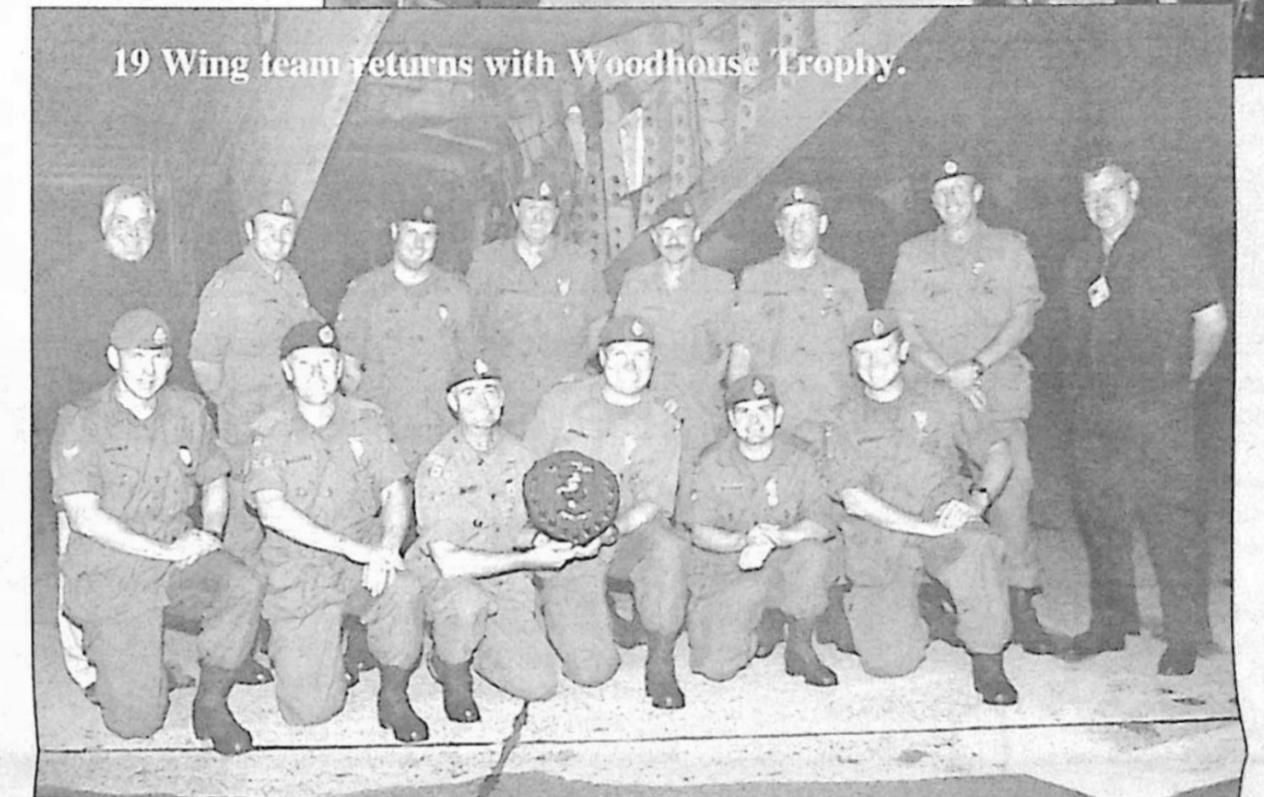
Groesbeek cemetery cenotaph.



Cadets marching in victory parade.



19 Wing team returns with Woodhouse Trophy.



Regional Glider School Graduation

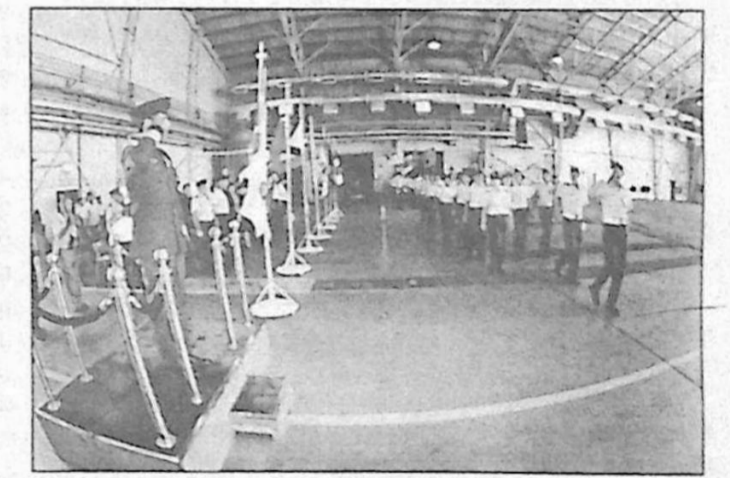
CD Recipients



Capt Haigh has been flying tow-planes with the Regional Air Operations for more than 12 years.



Air Cadet Cpl Leo Lung of 655 RCACS Richmond, BC received the BC Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada trophy for attaining the highest academic achievement in the Introduction to Aviation Course 0001 at the Regional Gliding School. Mr. Gerrit van Boeschoten, representing the League, presented the trophy at the ITAC grad parade on 28 July.



19 Wing Admin O, LCol Garry Reaume, takes the salute as Air Cadets march past during the graduation parade of the first Introduction to Aviation Course on 28 July in the Wing wash bay. The ITAC is a three-week course for junior cadets conducted by the Regional Cadet Gliding School.

Queen's Commissioning scrolls



Capt Cheri Carroll, Regional Cadet Air Operations Maintenance Officer.



2Lt NMorrice is a tow-plane pilot with the Regional Cadet Air Operations.



Lt Victoria Schrauwen, glider instructor RGS(P).



2Lt Kym Norris, a flight instructor with RGS(P).



2Lt Chris Hamilton, flight instructor RGS(P).



2Lt Phillips, flight instructor with RGS(P).

Air Force Quiz

- Which of the following was never a rank in the RCAF?
 - Squadron Leader
 - Master Corporal
 - Aircraftman
 - Airwomen
- Which of the following aircraft is NOT part of NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC)?
 - CT-156 Harvard II
 - CT-155 Hawk
 - Slingsby Firefly
 - CT-114 Tutor
- Which was the first non-NATO country to join the NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) program?
 - China
 - Singapore
 - China
 - Italy
- Which Canadian Forces aircraft still holds the world records for operational fighter altitude and speed at sea level?
 - CF-18 Hornet
 - CF-104 Starfighter
 - CF-101 Voodoo
 - CF-86 Sabre
- Which pilot flew the first heavier-than-air aircraft in Canada?
 - Lt Thomas Selfridge
 - 1912 b. J.A.D. McCurdy
 - 1909 c. Major-General Sir Sam Hughes
 - 1907 d. Lt W.F. Sharpe
- When established in 1924, what was the total strength of the RCAF?
 - 152 officers, 782 airmen
 - 25 officers, 116 airmen
 - 61 officers, 262 airmen
 - 532 officers, 1,257 airmen
- What is the CT-142 Nav Trainer (Dash-8) affectionately known as?
 - "Miss Piggy"
 - "Kermit"
 - "Gonzo"
 - d. Pinnocchio
- What does "Per Ardua Ad Astra" mean?
 - The sky is the limit
 - Through hardship, the stars are achieved
 - No pain, no gain
 - Through adversity to the stars
- In air force terminology, what does "Clag" mean?
 - a cloud b. foreign object damage
 - c. a novice
 - d. an engine failure
- During the naval exercise RIMPAC held recently in the South Pacific, which Canadian Forces aircraft was deployed?
 - the CF-18 Hornet
 - b. the CP-140 Aurora
 - c. the CH-113 Labrador
 - d. the CC-115 Buffalo
- Approximately, what is the annual budget for the air force?
 - \$1.2 trillion
 - b. \$850 million
 - c. \$2.0 billion
 - d. \$8.5 billion
- How many wings are located across Canada?
 - 13
 - b. 22
 - c. 9
 - d. 16
- What is the top speed of the new CT-155 Hawk to be used during phase III of NATO Flight Training in Canada (NFTC)?
 - Mach 0.8
 - b. 568 knots
 - c. Mach 1.2
 - d. 257
- In what year did the CT-114 Tutor come into service?
 - 1970
 - b. 1962
 - c. 1956
 - d. 1967
- In what year is the new search and rescue helicopter, the Cormorant, expected to come into service?
 - 2000
 - b. 2001
 - c. 2002
 - d. it is in service
- In an emergency, how many passengers can the Cormorant accommodate?
 - 12
 - b. 25
 - c. 75
 - d. 40
- The Honourable J. Angus MacLean, who served as Federal Minister of Fisheries from 1957-63 and Premier of PEI from 1979-81 died in February this year. What was his main connection to the air force?
 - Former Minister of National Defence
 - b. Former Deputy Minister of National Defence
 - c. Bomber Pilot in wartime RCAF
 - d. Air Gunner in wartime RCAF

Answers

- 1.b 2.d 3.b 4.b 5.b 6.c 7.c 8.d 9.a 10.b 11.c
12.a 13.c 14.b 15.b 16.d 17.c



Gliding School By Maj Rob Wilson, RGS(P) PAO "Wings" Parade 2000

It has been an exciting summer for about 115 Royal Canadian Air Cadets attending flying and academic courses at 19 Wing Comox. On 18 August at 1400 hours they all graduate. Forty cadets will receive their coveted Glider Pilot Wings, earned during six weeks of flight training at 19 Wing. Another thirty cadets will be presented with their Power Wings following seven weeks of flying training. Their courses were conducted at Parallel Aviation in Campbell River, Courtenay Flight Centre and Victoria Flight Centre in Sidney. An additional forty-three cadets are graduating from the three-week RGS(P) Introduction to Aviation Course. Thirty-nine cadets graduated from a previous ITA Course on July 28.

The gliding program has been rather impressive from an aviation safety perspective. LCol Tom Byrne, RGS Commanding Officer said this week, "when you look at the number of accident-free air movements, meaning take-offs and landings for the gliders and the L-19 tow-planes, it adds up to about 10 thousand movements. That's impressive!" Add to the mix the number of take-offs, landings and cross-country training flights the Air Cadets in the Flying Scholarship (Power) program chalked up accident-free it can be said this has been a very successful training period for LCol Byrne and his staff.

LCol Byrne has also expressed delight in the cadet's achievements in ground school. He said earlier this month that "it is the first time that there has been a combined zero-fail in the Department of Transport examination written by both the glider and power student pilots." During the summer training, the glider cadets write up to nine qualification exams on various aviation subjects. "Couple that with their actual flight training, it makes for a very challenging experience," he said. Friday's "Wings" Parade will pay tribute to the school's Chief Flying Instructor, LCol Gord Hatch who is retiring from his position of Deputy Commanding Officer RGS(P) and Deputy Regional Cadet Air Operations Officer. LCol Hatch has spent the last 37 years of his life in the Canadian Air Force uniform. He

earned his wings in 1965. The parade will also feature a tribute to the 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Forces aerobatic team "The Snowbirds" and to the 50th Anniversary of Cessna L-19 "Bird Dog" aircraft which are used by the school for towing the gliders. The 42 member Air Cadet Service Band from the Albert Head Cadet Training Centre (Victoria) under the direction of Capt John Forbes, returns to 19 Wing Comox to perform in tomorrow's parade. Wing Commander, Col Bill Neumann has been invited to participate as Reviewing Officer for Friday's parade which will be held at 1400 hrs at the Wing's wash bay hangar.

Computer Application I: Microsoft Visual C++ Loyalist College

By Caroline Cannon, CFCN Co-ordinator

This course is part of the Electronic Engineering Technician Program presently taking place on base. It is still not too late to enter into the program. You may receive advance standing for 11 of the 19 required courses if you are members of the 500 series MOC at QLS (POET). The Visual C++ course is also available to anyone interested in learning C++ but not wishing to take the diploma program.

The Visual C++ student will learn the fundamental concepts needed to create practical applications using the Visual C++ IDE. The course will also cover building component-based applications and the basics of MFC. High School Diploma with a technical background or acceptable experience using a programming language (Pascal, Delphi or Basic) are the prerequisites. Classes start September 11 and 13, and run for 15 weeks, 3hrs/week. The cost for the course is \$200.00 and the Microsoft Visual C++ software is \$146.90 (student price only). The textbook will be announced later this month. Registration is now taking place at the WPSO's office in building 22. For detailed course outlines, check out the WPSO's Homepage or contact Caroline Cannon, CFCN Co-ordinator at local 8889. Space is limited so register today.

Personnel Support Section

By Gail Eggiman



LCol Reaume, WAdmO, presented Capt Ouellette with his new rank.

of it, I haven't seen the LCol for awhile.

Either there is a slow period or someone from the PSS had a giddy moment. The Dental Clinic sends docs over to the PSS in a black book with an elastic band wrapped around it and a note that reads something like, "Please return book and elastic." Recently the book passed through CR on its way back to Dental. Attached to it was a note stating that the elastic was being held for ransom and to forward three toothbrushes in an unmarked envelope or the elastic would be terminated. We never noticed if the ransom was paid, but there is new elastic on the Dental Book now. Just goes to show how indispensable

elastic is! Poor thing!

I asked how the ball season ended for PSS and was told, "The beer was cold!" MWO Gauthier, Sgt Melville and Sgt Spence took out their frustration by going on a one-day hike up to the base of Mt. Albert Edward. Someone said they could hear echoes coming from the mountain calling, "Anybody know how to play baseball?" Actually it was a ruse to see if the rest of us can make it when we head out on an Adventure Training exercise in September. Personally I think they should have sent Cpl Denis Campeau. Judging by his performance on the last hike up a mountain, if he can make it, we all will!

Recently photographed at the shores of King Coho, CWO BJ Bradley (smallest fish left) RCAOps and rumoured soon to be museum volunteer; Capt M. Forbes (biggest fish center) Acting Museum Chairman and fisherman extraordinaire; LCol G.Y. Smith, (average size fish right) Chairman of Y2K Spiffire Fund Raising Committee. Expedition was arranged to discuss how to best "catch" those much needed restoration dollars for the Spiffire project.

Glacier Greens Golf Shots Ladies Club

By Joyce Merrill

GG Ladies hosted their annual Interclub Field Day on August 1, with 112 golfers participating. Results were as follows:

Alberni Low Gross Annamaria Krikke, Low Net Marilyn McPherson, tied for Low Putts Mary Haggard/Nellie Korvin. Arrowsmith Low Gross Katherine Bolton, Low Net Edith Skiber, Low Putts Lynda Farrell.

Comox Low Gross Pat Schmidt, Low Net Ivy Spence, Low Putts Pat Ailles.

Crown Isle Low Gross Sandy Dudley, Low Net Linda Stickney, Low Putts Leslie McFarlane.

Eaglecrest Low Gross Jan Walker, Low Net Judy Rye, Low Putts Myrna Chrisp.

Glacier Greens Low Gross Duane Miles, Low Net Leslie Mann, Low Putts Anne Patterson/Shirley Wallis.

Gold River Low Gross and Low Putts Eloise Lloyd, Low Net Susan Mann.

Myrtle Point Low Gross Lorraine Stokes, tied for Low Net Phyllis Williams/Mavis Halladay/Eileen Milsom, Low Putts Marg Havens.

Pacific Playgrounds Low Gross Irene Lussier.

Qualicum - tied for Low Gross Helen Williams/Sheilagh Larfen, Low Net Eleanor Geddes, Low Putts Joyce Hope.

Sequoia Springs Low Gross Rita King. Storey Creek Low Gross Faye Dahoy, Low Putts June Dyson.

Sunnydale Low Gross Fran Shaw, Low Putts Rita Dalby.

KPs went to #4 and #7 June Dyson (Storey Creek, #12 Sandy Dudley (Crown Isle, #15 Jan Walker (Eaglecrest), #17 Faye Dahoy (Storey Creek).

Long drives 0-22 hdep Duane Miles (Glac Gr) on #6, 23-41 hdep Linda Stickney (Crown Isle) on #11.

Special thanks to: Our pro Scott Fraser who took time to join us for golf and lunch; to Fairwinds, Glacier Greens, Glengarry, Gold River, Mount Breton and Myrtle Point golf clubs for donating green fee passes to our draw; to Chef Steve Dodd and staff for the excellent lunch; and to Helen Williams, Linda Lott and committee.

Hagg wins Seniors Match Play

By Len Doyle

Back in May, a large number of Glacier Greens Seniors teed it up for annual seniors matches. By mid-July the field was reduced to eight. Roy Hagg vs Rob Carter, Wayne Mabee vs Ray Cossette, Jim Brown vs Gerry Morrison and Vic Crisp vs Ron Peacock.

The Hagg/Brown match ended at the 16th hole with Hagg up three with two holes remaining. It was two extra holes before Mabee defeated Crisp.

On August 9, some three months after the matches started, it was down to Hagg vs Mabee. Wayne started strong and had Roy down three after four holes. Hen the logger came to life and started shopping his way back. After hole #13 he had Wayne down three. Hagg won the 14th and tied the 15th for a four and three victory.

Well done Roy, our 2000 Seniors Match Play Champion.

Silver Totems Hockey School

21-26 August

For more info: Capt Alex Robertson 338-4216

Jake's Trivia Corner

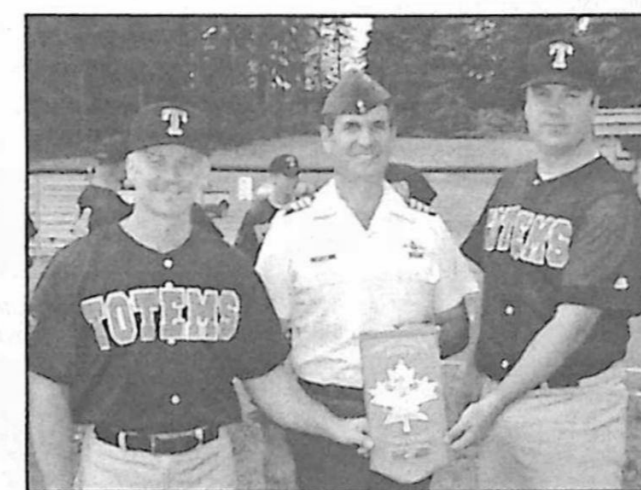
- What sport's old-style superstition says it's bad luck to leave your pencil in the locker room and have to use an opponent's?
- Who started a short-lived 60s golf game when he painted his putter white?
- Which was the first ball park outside the U.S. to witness the clinching of a major league division title? (Answers on page 14.)

Rec Centre News

By Jake Plante

Totems win Pac Region Softball

The 19 Wing Comox Men's Softball team is off to the CF Nationals in Borden 8-13 September. The Totems won the Regional championship which was held here in Comox 10-11 August. The best 2 of 3 competition had a very shaky start for the Totems as they were mercied 12 to 4. Coach Bill George didn't need to give the what's going on speech, the team knew what had to be done. The second game was a new day and the Totems came out to play beating Esquimalt 6 to 1. Rick "Hacksaw" Ihaksi went 3 for 3 scoring twice, while Rick Patterson struck out 5 and threw a 7 hitter. In the 3rd and final game the Totems came out gunning again, the Totems mustered up 11 hits for 5 runs and number 9 hitter Brian Ferguson went 2 for 2. Rick Patterson once again had a good turn out on rubber throwing a 3 hitter.



Just a reminder of the DND Photo contest! Cut off date is mid-September. For more info phone 339-8211, local 8324.

FALL SWIMMING REGISTRATION

- WHEN: 9 September
- WHERE: Base Rec Centre
- TIME: 10 - 14 hours
- COMMENCING: 23 September

For more info contact: J.C. Fromont, Rec Coordinator Loc 8989

Canadian Armed Forces Runners.... WHERE ARE YOU??

The Comox Valley Country Roads Marathon Committee is watching the entry forms roll in and, to date, we have not had an entry from the Armed Forces! There are nine (count 'em...9) beautiful medals waiting to be awarded to the top finishers in the Armed Forces category and the committee hopes to give every one of them out on September 3. The course for this event is through some of the most beautiful, pastoral countryside that the Comox Valley has to offer. A total of 12 water stations have been sold to local groups and businesses to ensure that runners are well watered and entertained along the course. As well as the marathon event, a half marathon course has been certified and both events can be run by Canadian Armed Forces from the Pacific Region who wish to compete in the National Championships. Enquiries regarding accommodation can be directed to Jake Plante, Sports Co-ordinator at CFB Comox (phone (250) 339-8211, local 8783). Check out the Country Roads website at www.CountryRoadsMarathon.bc.ca and note that registration forms can be printed from this site.

Most importantly, get your registration form in soon. The Marathon Committee does not want to have any medals left over!!

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Call Now!!!! (250)339-5992

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(Located behind Smitty's)

Comox Military Family Resource Centre

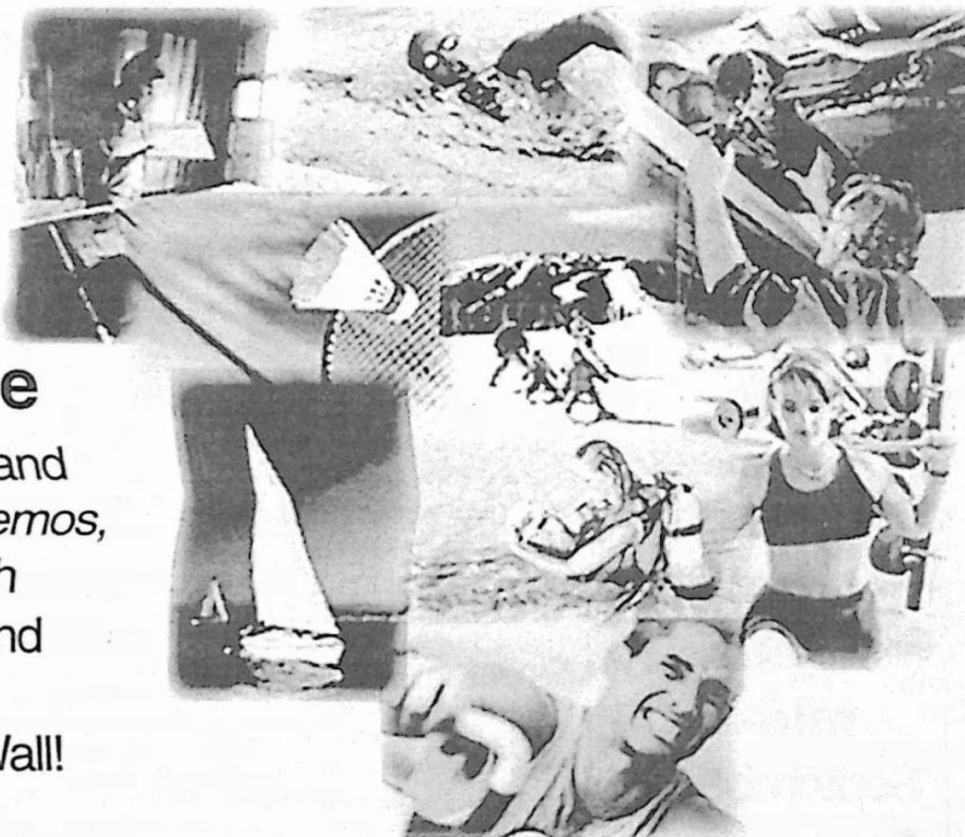
Centre de Ressources pour Les Familles Militaires de Comox

Phone: 339-8290



**Saturday
Sept. 9th
10 am - 2 pm**

& Family Carnival



Come See

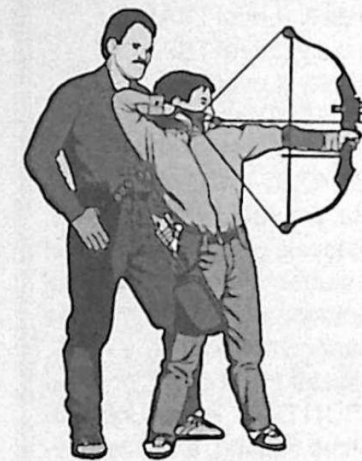
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Mountain Bike Demos,
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Performance and
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**Register for Clubs,
Recreation and
CMFRC Fall Programs**

- *Food & Refreshments
- *Entertainment
- *Door prizes

Wallace Gardens Community Association News



Archery Classes for the Beginner

Ages 10-14 & 15-18
Six (2 hour) classes beginning Sun, 10 September
Large multi-purpose room
Members \$12.00, Non-members \$18.00
Register no later than 5 Sep
For more info call 339-8211 (8571)

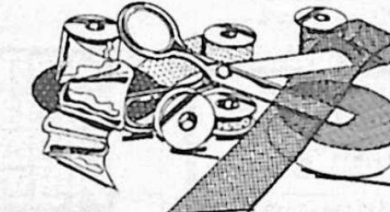
Music & Laughter

These are the sounds you will hear if you volunteer to be the WGCA Sock Hop Coordinator. The second Saturday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., Wallace Gardens holds a Sock Hop for children up to 12 years of age. We have the music, the DJ and the kids - all we need now is someone to coordinate. If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to bring some smiles to our community, please contact the Town Clerk @ 339-8211 (8571).

Volunteers Needed

WGCA requires volunteers to deliver our flyers throughout the MQ area for the 2000/01 season. If you are willing to volunteer your time and get into great shape at the same time, call the Town Clerk at 339-8211 (8571)

Teen Crafts



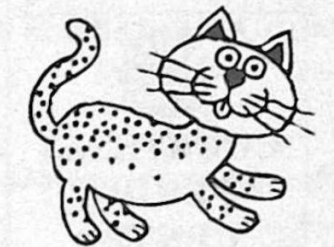
All teens ages 12-15 years who are interested in getting together to learn different crafting skills/techniques, please notify the Town Clerk @ 339-8211 (8571). This group would meet the second Sunday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Some crafts suggested are:

- Beeswax Candle Making
- Scribble Painted Sneakers
- Sponging/Stenciling Placemats
- Pop Bottle Snowman/Penguin Doorstop
- Tye-dying
- Pony Bead Key Chains
- Javex Bottle Santa Faces

Or other crafting projects submitted by you, the Teens!

For more information, please call 339-8211 (8571)



Pet Registration 2000/01

Wing Standing Orders 2-07 para 4 states:
"The owner of every pet shall each year pay a licence fee in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. for each male and female dog or cat - \$20.00
- b. for each neutered male and spayed female dog or cat - \$10.00
- c. all other pets - \$5.00; excluding any animal; birds, mice, fish, gerbils, hamsters, reptiles, etc. kept in a cage within the dwelling of the owner.

Please keep in mind that all pets must be registered no later than Thursday, 31 Aug 00. Pets may be registered Monday - Friday 0730-1200 hrs in the Wallace Gardens Office located in the 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call 339-8211 (8571).

Please note: If any or all pets have not been registered or re-registered by 15 September 2000, the owner will be subject to an additional administration fee of \$25.00.



Adult Craft Club

Just a friendly reminder that the craft club will soon be holding its WELCOME NIGHT, Sunday, 17 September from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the craft room of the 19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre. We will be offering a variety of craft projects again this year and we see a few new friendly faces. We are always looking for new ideas and crafting skills. Craft for the evening will be a Kitchen Harvest Wreath. Refreshments will be served!

A materials list will be available in the WGCA office from 1 September.

For more info, please call Jennifer @ 339-7183

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Good Looks at Great Prices
Shop consignment for Back-to-school

Also, good selection of New Baby Gifts & Children's Accessories.

Comox Centre Mall 339-3422
Lower Outside Level Mon-Sat 9:30-5:30

Courtenay School of Dance
120b Headquarters Road, Courtenay, BC
334-4662

10th ANNIVERSARY
Tues Aug 29th
Weds Aug 30th 6-8 p.m. at the studio
Thurs Aug 31st

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Courtenay, B.C. V9N 1J9

Cathy Rees
Ph/Fax 250-334-9219
Email dance@island.net

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- Modern Technique
- Song & Dance Tap
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For adults 18+

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REGISTRATION DATES:
Aug 28, 29, 30, Sept 5, 8 & 9 11am-4pm
Aug 31, Sept 6 4pm-7pm

2995 Moray Avenue, Courtenay
For information call 334-1074
Fax: 334-1099

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GEMINI DANCE STUDIOS
SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

REGISTRATION WEEK
September 5-8th...2-6 p.m. and September 9th...10 a.m.-2 p.m.

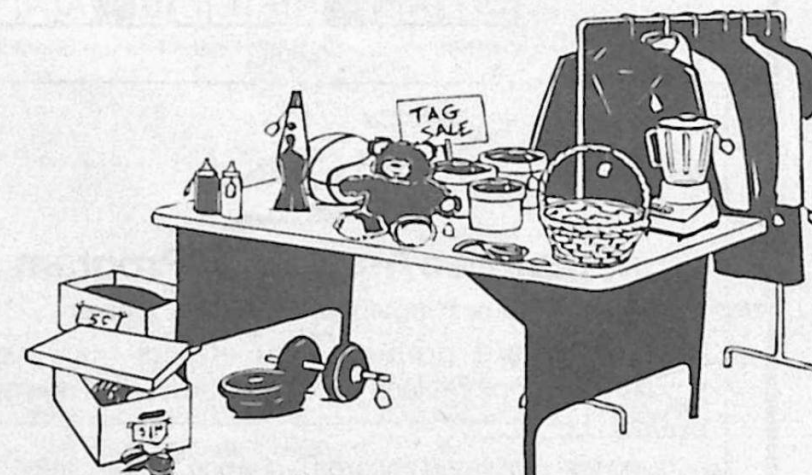
ANY AGE OR LEVEL WELCOME:
Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Tap, Voice, Musical Theatre, Ballroom,
Stretch & Strength and Boys only Break/HipHop

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2000
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Phone: 338-1313

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Vancouver, BC V6B 3V4
(604) 875-2345, local 7644
email: kmr@rslib0100.bc.ca



Fall Yard Sale

Our Fall Yard Sale is scheduled to take place Saturday, 16 September from 0800-1400 hrs (rain or shine). Rid yourself of those unwanted items. Hot dogs & coffee will be sold at the school - all proceeds to the WGCA programs.

Dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot of Airport Elementary School Friday, Sep 15 and picked up Sunday, Sep 17 and will be clearly marked.

Please empty and flatten all cardboard boxes and place in proper bin.

Fridges, propane cylinders, batteries and tires will not be accepted.

There will not be a bin for hazardous materials, paints, or wastes. Should there be any hazardous materials to be disposed of, please contact the W Env O at local 8187. Empty or dry paint and aerosol cans are considered garbage. Paint cans with leftovers may be returned to the supplier. Your cooperation is required.

Help CANEX celebrate its 32nd birthday

Come to Canex on Friday, 15 September from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and purchase a hotdog/chips & drink for \$1.00 or hamburger/chips & drink for \$1.50. All proceeds will go directly to the Wallace Gardens Community Association programs.

CANEX 19 WING COMOX

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30 AUG - 10 SEP 2000



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437(T) Sqn Reunion update
Important update to all Huskies! Due to the increased demand in operational missions and circumstances beyond squadron control,

Miscellaneous for sale

Swimming pool 8'x8'x4' with 1HP Jacuzzi filter. Ex.cond. \$699.00 o.b.o. 339-6907 after 4:00 p.m. <2/2>

Chinese Sharpei puppies. Pure bred registered. Two months old. \$599.00. 339-6907 after 4 p.m. <1/2>

1995 Sea-doo GTX 3 seater with trailer. One owner. Never been in salt water. 80 H.P. \$5,500 Suzuki ATV 4-wheeler, 80 cc 2-stroke. \$2,300 Used compact disk CDs music \$8.00 each. Call 339-1924, pager 897-7787. <1/2>

Reunion Greenwood Telecom 22-24 September

All former Comm Systems Techs (Air) Moc 522 and Radar Systems Techs (Air) Moc 523 who served at 14 Wing Greenwood prior to the amalgamation of the trades to Moc 524.

Main Reunion activities will be held at the Lions' Club in Kingston: Meet & Greet, Museum & Telecom Section visit, Golf, Banquet & Dance, Wind-up Breakfast/Brunch.

All meal venues are to be booked and paid for by 15 September. Accommodations/Meals booking: Bob Dugan 902-847-9738(10780); Les Blakie 902-765-3823; Ron Luckman 902-538-8572. Contacts: Gord Sheculski 902-765-8774, Gord.bin@ns.sympatico.ca or John Pietzsche 902-465-3800, johnny@ns.sympatico.ca

St. John Ambulance Bottle Drive/Garage Sale

We are conducting a bottle drive throughout August to raise funds to sent four of our teen members and two adults to Malaysia to attend an International Cadet Camp in November.

We are also having a Garage Sale on Sept 9 and need good, used items to sell. If you would like to donate items, drop off is at Van Isle Windows, Puntledge Road, Courtenay.

Synchronized Swim Club
The new season starts in September with categories: Aqua Giggles 6-9 years Star Program ages 8 and up Competitive ages 10 and up For more info call Susan at 334-4072.

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3 & 4 bedroom patio homes, conveniently located within walking distance to schools, hospital and bus. 10-minute drive to CFB or downtown Courtenay. Each unit includes: •New fridge, stove & dishwasher •Thermal windows & coverings •Efficient gas furnace & hot water tank •In-suite Laundry •Lots of storage •Private yard & garden shed •1-1/2 bath in 4 bdrm.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING

The time to start French language training will be arriving shortly. Our tentative training periods are planned as follows.

Note: The 5 week course to prepare for the Public Service Exam (PSE) requires students to have or have had a profile of BBB or better or 3322 or better.

- a. 5 Sep - 10 Nov 10 week Level 3 course afternoons 1230 - 1530 daily;
b. 5 Sep - 6 Oct 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily;
c. 9 Oct - 10 Nov 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily;
d. 13 Nov - 15 Dec 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level TBA);
e. 8 Jan - 9 Feb 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level TBA);
f. 12 Feb - 16 Mar 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level TBA);
g. 2 Apr - 8 Jun 10 week course afternoons 1230 - 1530 daily (Level TBA)
h. 2 Apr - 4 May 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily; and
i. 7 May - 8 Jun 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily.

As usual, all Progress Levels (PL) will be available, including specific skills, refresher and GO/Col courses, however, the specific levels offered will depend upon the applications received, with a minimum of 6 students of the same level required to launch a course.

Interested personnel should apply using the application on the P drive at P:\ALLUSERS\LANGUAGE COURSE REGISTRATION.DOC. Please indicate preference for 5 week block, 10 week course or part-time training, and availability (work mornings vs work afternoons, and evenings).

DND military and civilian personnel and their dependents are eligible for the courses.

End of Lease for Sale

1997 Dodge Caravan. Under 70,000 K. Buy at my cost - \$16,000 firm, taxes included. 334-0079 <1/2>

Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association

To register or for further information about minor hockey in the Comox Valley, please contact: Dale Stewart at 334-0567.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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Crosswalk Safety Alert

Apparently there have been some close calls between pedestrians and vehicles on the crosswalk behind the guardhouse at 7 Hgr. Until MSE has implemented a safety feature at this crosswalk, please use caution. Remember - pedestrians have the right of way.

Community Centre Drop-off Zone

The driveway in front of the Fitness and Community Centre is a Fire Lane and MUST be kept clear for emergency vehicles. The drop-off zone is for pick-up/drop-off only. Unattended cards will be ticketed.

New signs have been placed marking the drop-off area as a NO PARKING ZONE and advising that NO VEHICLES BE LEFT UNATTENDED.

The reason for this is simply because vehicles left unattended interfere with the fire lane. You may still use the drop-off area as such, but remember not to leave your vehicle unattended. For parents dropping off their children at the CFMRC, there is parking available at the side of the Rec Centre facing the PMQs, as well as the large parking lot towards the Canex.

Jake's Trivia Answers

- 1. Golf.
2. Jack Nicklaus.
3. Jarry Park.

Next Deadlines Advertising: 6 Sept. Articles: 8 Sept, noon

Employee Assistance Program

(for both military and civilian personnel)

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 any one of the 19 Wing Referral Agents (RAs)

Call EAP at 7035 or



The EAP is a joint union-management program/ le PAE est un programme syndical-patronal

Tim 8595

Finn 8379

Eileen 8528

Stéphanie 8296



888 Wingnotes By Norm Blondel

Birthday Bash and other Events

One of the innovations appearing in the new social programme of 888 Wing is entitled Birthday Bash. If you are a Wing member, here's what Joyce Hollowell's R&P crew have for you in your birthday month: Cakes, balloons and a birthday present!



Wing float in recent Comox Nautical Days Parade. Check out the Argus and Voodoo aircraft models.

Grey Cup Party, Nov 26. For more details, check out Centreails for September.

Membership Renewals - we're almost at 1999 levels, just a few holdouts. Get your renewal fees in now, before all of your membership privileges come to a grinding halt!

Although they will appear in our ad on this page, make a note in advance about these popular events: Candlelight Dinner, Sep 3; Oktoberfest, Oct 21; Medieval Night, Nov 18; Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Decorating Party, Nov 25;

Air Park at 11:00 hours, then moving to the Wing. This would be a good time for possible members to have a look at our establishment. Prior to that, on Sep 9, we will host the Pacific Region AFAC meeting, to be followed by a Steak BBQ night. While some tickets are reserved for delegates, some will be available at \$10.00 each. On that day, the Wing will be closed until 5 p.m. (17:00 hours, RCAF time.)

Personal Long Distance Calls and FAXes must be logged in the office Tel/FAX registry and paid for at the end of each month. Users please note.

It was promised, and Al Hampshire and his construction crew have deliv-

ered: the Nicotine Nook, a glassed-in shelter at end of our sundeck, was almost complete at press time. Non-smokers can use it too. A date to remember is August 18. That is the day Air Cadet Glider students graduate. This year was marked by some local carping about the noise those little Cessnas make. As our President pointed out in a masterful letter to the local press, you should have been here when the Voodoos flew! That, Sir, was the sound of freedom. Congratulations go to the Cadets who will be receiving their gliding certificates. These youngsters make us both proud and confident in the future of this wonderful country.

Flash Flash Flash!

Effective Sep 5, the Wing will extend bar hours to include Tuesdays from Noon to 6 p.m. for a three-month trial period. You make it successful...the Wing will make it permanent! A special feature of the Tuesday opening will be the Barkeep's Draw - win a bottle of wine plus two Pub Grub vouchers. Each time you purchase a drink, you will receive a ticket, the mate of which will go in the hat for a 4 o'clock draw. See you on Tuesday!

Per Ardua ad Astra

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)

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

Aug 18 Moon Shadow

Aug 25 Country Cousins

Keno is now available to play in the Branch

Branch 28 Cumberland (336-2361)

Every Tuesday, 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.

Aug 18 dinner/dance - Country Cousins, \$5.00 per person (ham & scalloped potatoes)

Aug 25 Island Country

Special Event: Sun Aug 27

Annual Hank Wardale-King Picnic at Airforce Beach from 1:00-6:00 p.m. NO DOGS PLEASE!

Note: next General Meeting - September 21, 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

Pub Grub Fridays - Horse Racing, Darts, Cards.

Saturday Night BBQ tickets are \$8.00 each and go on sale each Sunday at noon. For all other events, tickets are on sale two weeks prior, Sunday, noon at the bar.

Sat Sept 2 1:00 pm Golf Tournament & BBQ \$22.00

Fri Sept 8 5:30 pm Pub Grub/Horsing \$4.00

Sun Sept 10 3:00 pm Birthday Bash. Cost - nil

Fri Sept 15 6:00 pm Pub Grub/Dart Tournament \$4.00

Regular Force Members Welcome!

888 Wing hours:

Monday - closed* Tues, noon - 6 p.m. (Sep 5)

Wed, noon - 6:00 p.m. Thur, noon - 1:00 a.m.**

Fri, noon - 1:00 a.m.** Sat, noon - 1:00 a.m.**

* Bar open on Holiday Mondays. ** Bar closed as early as 9:00 p.m. if there are no customers, at the discretion of the Bar Manager.

CANEX News

We have seen many people leave our base to start a new posting elsewhere. Although they will be missed, we wish them all the best.

The CANEX staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all the people that have recently moved to the Comox Valley. We look forward to getting acquainted with each one of you.

We've enjoyed beautiful summer weather and hope it continues for a little while longer. I'm sure everyone would like to squeeze in a little more summer fun before sending the kids off to school and facing the inevitable "liquid sunshine" that will certainly come soon enough.

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member - Gabriela. We also have two students working for us during the summer for work experience. It's been a pleasure having Lynda and Valerie with us.

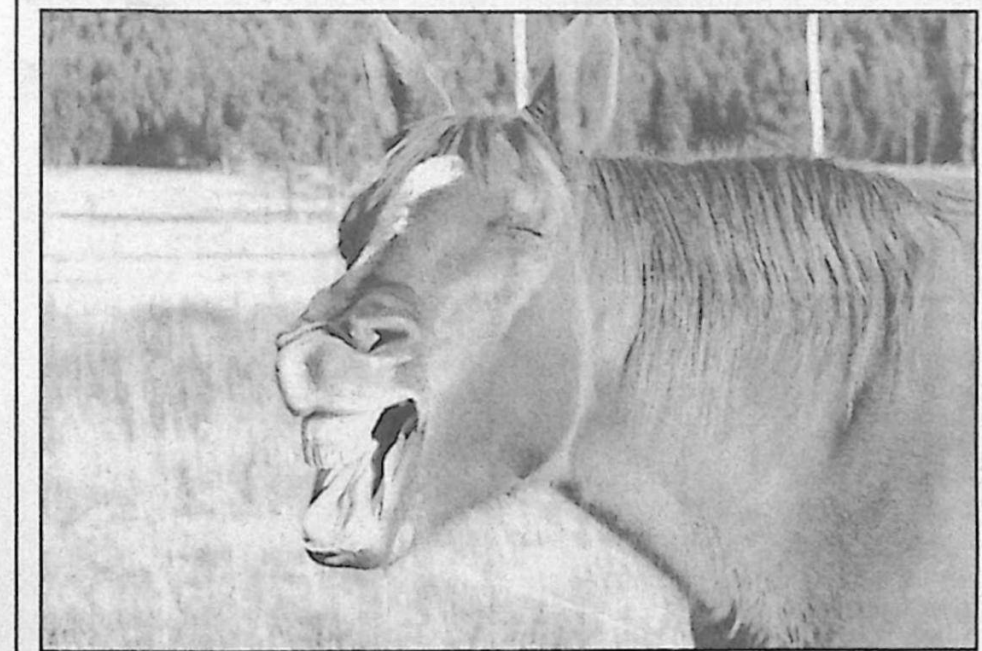
Many of us have enjoyed some holidays... Terry and Marg have recently returned from a family reunion, which sounds like it was a lot of fun... Joe and Pauline are off to Edmonton to meet the newest member of their family. Their second grandson was born last month and they just couldn't wait to get out

there to meet him. They left with suitcases full of gifts intending to spoil both grandkids. I'm sure they are having a great time. Lisa is busy planning a birthday party for her son. Although it took a little while to get my hearing back, I have thoroughly enjoyed going to see Hanson perform in Vancouver with my daughter and her friend last week. Hundreds of teenage girls screaming can get extremely loud! Manon is busy planning to bring her parents out

to B.C. from Ontario for a stay in September. Trish, on the other hand, is not having as much fun as most of us. She is still of work recovering from surgery. Needless to say, she is getting extremely bored and is anxious to get back to work. We wish you a speedy recovery Trish and look forward to your return. We all miss you.

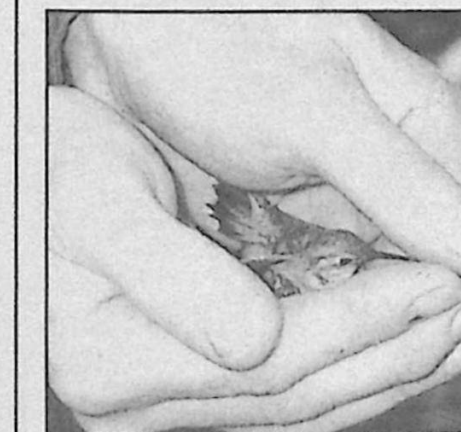
We hope you're enjoying your summer and look forward to seeing you here at CANEX.

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1st Place - Karrie Phillips "Say Cheese!"

Prize: Overwaitea \$25.00 gift certificate.



3rd Place - Janine Walton "Bird in the hand."

Prize: Free roll of film and processing



2nd Place - Jacki Pantone "Munch, Munch, Munch!"

Prize: Disposable underwater camera.

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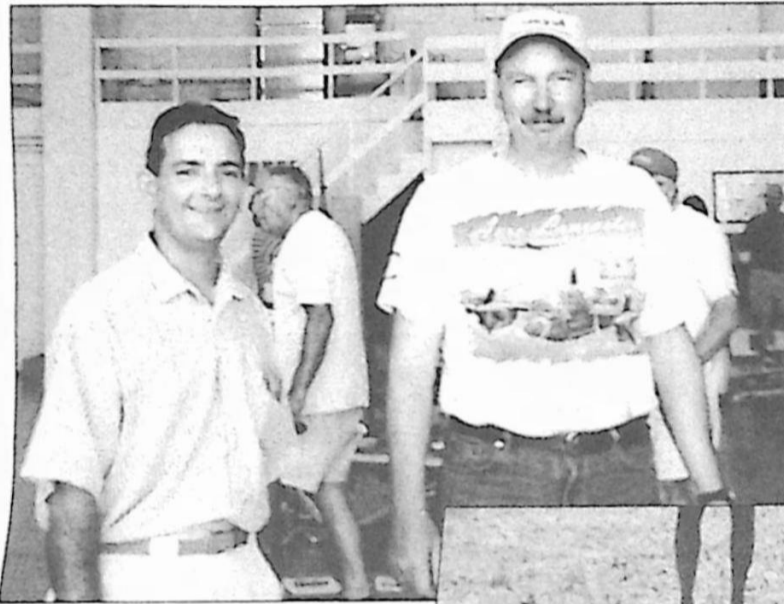
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Heritage Happenings

By Joel Clarkston

At the Nationals



Capt Benoit and Maj Clarkston at the static judging hangar at Pitt Meadows Airport. A local helicopter company donated the hangar space to the Nationals competition organizers and judging went from 10:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. The judges, all from Vancouver Island (Victoria and Nanaimo) did an incredible job considering the outside temperature was hovering around 30 degrees Celsius and they were obliged to judge without respite for the entire period.



The Comox Air Force Museum entered its scale model of the Bristol Bolingbroke in the Model Aircraft Association of Canada National contest held 31 July - 2 August at Pitt Meadows airport. The Nationals as they are referred to by all modellers, is usually held in central Canada and most westerners rarely have an opportunity to compete due to the transportation costs involved. Fortunately for us, British Columbia was selected as the host province for the year 2000 and the museum was able to supply the people and a model to compete.

Attendance at the Nationals was truly international with a competitor from China (Hong Kong) present as well as many from England and the United States. Captain Benoit from the Air Traffic Control flight was able to attend on the museum's behalf and fly the Bristol Bolingbroke. Interest in the

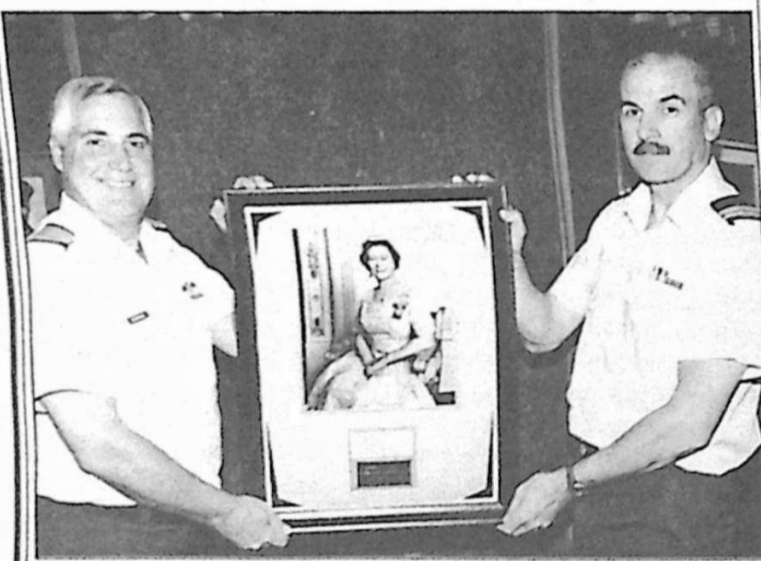
model from the media and other competitors was high with the whole event videotaped for distribution and later sales by the competition organizers. Photos and interviews were given to many different reporters and articles on the museum's participation will no doubt appear in many national scale model magazines. The Hong Kong competitor brought along a complete support team along with a factory representative of the model that he was flying! He proceeded to amaze the competitors and the crowd with a scale model of an F-15 jet complete with a scale turbine engine, running on kerosene fuel and a compressor section turning at speeds in excess of 100,000 rpm. As far as the ability to spend money on this competition, he won hands down.

Captain Benoit flew the Bolingbroke to a third place finish in the overall flying category with

15 contestants involved. Unfortunately the aircraft did not place well in the static scoring and the overall score was dropped to a 13th place finish. Regardless, much was learned about the scope and nature of the event, and the kind of finish and detail that the static judges were looking for. Improvements will be made to the model to help increase the static scoring in future and the team will be off to the next event, scheduled for Victoria, in September. The overall winner of the event was a scale modeller from England currently residing in the United States. He built and flew a beautiful scale model of a Mk XIX Spitfire so well that it was impossible for any of the contestants to even come close to his total point score. Obviously, if the museum is to be competitive, they'll have to build a Spitfire next. Perhaps a point of discussion at the next Museum Committee meeting.....

Scale Model of an F-15 fighter entered by contestant from Hong Kong. Model has a functioning jet turbine engine that amazed the contestants and crowd with its starting sequence and flight performance. The engine requires computer sequencing for start and a crewmember standing by with a large fire extinguisher (really close by) in case the whole thing goes up in smoke. It certainly got our attention.

Queen's photo



Col Neumann recently presented this newly framed picture to Capt Mike Forbes, Aerospace Control Office with the Air Traffic Control Unit, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the Comox Air Force Museum Committee, for safekeeping and display within the Museum.

A special award from Pacific Group, Air Force Association of Canada, was made July 12 to Col Terry Leversedge, former 19 Wing Logistics Officer, by Pacific Group Immediate Past President Bob Mortimer, a former Base Commander at CFB Comox and a member of 888 (Komox) RCAF Wing.

As Chairman of 19 Wing Comox 'RCAF 75th Anniversary Committee, Col Leversedge produced an exceptional program honouring the proud history and superb professionalism of Canada's Air Force during the 75 years it has served the people of Canada. Recognition of our heritage is an extremely important factor in developing esprit, and the 75th anniversary was a golden opportunity to increase public awareness of the contribution of our air force and to remind us of our glorious past. Col Leversedge's efforts in this endeavour were truly outstanding and Pacific Group was honoured to recognise his achievement with a special award.

RCAF 75th Anniversary Award



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