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RCAF 441 (Huronia) Wing, Barrie Ontario

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#### **ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BOB COXON**

The month of October seemed to be quite busy and November will certainly see much activity. The Friday night meals continue to be a good attraction with many regulars showing up with friends and relatives. A number of the Executive and members attended the AGM in Ottawa. Our Wing had two delegates plus six non voting in attendance. This was my first AGM and I was quite impressed with the overall organization and the fine manner in which the Business sessions were conducted. A special thanks to Bill Buck who carried 441 Wing colours at the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Auditor's report confirmed the fact that The Association is now on the right track financially and our Executive Director, Dean Black, was awarded a round of applause for his fine efforts and results. Special issues of Airforce will be available at the Wing for anyone to review the Association financial status.

A number of resolutions were debated with little change overall resulting in those that passed. The potential contentious Resolution 02/2007, pertaining to the \$2.00 capitation grant for Groups, submitted by Ontario Group was withdrawn following a fine speech by Ontario Group President Sam Newman.

Our own Les Ball received the Distinguished Service Award plus The Future received a 2nd place award for Wing membership greater than 125. Well done and thanks Les. The Wing also received special mention for our outstanding Annual Report.

#### Note the following Remembrance Services:

November 4<sup>th</sup> - Wasaga Beach, parade form up at 1:30 at OPP Headquarters

November 5<sup>th</sup> - 8th Barrie Scouts Portage View School, guests should arrive prior to 6:45 p.m.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Square, Barrie. Parade form up at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Dunlop and Mulcaster streets

Let us all support these events.

We Will Remember Them.

Cheers: Bob Coxon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report - Ken McKinstry

Due to the absence of the Acting President, Bob Coxon, I acted as the chairman for the Wing's October General Meeting. A contribution was made to the 102 Barrie Silver Fox RCAC Squadron. This was accepted by Ted Stenton. Our Wing member Stanley Bieniawski introduced Mr Richard Miller who has made application to become a Wing member, also, another new member will possibly be Mr John Conahan who also volunteered to become a member of Wing's 102 Squadron Sponsorship Committee.

An item of the meeting was a very interesting and exceptionally well presented talk by the 102 Squadron Warrant Officer, WO1 Denver Conahan, about what the 102 Barrie Silver Fox RCAC Squadron has and does offer to our young persons of today.

A final item was a proposal by Les for a Wing Social Afternoon on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 between 2 to 5 pm. More info to come.

At the meeting the Wing Colours were carried by 3 members of the 102 Cadet Squadron, who are to be commended for their very smart dress and deportment.

At our next general meeting there will be a guest speaker from 400 Squadron, Base Borden.



Wing members enjoying Wind Down Party at NEC AGM - Bill Buck

#### RCAF 441 (Huronia) Wing \$ 100 Month Club

The Wing is pleased to announce that the October 2007 winner of the \$ 100 Month Draw for \$ 100.00 was Barb Pattison of Wasaga Beach, Ontario.

#### NEW AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA MISSION STATEMENT

The Air Force Association of Canada is a national aerospace and community service organization established to: commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada's air forces since its inception; advocate for a proficient and well-equipped air force; and, support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.( The Association's new mission statement which was passed unanimously at the 58<sup>th</sup> AGM - resolution 08/2007)

#### <u>Canadian War Museum changes controversial</u> <u>wording on WWII bombing</u>

#### [New text:] The Bombing

The strategic bombing campaign against Germany, an important part of the Allied effort that achieved victory, remains a source of controversy today.

Strategic bombing enjoyed wide public and political support as a symbol of Allied resolve and a response to German aggression. In its first years, the air offensive achieved few of its objectives and suffered heavy losses. Advances in technology and tactics, combined with Allied successes on other fronts, led to improved results. By war's end, Allied bombers had razed portions of every major city in Germany and damaged many other targets, including oil facilities and transportation networks. The attacks blunted Germany's economic and military potential, and drew scarce resources into air defence, damage repair, and the protection of critical industries.

Allied aircrew conducted this gruelling offensive with great courage against heavy odds. It required vast material and industrial efforts and claimed over 80,000 Allied lives, including more than 10,000 Canadians. While the campaign contributed greatly to enemy war weariness, German society did not collapse despite 600,000 dead and more than five million left homeless. Industrial output fell substantially, but not until late in the war. The effectiveness and the morality of bombing heavily-populated areas in war continue to be debated.



#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Jean Steane**

Paid Membership renewals as of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for the Year July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 till June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

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#### Sherry Palma, Wing Secretary receives Prestigious Commendation





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#### **Ladies Auxiliary Report - Isabel Kelly**

October was a slow month. November 11<sup>th</sup> will be a busy time hosting the Veterans Reception after the parade. Please come out and support them and give us a little help. We will be serving soup, rolls and sweets. At our Air Force Association General Meeting in Ottawa I am pleased to announce that our own Les Ball was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, well deserved. Hope to see you at the Wing.



Isabel Kelly



#### Sick and Visiting - Terry Hamilton

Our President, Gord Steane is now home from the Hospital. His first day home he surprised us all and attended the Friday night supper accompanied by his wife and son and his sister and husband from England. A thanksgiving present we will all remember.

Hoping all keep well and enjoy the "warm weather."

Always, Terry

#### **Results of Election for National Office**

National President - John Melbourne National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Brian Darling National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Terry Chester



# RCAF 441 Wing Christmas Dinner 15 December 2007



Cocktails 6:30 p.m Dinner 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$ 15.00 EACH PAID IN ADVANCE Tickets at the Bar or \$ 20.00 EACH AT THE DOOR

### **MENU**

Complimentary Wine
Salad & Assorted Dressings
Rolls & Butter
Roast Turkey
Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Turnips Gratinee
Mixed Vegetables
Assorted Pies & Ice Cream
Coffee & Tea



# November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Band Practice	2 Friday Dinner	3 Skyliner's Band Practice
4 Closed	5 Mixed Darts	6 Wing Snooker Pub Darts	7 Wing Ex Mtg	8 KVA Ex & Gen M tg  Band Practice	9 Friday Dinner	10 Skyliner's Band Practice
11  Remembrance  Day  Celebrations	12 Mixed Darts	13 German Club Wing Snooker	14 Wing Gen Mtg	15 8th Barrie Gp Mtg Band Practice	16 Friday Dinner	17 Skyliner's Band Practice
18 <b>Closed</b>	19 Mixed Darts	20 Wing Snooker	21 Closed	Band Practice	23 Friday Dinner	24 Skyliner's Band Practice
25 Turkey Shoot	26 Mixed Darts	27 Wing Snooker Pub Darts	28 Closed	29 <b>Band Practice</b>	30 Friday Dinner	

#### **SCOUT REPORT - Jane Coxon**

The 1st Holly Scout Group got off to a roaring start in September with a total of 45 youth and adults in all sections. The Scout section has already had their first hike in early October with everyone enjoying a terrific day. Plans are underway for their "Pre-Historic" fall camp in early November. All sections were involved in their Popcorn sales which resulted in great financial results.

A Happy New Year barbeque started the year off with a bang for 1st Mapleview Scout Group. The event was held at Centennial Park in Innisfil with 75 people attending including many new families. Hot dogs, games and campfire made for a great time by everyone. 1st Mapleview Scout Group has been the fastest growing Group in Barrie for the last 2 years. Way to go Group!!

The 1st Holly Group and 1st Mapleview Group wish to thank 441 Wing for the generous financial donations which go towards the rental where the groups meet.

#### **SPECIAL INVITATION**

The youth and leaders of 8th Barrie invite members of RCAF 441 (Huronia) Wing to attend their Remembrance Service. This very important event will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at Portage View School on Anne Street. Guests should arrive no later than 6:45 pm. Please plan to come to this special evening which is planned and put on by the youth and receive a special Thank You memento from the youth.

#### New Aims and Objectives of the Air Force Association of Canada

- <u>Advocacy</u> to advocate for a proficient, well-equipped air force in Canada
- **Traditions** to preserve and perpetuate the glorious traditions established in Canada's air forces since its inception.
- Air Cadets to support the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, and work closely with the Air Cadet League of Canada.
- <u>Community</u> to participate in local civic and community programs identified by Wings and to undertake charitable and other projects of both a national and local character
- <u>Civil/Military Air</u> to recognize achievements in civil and military aviation through the annual awards of the Air Force Association of Canada.
- (The Association's new Aims and Objectives were passed unanimously at the 58th AGM resolution 06/2007)



# Silver Fox SitRep

by F/Sgt Justin Robitaille

#### Air Cadets Is the Only One for Me

I am F/Sgt. Robitaille, and this is my fifth year in cadets. If I told you that I would have been better off not joining Air Cadets that would be a lie. This is simply because I have given it so much of my time, and it has given so much more back to me. Air Cadets is one of those organizations that once you have been apart of it for even as little as one month you know that it is a place of endless possibilities.

Aside from our weekly activities on Monday nights, the Air Cadet program is full of different kinds of fun but informational events. Some of these events include: Gliding, Abseiling weekends, air rifle and 22Cal. range weekends, rifle and drill teams, trips to exciting places like Dayton Ohio, to Wisconsin, and Science North in Sudbury. We have also gone on several bush weekends that include activities like range, orienteering, and wilderness survival. Along with these events we have our annual ACAD (Air Cadet Activity Day). On this day Squadrons from around the region gather in Borden and take part in activities such as the confidence course, a ride in the Griffon helicopter, and other events.

These events help make cadets what it is. Five years ago I joined Air Cadets for one reason, and that was to get me pilot's license through the flying scholarship. I am still trying for the scholarship this year but the thing that has kept me in cadets for this long is all of the different things we do. If it weren't for them it would be nearly impossible to keep everyone's interest. A prime example of this is the fact that you can go to any squadron and find people that have been there for six years. This is also why you often see former cadets that have aged out, come back as Civilian Instructors.

Air Cadets gives you a start in life. No matter where your life brings you the values that you learn in this program are carried along with you every day. It motivates you to do the best you can, in work, and in life. You will often find yourself wondering why others don't have the same drive and determination to do well as you and all of the friends that you meet do. Then it hits you, **they weren't in Air Cadets.** No I am not saying that Air Cadets are better than everyone else. I am simply saying that Air Cadets gives you something that many others do not have and all of this is why Air Cadets is the only one for me.

### "Per Ardua Ad Astra"

#### **AFAC 2007 Awards**

Len Baldock Memorial Award -Marjorie Byrne, 412 (Windsor) Wing, Windsor ON Distinguished Service Award -Ronald Leslie Ball, 441 (Huronia) Wing, Barrie ON Albert Brian Hunter, 306 (Maple Leaf) Wing, Montreal OC **Life Membership Awards** Henry(Hank) Norman Burrows, 879 (Earl MacLeod) RCAF Wing, Chilliwack, BC R. James(Jim) Thompson DFC CD, 902 (Aero Camino) Wing, Santa Barbara, CA Leopold Villeneuve, 302(Ouebec/Valcartier) Wing, Ouebec, OC Fred D. Way, 783 (Calgary) Wing, Calgary, AB Rita Patry, MMM CD, 422 (Nipissing) Wing, North Meritorious Service Award Bay, ON Charles(Chuck) Verge, 422 (Nipissing) Wing, North Bay, ON Nancy Allen, 703 (Central Alberta) Wing, Red Deer AB Gladys Rorstrom, 879 (Earl MacLeod) RCAF Wing, Chilliwack, BC Cyril Penton, 200 (Summerside) Wing, Summerside Jorgen Knudsen, 111 (Micmac) Wing, Dartmouth, NS **Christina Handler Memorial Award** Betty Higgins, 890 (South Okanagan) Wing, Penticton, BC Wing Of The Year 200 (Summerside) Wing, Summerside, PE Air Marshal WA Curtis Award 413 (A/C Leonard Birchall) Wing, Trenton, ON

200 (Summerside) Wing, Summerside, PE

**National President's Award** 

#### **AFAC 2007 Awards**

**Group Efficiency Award** - Atlantic Group

National Vice President's Award - Jo-Anne Peckham, 413 (A/C Leonard Birchall)

Wing, Trenton, ON

**408/437 Wing Trophy** - 422 (Nipissing) Wing, North Bay, ON

Wing Bulletin Awards - Trophy A - 888 (Komox) Wing, Comox, BC

"Contrails" - Editor, Gerry Bullen

- Trophy B - 150 (North Atlantic) Wing, St. John's,

NL "Wing Span" - Editor, Sid Butler

#### THE RCAF MEMORIAL MUSEUM TO RECEIVE A NEW NAME!

Brigadier General Tom Lawson, Wing Commander 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, has authorized the decision of the Board of Directors to rename the RCAF Memorial Museum to the "National Air Force Museum of Canada". The name change will occur gradually and be completed by 1 April 2008. This unanimous decision by the Board was made to accurately reflect the Mission of the Museum: "to collect, preserve, and display historical artefacts and archival material pertaining to the people, missions, and equipment of Canada's Air Force.

The re-naming of this Museum is in keeping with its national status declared by the Chief of Air Staff in September of 1999. It is vitally important for our facility to encourage and recognize current and future serving Air Force members and to educate the youth of tomorrow" said Museum Board chairman LCol (Ret'd) Peter McCulloch. "Since 1914 with the formation of the Canadian Aviation Corps, there have been seven distinct Air Forces by name. Today the Air Force is known as Air Command. Our Museum, given its national mandate, is responsible to tell the Air Force story to the 50,000 visitors that pass through our doors annually. We believe that it is critical that our name accurately reflect these 93 years of history today and in the future. And, in keeping with the tremendous accomplishments of the Royal Canadian Air Force, we intend to re-name the Museum Air Park, The RCAF Memorial Air Park, to commemorate the proud 44 year history of the distinguished organization (1924 -1968)."

As time progresses and the newly expanded facility is completed, many of the artefacts presently in storage will be put on display for the first time since they were acquired. Included in these new displays will be representations of Air Force operations in Europe, the Middle East and Asia that have been conducted since 1989.

The National Air Force Museum of Canada is Quinte's largest tourist attraction. It is located at 220 RCAF Road in the City of Quinte West. 613-965-RCAF (7223). For further information please contact: Chris Colton, Executive Director, National Air Force Museum of Canada, 613.965.2208.

## RCAF 441 Wing Social Afternoon

**Date:** November 28

**Time:** 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Wing Quarters HWY 90

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#### **OPEN FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT**

check the calender for dates when the Wing will be open!

#### GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY November 14th, 2007

General Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

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