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The RCAFA is a national aerospace and community service organization to:

- Commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who 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.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – BOARD REPORT

The Board of Directors hope you enjoy reading the London Link. We would be delighted if readers provide feedback on the articles. This can be done by putting your ideas in the suggestion box located on the Kitshop table. Cards and pencils are in the box for your convenience. Reg Lownie is the contact person and would be pleased to receive your items. Deadlines for submissions are listed in the Link. Cathy Wood, the Editor, does her level best to include submitted items bearing in mind space limitations and the need to edit when needed. I think you will agree that every issue contains a variety of articles of interest to the wider readership.

The flat roof between the two sections of the building was replaced during the week of September 30th. A grant application was submitted to install a virtual lift to provide access to the washrooms near the buffet serving area. Both projects will enable the Wing to create new and innovative activities for the use and enjoyment of everyone who uses our facilities. Again, please put your comments regarding activities in the suggestion box.

Attend general meetings when you can to keep informed of what is happening at the Wing. When visiting, please read the minutes on the notice board. If unable to come to the Wing, a copy of the minutes can be emailed to you. Please let us know. We hope to post the minutes on the website and if space is available to include them in the Link.

Best regards to all members and visitors.

Chuck Hardy for the Board of Directors

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NOTICE

Art Lee passed away October 27 at age 96.

Visitation

Wednesday Oct 30, 2019: 2:00 to 4:00 pm • 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Thursday Oct 31, 2019: 10:00 to 11:00 am

Service

Thursday Oct 31, 2019 11:00 am



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Interment

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Per Ardua by Gus Cameron

(Editor's note – In this issue we are pleased to welcome Director Gus Cameron, who is contributing his first "Per Ardua" article to The Link. Gus came to the Wing about 20 years ago, shortly after he finished fifteen years employment as an instructor in Marketing and Management at Fanshawe College. You can meet Gus at our regular Friday lunches or helping out almost any time the Wing is open.)

I would like to draw the attention of both our members and to anyone who may have an interest in the Wing to a simple concern. Collectively, we are aware that no organization can continue to exist unless the leadership and the membership engage in promoting and thereby increasing membership growth and participation in its activities. In short, we need to be "Open to the Public" to extend invitations and provide reasons for them to visit and join our 427 Wing. Here is a short list of how we as individuals can do just that:

1. Increase interest about the 427 Wing, our Amateur Radio Club and The Secrets of Radar, to make the public feel welcome to visit by creating an open door policy, "You Are Invited!" Now come check us out!
2. Display a more welcoming attitude to all London and Area to attract the public to visit.
3. We are not a "members only" club, but an important part of the City of London and area.
4. We must expand our visibility and show why we are here - History, Partners, Programs, Purpose, Displays, and Support of Our Important Projects and to share the reasons people become members and supporters.
5. We must expose our Past, Present and Future, in what we represent, what we have accomplished and what needs to be done for the future.
6. In our society today, we can't take our successes of the past for granted; we must fight for our rights as the world changes through time. We represent the history of the past, the present and what we expect for our safety and security for our future!
7. We must make sure that our local society is aware of our important programs, our Museum, our neighbors' displays and hands on programs at work, plus our memorials that are displayed every day - not just once a year.
8. The general public should be aware of why we are here and the other Wings across Canada. This is what we stand for and what we are committed to: - Recruiting, Retention and Support, Advocacy, Programs for all ages, Youth, we raise money for six Cadet programs locally, Canada needs pilot in the forces and airlines (10 thousand over the next few years), Heritage, Camaraderie and Social Support, Stand up and fight for our Democracy, not take it for granted. We are members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association. Come



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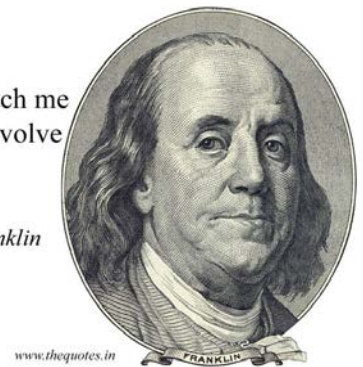


and find out what that truly stands for and if the shoe fits be a supporter or a member.

Please remember, "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I might remember. Involve me and I will understand." (Benjamin Franklin.)

Tell me and I forget, teach me
and I may remember, involve
me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."**

**Laurence Binyon
"Ode of Remembrance"**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Three new members were inducted in at the General Meeting on September 27th. They are Randy Warden, Ed Rempel and Gregory Popelas. Members in attendance came forward to greet their new members. Randy, Gregory and Ed participated in discussions at the meeting. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

Today, October 3rd, a friend and former Wing member posted an ad on Kijiji promoting the Wing Euchre Club. We play 8 progressive games on Tuesdays starting at 1:15 pm. Cost in a mere \$2.00 a week and included is coffee and a snack and the chance to win a prize. Members and the general public are most welcome to attend. Experience is not necessary.

Now, let us think about taxes. It's the season again to look for ways to reduce the amount of taxes to pay for 2019. A good way is to donate \$20.00 or more to help the Wing. You will receive a tax receipt for the full amount you donate from the Royal Canadian Air Force Association National Trust Fund. To take advantage, please contact me at the Wing. Cheques are sent to the Trust Fund right away. You will receive your tax receipt in about three weeks. The Wing will receive a cheque for the amount you donate less a 4% processing fee. Please tell friends and relatives. Donors do not have to be a member.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Link you will see information about the annual Christmas luncheon being held on Friday November 22nd. The luncheon is followed by a general meeting. Mark your calendars.

See you in the January-February edition and have a great festive season.

– Chuck Hardy



Three new members were sworn in at the September 27th General Meeting. Pictured left to right are: Executive Director Chuck Hardy and new members Ed Rempel, Randy Warren and Greg Popelas being inducted into the Wing by Director Barry Sandler



427 Wing wishes all of you
a safe and prosperous holiday season and
all the best in the New Year





Jan Sydorko, Michael Sydorko and a family member

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This year the Veterans' Classic recognized Sir. Michael Sydorko. He was presented with a Quilt of Honour. Mike was from Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba and joined the Canadian army at age 15. He eventually found himself in England, training for the assault on Fortress Europe as a member of the Lake Superior Regiment within the 4th Canadian Armoured Division. Mike specialized in flame throwers. He saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and eventually became Acting Sergeant.

One day, Mike came upon a German officer who was in obvious pain, a tourniquet applied to his right leg which was missing below the knee. He offered the enemy officer a shot of morphine from his own personal medical pack. "I'll never forget the look I got from him, the thanks from his eyes about two minutes later when the pain disappeared".

Mike, a 427 Wing member, has kept in touch with members of his Regiment that he describes as "good people, tough men, not the sort of guys whose toes you'd want to step on."

Mike was awarded the French Legion of Honour in 2014 for the role he played in the Liberation of German-occupied Franche in 1944.

Wing member Randy Warden was also an Honoured Veteran and received a Quilt of Honour at the event.

At a ceremony recently attended by senior representatives of 31 Canadian Brigade Group, HMCS Prevost, the RCMP and Royal Canadian Legion, Mayor Ed Holder was presented with London's first poppy.

From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who sacrificed for our freedom.

The person who first introduced the Poppy to Canada and the



Commonwealth was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War. John McCrae penned the Poem "In Flanders Fields" on a scrap of paper in May, 1915 on the day following the death of a fellow soldier. While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund.

427 Wing Wants **YOU**

to help with this year's Poppy Campaign.

Please commit to one or more shifts at these locations:

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November 2nd

10:00 - 12:00 • 12:00 - 2:00

November 3rd

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November 9th

10:00 - 12:00 • 12:00 - 2:00

November 10th: 10:00 - 12:00

12:00 - 2:00

Thank You! Our efforts support the Donnybrook Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Dorchester.

Airshow Memories

Whether or not you went to the Airshow this past September, here is a little quiz for you to test your aircraft identification smarts. Just give yourself one 'smart point' for every example you get right. Answers are on page 10 and clues are on our front cover (Photos taken by Fred Pettit).

- (1) You often see these birds flying in groups. What is the full name of this aircraft?
- (2) What kind of aircraft is this? What is it called?
- (3) This shows one aircraft chasing a similar one. What are they called?
- (4) The lead aircraft is different from the other two. Name all three.
- (5) This aircraft is as big as it looks. What is it?
- (6) You must have seen these before. What is the name of this flying group?
- (7) What aircraft are involved here and what is their formation called?

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Cenotaph (south east corner) of Victoria Park

Tuesday November 11th at 12 noon. The Wing will lay a wreath. There are displays to view and a free luncheon afterwards at Centennial Hall.

NOTE: Oct. 30 at 7:00pm, 427 Wing, there is a meeting being held by the Chairperson, Remembrance Day Committee. All interested parties are invited to attend.



It is a rare event to see these two gentlemen holding a dishtowel, but Sam Newman and Chuck Hardy are displaying a special gift to the Wing from Wing member Janet Pole. Janet purchased it online in commemoration of those who fought in Bomber Command. It will be framed and hung in the Wing as a lasting memento. Thank you, Janet.

Battle of Britain Luncheon spokesman brings hope to Arrow enthusiasts

Although this year's Battle of Britain Luncheon held on September 20th, was well attended and well received, it was unusual. For the first time in recent history, our guest speaker did not make any reference to the epic air battle that took place during the summer of 1940. Nevertheless, to judge from the questions fired at him after his speech, Jack Hurst was likely the only person his audience would ever get this close to, who could answer that burning question: Why did they cancel the Arrow program?

The Luncheon got underway with the seating of the Head Table, the diners and our Padre, Frank Mantz. Rev. Mantz brought everyone's attention to the purpose for our gathering through his very inspirational prayer, which included the names of Wing members who had passed away since our last Battle of Britain Luncheon. This was followed by the recitation by four Wing members of the names of the 22 Canadian flyers who were killed in the Battle of Britain, then a Moment of Silence, the Act of Remembrance and Prayers.

We then enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner, dessert, tea and coffee and a short intermission before re-assembly and Toasts to the Queen, Canada, and Fallen Comrades. The MC then introduced our speaker for the Luncheon, Mr. Jack Hurst, whose topic for the afternoon was the Avro Canada CF-105, more generally known as the Avro Arrow.

Jack Hurst spoke initially of his career as a photographer, which began at the age of 17 when he was hired by Avro Canada in Toronto (Malton). He eventually became an air-to-air photographer, chasing high-speed aircraft around the skies. He has logged more than 400 hours in the back seat of a CF-100, has his own flying suit – now arrayed with crests and logos – and his own helmet and locker. In addition, he was paid “danger pay” of \$5 an hour for every hour he flew to take photographs, which he describes as, “a lot of fun up there,” including his photos of RL 205, the last Arrow to fly.

Jack brought history to life in his address to the Wing members. The first Avro Arrow (CF-105) rolled off the production line on October 4, 1957, the same date the Russians launched Sputnik, the first man-made object into orbit. Both these events took place at a time when the “Cold War” between the Soviets and the West was at its height. Six months later, on March 25, 1958, the first flight of the Avro Arrow prototype took place. It was deemed capable of flying at nearly three times the speed of sound to an altitude of 60,000 feet. Many observers were certain that development of the Arrow would help to deter any Russian aggression. Some saw the Arrow as a great national symbol and the pride of all Canadians.

But then, as Jack Hurst told us, it was a year later on Friday, February 20, 1959, the day that became known as “Black Friday,” that the Arrow program was abruptly cancelled. One aviation historian thought the reason for the cancellation was, “a mixture of politics, timing and bad luck.” The Canadian government said it was because the project “had become too costly and no longer worth the money.” As Jack Hurst described it, “They told us to go home and not come back.” About fifteen thousand people lost their jobs that afternoon and many thousands more jobs in the supply chain, parts manufacturers and other support networks were gone within six months. Canadians were left to wonder “why?”

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Jack Hurst (back to camera) is swamped by questions



Luncheon speaker Jack Hurst gives an engaging talk to Battle of Britain luncheoners.

About three years ago, Jack moved his family to London, Ontario and is now semi-retired. Despite his 80 plus years, he maintains a great interest in photography and in particular, his involvement in the “Raise the Arrow” project. The project is an effort to recover the nine, one-eighth scale free-flight Arrow models launched on a Nike rocket booster over Lake Ontario, from Point Petre in Prince Edward County, as part of the Arrow program. Despite efforts made to date, all but one of the nine still rest on the bottom of Lake Ontario, covered in zebra mussels.

Another remarkable thing about Jack's speech was that it was only one-half of his well-thought out and delivered presentation. He usually provides a visual slide show as well, which is handled by his friend, John Bertram, who was unable to accompany Jack to the Wing. However, before he left, Jack promised to return with his slide show, and he will be most welcome again.



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November 27, 2019
December 20, 2019

Old Age Security

November 27, 2019
December 20, 2019

Veterans Affairs Disability Pension

November 28, 2019
December 21, 2019

Notes: Canada Pension Plan includes the CPP, retirement pension and disability, children's and survivor benefits. Old Age Security includes the OAS pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement Allowance and Allowance for the Survivor.

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Secrets of Radar Museum
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Dovers's Guardians. This is a photo of a gift sent to the Wing recently by veterans at Parkwood Hospital. It is a plywood box with the letters "Dover's Guardians" in block letters on each side. Behind the glass front is a scenic representation of the white cliffs of Dover, England. In the sea below the cliffs are two Canadian warships, while flying overhead are Mosquito and Hurricane aircraft. On the right is the former Canadian flag which was flown during WW II, fluttering in the breeze from an unseen fan on the upper right. This miniature display was created in the Veterans Arts and Crafts rooms at the Parkwood Institute by four creative veterans: Dennis Seguin, Larry Williams, Lorne Spicer (a member of 427 Wing) and Rosemary Telles-Langdon. Lorne and Rosemary passed away this year. Their gift will be mounted in a prominent spot at the Wing and we thank Supervisor Doreen Campbell of the Arts and Crafts section for her assistance in bringing it to us. .

**Up, Up & Away
Wednesday, November 13,
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Museum London**

Ridout and Dundas

Mike Baker, curator of the Elgin County Museum, speaking on the British Commonwealth Air Training program during World War II. A film may or may not be included with his presentation.

\$8pp or \$10 for two. Register at
<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/MuseumLondon/default/category.php?ref=759.0.199512075>

Answers to quiz
(1) CT-114 Tutor
(2) American tilt rotor aircraft
Name: v22 Osprey
(3) CF-18
(4) Vampire and two T-33s
(5) A T-33 followed by a CF-18
(6) B-52 bomber
(7) Two CT-114 Tutors in a cross-over

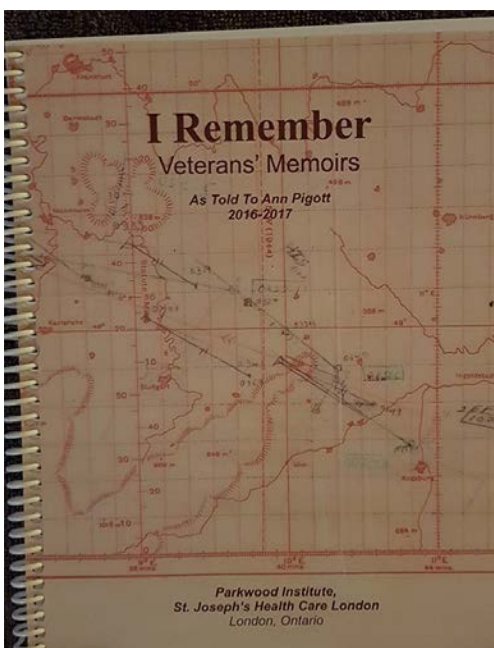
On Parade

(Editor's note: 427 Wing currently supports six Air Cadet Squadrons consisting of over 450 male and female cadets and their officers. For more than twenty years, Wing member Jack Clark, has been the Wing Liaison Officer to all the cadet squadrons. Jack recently retired and was replaced by Wing member Brent Elgie. It is hoped that this column, "On Parade," will give all Wing members the opportunity to learn more about the Air Cadets, perhaps from the some of the cadets themselves, about what they gain from their Association and how we can contribute to their continued success.)

In preparation for my participation as Air Cadet Liaison Officer, I have accompanied Jack Clark to three of the six squadrons and met with some of their officers and the cadets. I want to note that everywhere we went, Jack was instantly recognized and he has built an excellent relationship between the squadrons and our Wing. I would also like to mention that when you attend our Friday lunches and buy a 50/50 ticket, you are helping to support all the six squadrons in and around London, because at least half the prize money will go to those squadrons to purchase some of the equipment and supplies they require.

If you know of anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 who might be interested in joining Cadets, you can contact the Wing (519-455-0430) or any one of the Squadrons from their names and numbers below:

3 Striker Squadron, Strathroy – Meet at West Middlesex Memorial Arena in Strathroy on Tuesday from 18:30 - 21:30
27 City of London Squadron – Meet at Prevost Armouries on Thursday from 18:30 – 21:00
201 Dorchester Squadron – Meet at Dorchester Community Centre on Wednesday from 18:30 – 21:00
614 Forest City Squadron – Meet at Wolsey, Beaver Hall, London on Wednesday from 18:15- 21:30
741 Elgin Squadron – Meet at Elgin Armouries in St. Thomas on Wednesday from 18:30 – 21:30
862 Lambeth Lightning Squadron – Meet at Legion Branch 501 in Lambeth on Wednesday from 18:30 – 21:1



"I Remember" - Veterans' Memoirs - is a 129 page book which contains the autobiographies of 27 veterans who are, or were, residents of the Veterans Care program at the Parkwood Institute here in London. Published in 2017 it is the fourth of similar books written and well received between 1998 and 2005..Several of the names of the contributors should be well-known to Wing members, such as Mel Hymers and Lorne Spicer, and there are no less than six female authors included. As the preface to the book states, there are: "revealing and powerful themes of life, love and loss, these engaging stories are told in the veterans' own words." This year's edition of veterans' stories was collected by Ann Pigott, a familiar face at the Arts and Crafts section. She mentions in her Preface that "the veterans spoke with sincerity, openness and humour about their lifetime experiences . . . ranging from the ordinary to the extraordinary, with a poignancy that is both powerful and moving."

In addition there are black and white photographs of all the veterans, some taken in their very younger years when they enlisted, and others taken much later in life. In all, an excellent opportunity to pick up a Christmas gift that would appeal to all ages, and at a very reasonable price of only \$20. Books are on sale at our Kitshop or speak to Flo, Fred Pettit, or any member of the Board of Directors.



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Christmas Luncheon

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2019
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MEMBERS' SURVEY

This survey is intended to seek the views of as many members as possible to provide a good positive experience for each visit to 427 (London) Wing.

1. Friday Lunches

I often attend and enjoy them ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Suggestions

2. Events

What events should the Wing have besides the Friday lunches?

Should most events be in the afternoon? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Type of entertainment or music

Other suggestions

3. Meetings

How often should General Meetings be held?

How can we get more members to attend?

4. Membership

How should The Wing attract new members?_

Do you know someone who would like to join? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

5. Committee Work – We all have skills and talents

It can be fun and interesting. Would you be interested? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

You can serve on a committee without being the person in charge. Would that interest you? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Other than committee work, is there something else you could do to help the Wing? If so, please indicate below

6. The London Link

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What articles would you like to see in it

Do you pass on your copy to a friend, relative or neighbour? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Would you write an occasional article? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

7. The Building

Would you donate your time and or money to help pay for repairs? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

If you want a tax receipt for a donation of \$20.00 or more, please speak with a member of the Board of Directors. Tax receipts are provided by the RCAF Association in Ottawa and mailed to your home within a month.

8. Do you periodically visit the Wing website? ☐ Yes or ☐ No.

What changes or improvements to the website do you suggest be made?

9. Do you follow the 427 Wing Facebook page? ☐ Yes or ☐ No.

10. Is there anything else that comes to mind to improve the Wing?

Your name (Optional):

Thank you for your participation in this survey. Chuck Hardy, Executive Director for the Wing Board of Directors.

Minutes of the General Meeting

September 27, 2019

Conducted by:

Chuck Hardy, Executive Director, 427 (London) Wing.

Recorder / secretary:

Tom Pillon, Director and Secretary, 427 (London) Wing.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chuck Hardy, Executive Director at 12:50 p.m.

2. Attendance and quorum

It was determined by the Secretary that a quorum was present at the meeting. A total of 23 persons signed the attendance sheet.

3. Review and acceptance of minutes from prior General Meeting (2019-05-24)

Frank Birch moved to accept. Hazel Malone seconded. Vote to accept carried.

4. Remarks by Executive Director - Chuck Hardy

No motions made.

Remarks made concerned new governance positions and introduction of the board.

5. Treasurer's report

No motions made.

Chuck Hardy reported in Howard Johnston's (Director and Treasurer) place due to Howard's absence from the meeting.

Balances up to end of August reported and posted on the message board at the Wing.

6. Report of Committees:

All committees were listed in the agenda to illustrate full activities of Wing.

Membership and inductees

Chuck Hardy reported that membership stands at 140.

Three inductees were sworn by Barry Sandler, Director and Board Chair (Gregory Popelas, Ed Rempel and Randy Warden)

Wellness - Hilda Smeltzer

Reported and filed with the secretary.

The Wellness committee members are: Hazel Malone, Charlene O'Donnell and Hilda Smeltzer.

Housing - Tom Pillon

An update on the flat roof repair progress. Flat roof repair to be completed by Saturday Sept. 28, 2019.

Report of recent break-ins and theft of shed contents.

No information on engineers report for east building floor has been obtained.

Capital projects - Barry Sandler

Reported update on Vimy Flight Park proposal, east building floor and elevator lift in common area.

Discussed possible organization of and participation in Orbis (international eye surgery) aircraft pull event.

Air Cadets - Brent Elgie

Distribution of funds to Air Cadets continues as per schedule.

Fund raising - Barry Sandler

Explained differences between day-to-day and capital project fundraising.

Need to assemble team to engage Airport district neighbours, grants, sponsoring companies and bequests.

Marketing - Gus Cameron

Explained need to increase membership and engage the public in visiting the Wing and museums on site, especially the younger generations. A team is needed to execute a plan.

Website and communications - Tom Pillon

Reminder of the web presence and invitation for ideas on ways to improve our web presence.

The Link - Reg Lownie

Invite contributors to the Christmas edition, particularly for stories on a significant event in the author's life (My momentous moment).

Museum - Howard Johnston

Reg Lownie reported due to Howard's absence.

Committee is in search of a person to act as curator.

Spooner - Sam Newman

No report due to Sam's absence.

History - Dave Smith

More pictures and news on Avro Arrow.

Request for information on Fletcher family.

Terry Rushton requested volunteers for 2019 Poppy campaign and will post a schedule for dates, times (shifts) and places.

Entertainment - Chuck Hardy

Need for committee members.

Suggested possible return of afternoon dances.

Need to include more members of the general public to entertainment events.

Food services - Chuck Hardy

Flo reminds the members that donations to the kitchen are always welcome.

Lottery - Tom Pillon

Tom has taken over the administration of the lottery licensing.

Thank you to Mike Ryan for past management of this task.

Kit shop - Fred Pettit

Fred was absent but it was reported during the Treasurer's report that the Kit Shop made a \$700.00 profit during the Air Shows in London and Brantford.

Sports - Don Clarke

Euchre numbers are down, possibly due to regular members still out golfing.

7. Remarks by Director and Board Chair - Barry Sandler

Need to focus the Wing's strategic direction over the coming year.

By-laws, policies and procedures are undergoing review to match the new governance model.

Reiterated need to fund capital projects.

Move to adjourn by Judy Grunwald.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Next General meeting - Friday, November 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Tuesday afternoons

Euchre at 1:15

Euchre is 8 progressives games for \$2.00 each week including coffee and a snack. Plus a chance to win a prize. Wing membership is not required.



BIRTHDAY BRATS



NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Al Horton, Brad Keeler, Bob Lahey, Mike Meade, Jack Pettit, Al Szawara,
Marilyn Turner and Lindsay Mathysen.

DECEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Joanne Banyard, Linda Brimson, Pat Clarke, Len Fallowfield, John Funston,
Howard Johnston, Frank Kasawan, Rob Leroy, Ken Lilley, Keith Mathysen,
John Pederson, Ann Smith, Pam Storey, Mike Watts, and Bill Weir



"The older the fiddler, the sweeter the tune."
~English Proverb



LONDON LINK SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

January/February: December 18th • March/April: February 15th. May/June: April 17th • July/August: June 17th.
September/October: August 18th • November/December: October 18th.

Please forward any articles that you consider of value to the Wing members and we will do our best to get it to print.
Sometimes submissions are of such a size that we then make them a two, or three part series.

Looking forward to hearing from you and sharing your photos, stories etc with our members.
(For good reproduction at reasonable size, photos should be fairly high resolution)



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November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					LUNCH 1	LVRC 2
3 PRIVATE RENTAL	4 NORAD Event. RAA	5 EUCHRE 1:15	6	7 LARC	8 LUNCH	9
10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY MAC	12 EUCHRE 1:15 BCC	13	14 WT	15 LUNCH	16
17	18	19 EUCHRE 1:15	20	21	22 ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH WDS GM	23
24	25	26 EUCHRE FO	27 COM	28	29 LUNCH	30

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 RAA	4	5	6 LUNCH	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 LUNCH (Last for 2019)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	JANUARY 4: LVRC 1 JANUARY 10: 1st 2020 Friday Lunch. GM			

Note: every Tuesday Euchre at the Wing 1:15pm

AGM Annual General Meeting, 1pm
BBQ Bar-b-que lunch, last lunch until August
BCC British Car Club, meeting at 7:30pm
COM Retired Commissionaires, 9am - 12pm
FO Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm
GM General Meeting at 1pm

GS Guest Speaker
LFC London Flying Club Reunion
LVRC London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 11:00am
MAC Model Aircraft Club meeting
OAGM Ontario Group Annual General Meeting

RAA Recreational Aircraft Association, meeting at 7:30pm
WD The Women's Division join us the 4th Friday of each month for lunch
WDP Wind Down Party for OAGM, at the Wing
WEC Wing Executive Council, 9:30am
WT Wood Turners, meeting at 7:30pm