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427 (London) Wing RCAF Association 2155 Crumlin Side Road, London is proud to celebrate this milestone.

Let's honour past and present RCAF members. Thanks for all you do.

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On National Aviation Day, February 23, the RCAF celebrated Canada's excellence in aviation by posting photos of some of the aircraft that help them carry out a multitude of roles at home and abroad. (Photos RCAF Facebook page)













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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RCAFA) MISSION STATEMENT

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.

THE LONDON LINK - PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Six editions each year beginning with the Jul/Aug edition.

Articles of interest to all readers including items about all components of the military both of a historic and more recent nature; articles written by Air Cadets of all Squadrons; regular Board articles; items from all readers as space allows.

To promote the Wing to the wider and diverse population with the aim of attracting new members and/or seeking volunteers who may not wish to join as members.

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Hello from the Board Chair

Linda Brimson

Members who don't get out to the Wing often, or who don't speak with active members, may think nothing goes on at 427 (London) Wing RCAF Association.

To the contrary, there's lots of efforts by various members behind the scenes. We say goodbye to outgoing Treasurer Carolyn Ridley, and welcome new Treasurer and Board Member Rahwa Mengsteab Fessehaye. Thanks to Carolyn for a smooth handoff. We recently contracted the Wing accountant, Christina, to perform additional tasks as Rahwa learns the Treasurer procedures. Together, the Wing has accurate financial reporting and good compliance. We thank Carolyn for proposing the plan.

Rene McKinnon has led the vertical lift project and its now at installation stage. The lift cost was funded through a New Horizons for Seniors Project grant and gives full access throughout the entire Wing building. More photos next Link issue.

I recently attended a full-day zoom session on ONCA -Bringing your governing documents in line with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. It was arranged through Pillar Nonprofit Network here in London. The Wing is a Pillar member and has benefitted from workshops and postings for volunteers, etc. The ONCA session was led by a most interesting and personable facilitator; Benjamin Miller of Community Legal Education Ontario. Who knew bylaws could be fun? Compliance is requested by October 2024, so we have time. It's a good opportunity to aim not just for minimum ONCA compliance, but clarity and good governance in our bylaws.

Last month I attended my first London Museum Network meeting with executive and twenty local museums representatives. The executive members work closely with Heritage London. The Wing and all participating museums were invited to have a videographer make a short film clip and voiceover to present at the Heritage Conference in June which will be shared with Tourism London. A great promotion opportunity. It was great to hear what other museums are doing and challenges they face.

The Wing is booked to display hand out info at the Canada Day July 1st downtown event along Dundas Street, between Talbot and Wellington streets. It's a daytime event to raise the Wing profile that doesn't cost money. (in fact, I applied for a small grant to cover any incidental costs).

Doors Open London is September 16-17, 2023 - the weekend after London International Airshow. We need a few members willing to greet visitors and tell them about the Wing, and what a gem it is. Our aviation neighbours, the Secrets of Radar Museum and Jet Aircraft Museum are also participating. It's good to highlight we are part of an aviation hub that includes London International Airport, the International Test Pilot School, the Norton Wolf School of Aviation and Aerospace Technology (Fanshawe College). All these great facilities are situated along Crumlin Road. Meanwhile, Flo Douglas and her very able helpers (Fred,

Kim, Shirley) work hard to provide variety with Friday lunches. Thanks to everyone who attends and helps. Please bring a friend or a member who may need a ride. The number of attendees can dip in the winter due to sickness and inclement weather.

Most weekdays, several Wing members (Flo, Rene, Howard, Don Clarke, Chuck Hardy, Frank Birch and others) pop in to ensure daily functioning of the Wing - paying bills, maintenance items, errands, follow-up from phone contacts, etc.) Thanks for all you do.

Other members serve on committees (Wellness, Air Cadets, Facebook page, Building,) advise the Board or help at events. We need everyone's efforts to carry on. There are a few vacancies that have been open for quite a while: Board Secretary; Memorial Stones liaison. Also looking for a new webmaster to update our webpage.

A sincere thank you to everyone, past and present, whose service has kept the Wing going.

There is a brief general meeting Friday March 24, 2023 after lunch. I promise to keep it short, but we need a couple membership decisions made.

The next zoom Board meeting is Monday March 27th at 6 p.m. You can phone me 519 659-0628 or email me any questions. Email: linda.brimson@yahoo.com

Russian War with Ukraine now one year old

The suffering continues for people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries; those fighting the invasion, those who fled the turmoil, those who have lost their lives, their families, friends and homes.

President Biden's visit to Ukraine was unprecedented and hopefully sent a message of solidarity.

Please continue to support Ukraine's humanitarian efforts and pray for peace.

The flag colours symbolize blue sky above the yellow field of wheat representing Ukraine and the Ukrainians as they are - freedom-loving, independent, brave, and vibrant. Ukrainian flag with its ancient history holds a significant place in the heart of the Ukrainian people and is a nation's talisman through all times.





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National Flag Day

Submitted by Linda Brimson, with files from canada.ca

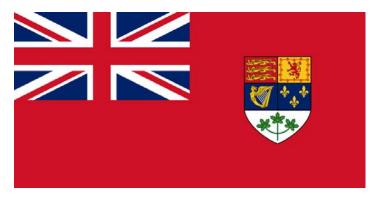
National Flag of Canada Day is observed every year on February 15. This day marks the inauguration of the present flag of Canada with the red maple leaf. The flag signifies the common values that unite all citizens of Canada — equality, diversity, and inclusion. On this day, you might see the Canadian flag waving in glory from building tops and people distributing miniature flags on the streets. Some people prefer wearing pins in the design of the flag to honor this occasion. In many schools, special lessons are delivered on the history of the flag and its significance. Veterans who had sworn allegiance to King and Country had a particular interest in retaining the flag they served under.

The history of Canada's red and white maple leaf flag is quite eventful. You might be surprised to know that it hasn't been around for all that long. Although Canada's quest for a national flag had begun in the late 19th century, the current version of the flag only emerged during the 1960s. Even after Confederation in 1867, Canada displayed the royal union flag of the United Kingdom as its own. By the 1870s, the Red Ensign — (top left) a combination of the Union Jack and the shield of Canada — began to be used unofficially as a national symbol. As the nation started growing, its people felt the need for distinct symbols to represent their nationality. In 1921, King George V granted Royal Arms to Canada, and this found its place on the Red Ensign. This new version was used as a patriotic emblem during World War II.

In the following years, several protests were carried out. Then, in 1960, Lester B. Pearson, the leader of the opposition, decided to put an end to the problem of the flag. This eventually led to the Great Flag Debate. Pearson proposed his plans for a new flag in the House of Commons. The debate lasted more than six months, bitterly dividing the people in the process. The debate over the proposed new Canadian flag was ended by closure on December 15, 1964. It resulted in the adoption of the "Maple Leaf" as the Canadian national flag. George Stanley was the person behind the design, with final touches by graphic artist Jacques Saint-Cyr, which features a stylized red maple leaf on a white surface flanked by red borders.

Right: Pearson with winning flag design

The new flag became official after Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed it on January 28, 1965. On February 15 that same year, it was hoisted on Parliament Hill at the stroke of noon. That's how the maple leaf flag came into being!







REMINDER

April 1st, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force

There are special fundraising initiatives and celebrations from national level being planned.

Follow 427 (London) Wing on Facebook for updates. There is remarkable history to celebrate and many great veterans to remember, along with wonderful aircraft.

A century of service and achievement.



Lawrence Station: The Crash of American Airlines Flagship Erie

Written by Len Cuthbert, founder of Fridge Door Live Theatre Company, and directed by Adam Corrigan Holowitz, Lawrence Station: The Crash of the American Airlines Flaghip Erie tells the story of the 1941 crash of the American Airlines Flagship Erie, on a farm just outside of Port Stanley, and the lives that the event altered. Produced by the Fridge Door Live Theatre Company and AlvegoRoot Theatre, it will be presented in London at Manor Park Memorial Hall, April 28 and 29.

To purchase tickets, go to www.onstagelive.ca.





20 were killed in the crash of the Flagship Erie, 1941

Ireland's Great War

When Britain declared war on Germany, many of Ireland's nationalists and unionists found a unified cause and joined up to fight. While soldiers were doing battle abroad, political turmoil at home continued to brew and the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin was a pivotal point in history.



Red Cross wagons pass Belfast City Hall onroute to WWI, as thousands of people look on



More than 200,000 Irishmen from all parts of the island marched to war. This scene is at the top of Royal Avenue, across from where the Belfast Telegraph's offices are now. See more at https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-31024741



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Wing Membership Not Required

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Vertical Lift Installation at Wing

After a year-long wait for manufacture and delivery, we happily report the new Vertical Lift has arrived! The Wing received a New Horizons for Senior Programs grant to enable its purchase. Members with wheelchairs or walkers can access both sides of the building now, where previously, stairs were a barrier.

Wing member Rene McKinnon, has spearheaded the project, never losing faith. Howard Johnston has ably assisted. The Wing wrote three grants in different years before having success. Perseverance counts!

The photo shows the steel fire door cut and installed into the west wall, between the Wing

and the Secrets of Radar Museum. Installation, testing and training should be completed within a couple weeks. The actual lift mechanism, still in a crate, will be positioned soon.



by Chuck Hardy and Terry Rushton

Last year, as you likely recall, the renewals were sent out starting in March. Many of you renewed your membership early and by doing so it helped financially. For the 2023/2024 dues will remain at \$60.00 for Associates and \$80.00 for Regular members. For regular dual memberships the cost remains at \$140.00 (one copy only of Air Force Magazine).

We welcome new members Rahwa Mengsteab Fessehaye (the new Treasurer) and Mike Froome.

Terry is helping with Membership duties. They include renewals, long service pins and more.

To all readers of the Link: The Wing needs to be more representative of the wider population of the London region.

Please invite friends to the Friday lunches. After a while, they may be interested in becoming members.

The Board of Directors need more help. Members to serve on Committees.

We hope you enjoy reading the Link.

Best wishes from Terry and Chuck



Renew Your Wing Membership!

Renewals will be sent out starting in March. For the 2023/2024 year, annual dues will remain at \$60.00 for Associates and \$80.00 for Regular members.

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Renew in person or by mail with cheque or with credit card anytime you are at 427 Wina.

After June 30th, \$10 late charge will apply.







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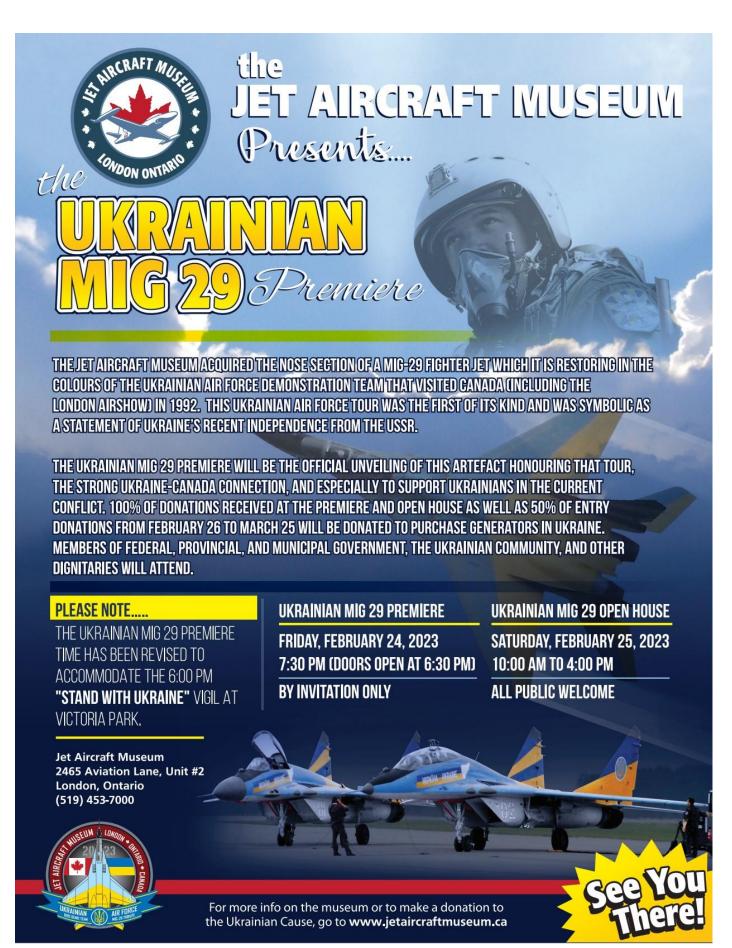
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The Jet Aircraft Museum is collecting donations for generators to donate to Ukraine. If you missed the premiere and open house dates, contact JAM for opportunities to donate.

Notice of Wing bylaw amendments to be considered at General Meeting, Friday March 24, 2023 at 1 pm. Please plan to attend this brief meeting for info and updates.

Proposed Amendments to the Wing Bylaws					
Amendment 1 Article 402 Current	Amendment 1 Article 402 Proposed Wording				
The BoD will consist of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors.	The BoD will consist of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and up to four additional Directors.				
Amendment 2 Article 506 Current	Amendment 2 Article 506 Proposed Wording				
General Meetings will be chaired by the Board Chair or designate and be held at least monthly, except July.	General Meetings will be chaired by the Board Chair or designate and be held quarterly or more frequently as determined by the BoD.				
Amendment 3 Article 604 Current	Amendment 3 Article 604 Proposed Wording				
Upon election, the new BoD will name positions for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors.	Upon election, the new BoD will name positions for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and up to four additional Directors.				
Amendment to Schedule A Board of Directors Chair 3 rd item Current	Amendment to Schedule A Board of Directors Chair 3 rd item Proposed Wording				
Coordinate budgets with other Board members and WEC Committees.	Coordinate budgets with other Board members and Board Advisors.				
Amendment to Schedule Board of Directors Treasurer 4 th item	Amendment to Schedule A Board of Directors Treasurer 4 th item Proposed Wording.				
Ensure the appropriate licensing and filing for the 50/50 Lottery is conducted twice a year by the Lottery Committee chair (City Tax Office) in October and April for license renewal.	Delete all.				



WING CLOSED APRIL 7 FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

But hop on in for lunch MARCH 31 (RCAF Anniversary Luncheon) and APRIL 14



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Celebrating an Irish brew!The famous golden Harp logo!

Guinness is an Irish dry stout that originated in the brewery of Arthur Guinness at St. James's Gate, Dublin, Ireland, in 1759. It is one of the most successful alcohol brands worldwide, brewed in almost 50 countries, and available in over 120.

In 1759, at the age of 34, Arthur Guinness signed a lease for the St. James's Gate Brewery, Dublin. He leased the brewery for 9000 years at an annual rent of £45. The lease became moot when he purchased the site, but is on display. The brewery was only 4 acres in size, disused, and had little brewing equipment. Despite this, Arthur quickly built up a successful trade and by 1769 he had begun to export his beer to England. In the 1770s, he began brewing 'porter', a new type of English beer, invented in London in 1722 by a brewer named Ralph Harwood. Porter was different from ale because it was brewed using roasted barley, giving the beer a dark ruby colour and rich aroma. Arthur's porter was successful and in 1799 he decided to stop brewing ale altogether, and concentrate on porter alone.

Guinness stout is made from water, barley, roast malt extract, hops and brewer's yeast. A portion of the barley is roasted to give Guinness its dark red colour and characteristic taste. It is pasteurized and filtered.

Arthur's business was passed on to his son, Arthur Guinness II, who took over the Brewery. The business was then passed on from father to son for five successive generations; a remarkable brewing dynasty.

By 1900, the brewery was operating unparalleled welfare schemes (housing, sick benefits, insurance) for its 5,000 employees. By 1907, the welfare schemes were costing the brewery one-fifth of the total wages bill.

Before 1939, if a Guinness brewer wished to marry a Catholic, his resignation was requested. According to Thomas Molloy, writing in the Irish Independent, "It had no qualms about selling drink to Catholics but it did everything it could to avoid employing them until the 1960s."

Arguably its biggest change to date, in 1959 Guinness began using nitrogen, which changed the fundamental texture and flavour of the Guinness of the past. Nitrogen bubbles are much smaller than carbon dioxide, giving a creamier and smoother consistency over a sharper and traditional carbon dioxide taste.

The Guinness Storehouse is a tourist attraction at St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin, Ireland. Since opening in 2000, it has received over 20 million visitors.

The Guinness Book of World Records started out as an idea for a book of facts to solve arguments in pubs. Today, with over 67 years of record-breaking authority and 60,789 active record titles on the database, book sales exceed 150 million and worldwide there are millions of followers on all social media.

(files from Guinness Brewery history; Wikipedia). Harp logo is a registered trademark.





Benefits Payment Calendar 2023

Below are dates for recurring Government of Canada benefit payments administered by Canada Revenue Agency. If you signed for direct deposit, payments will be made to your bank account.

CANADA PENSION AND OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT and GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT January 27, February 24, March 29, April 26, May 29, June 28, July 27, August 29, September 27, October 27, November 28, December 20

> GST / HST CREDIT January 5, April 5, July 5, October 5

ONTARIO TRILLIUM

January 10, February 10, March 10, April 6, May 10, June 9, July 10, August 10, September 8, October 10, November 10, December 8,

VETERAN DISABILITY CREDIT

January 30, February 27, March 30, April 27, May 30, June 29, July 28, August 30, September 28, October 30, November 29, December 21

CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE
January 13, April 14, July 14, October 13

MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lynn Bates, Laurence Gauci, Judy Gauthier, Robert Johnson, Shawn Lewis, Hilda Smeltzer, Paul Taylor, Joy Thorne, Cathy Wood and Bill Welsh

APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Frank Birch, Chester Counsell, Steve Dalton, Bill Dick, Brett Gilbank, Judy Grunwald, Catherine Herdman, Bob Leach, Tom Noble, Fred Pettit, Fred Ryder and Jackie Vettor

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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)



MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 LARC	3 LUNCH	4 LVRC
5	6	7	8 BCC	9 WT	LUNCH Guests: Longwood (Retirement Centre)	11
12	13	14 MAC	15	16	17 IRISH LUNCH	18
19	20	21	22	23	LUNCH WDs	25
26	27	28	29	30	LUNCH RCAF 99th Anniversary Lunch	

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 LARC	GOOD FRIDAY	8
9	10	MAC	BCC	13 WT	14 LUNCH	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 LUNCH	22
30	24	25	26	27	28 LUNCH	29

AGM Annual General Meeting

BBQ BBQ lunch

BCC British Car Club

COM Retired Commissionaires FO Fanshawe Optimist's Club

GM General Meeting GS Guest Speaker LFC London Flying Club Reunion LVRC London Vintage Radio Club

MAC Model Aircraft Club
OAGM Ontario Group Annual General

Meeting

RAA Recreational Aircraft Association

WD The Women's Division

WDP Wind Down Party for OAGM
WEC Wing Executive Council
WT Wood Turners, meeting