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

- September 10<sup>th</sup>:** The City of Barrie declared the 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> as Air Force Week in Barrie. The Air Force Association of Canada's ensign was raised at the Cenotaph and a reception/luncheon followed at the Wing. The Wing made a donation in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Hospice Simcoe towards its Capital Campaign Fund.
- September 12<sup>th</sup>:** A pot-luck dinner was followed by our first General Meeting during which contributions were Made to the following: 1st Holly Scout Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Mapleview Scout Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Barrie Scout Group, Woodland Glen Girl Guides and #102 Barrie, Silver Fox, RCAC. The initiation of a new member, Tony Guergis, the Mayor of Springwater Township and Warden of the County of Simcoe was held. Welcome Tony.
- September 16<sup>th</sup>:** The 2007 Battle of Britain Parade was held at the Cenotaph. The participation and assistance of 16 Wing CFB Borden and the 'Fly Past' by a 400 Sqn helicopter was impressive and much appreciated by 441 Wing and all visitors in attendance. A fine reception followed at our Wing with 102 Sqn RCAC for the first time having the opportunity to mingle with and speak to veterans and serving members of the CAF. The ladies once again served a delicious lunch. Thank you ladies.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** We attended the Central Group Region meeting held at the Russell Group airfield in Fort Erie. The main discussions concerned resolutions to be presented at the Ottawa AGM in October.
- October 10<sup>th</sup>:** Our General Meeting will be held at which time we can discuss the various resolutions that were distributed during the September General Meeting.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>:** We will be attending the AGM Meeting in Ottawa and will report in the next Future as well as at the November General Meeting.

I join all in wishing Gordon Steane the very best and hopefully we will see him in the Wing soon.

Cheers: Bob Coxon

## \$ 6,000.00 DONATION TO HOSPICE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Acting President Robert Coxon presenting Heather Shortreed from Hospice Simcoe with a cheque for \$ 6,000.00 for the Hospice Capital Campaign on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>.



Stanley Bieniawski (middle) carrying the Polish Flag in the Battle of Britain Parade in Ottawa



## **RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing \$ 100 Month Club**

The Wing is pleased to announce that the August 2007 winner of the \$ 100 Month Draw for \$ 100.00 was Debbie Amos of Angus, Ontario.

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

The Association is a National not-for-profit aerospace and Community service organization of aviation minded citizens established to remind Canadians of their rich aeronautical traditions and history, to support Canada's Air Force and to support and encourage the civil aviation component within the country.

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### **58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - October 12 - 14, 2007**

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### **National Proposed Slate of Officers**

Elections for National will take place at the AGM in October 2007

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

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Jean Steane



Paid Membership renewals as of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for the Year July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 till June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Regular Members.	111
Life Members	2
Associate	1
Honorary	1
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Total Wing Membership	115



### Battle of Britain Reception Guests

(left to right)

Deputy Mayor of Springwater Township, Tony Hope, President Ladies Auxiliary, Isabella Kelly, Warden of the County of Simcoe Tony Guergis, Treasurer Les Ball



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## Ladies Auxiliary Report - Isabel Kelly

Hope everyone had a good summer and are looking forward to a nice fall. I would like to thank Louise and Ralph for the hamburg paddys for the Turkey Shoot, also to the Scouts for coming out on the Grieving Children's Day to do the corn. A very "Big Day. On Sept 10/07 Flag Raising and a light lunch back at the Wing. On Sep16/07 the Battle of Britain Parade with reception back at the Wing. A large tum out. My thanks to all who helped to make it a Great Success. See you at the Wing.

Isabel Kelly



## Sick and Visiting - Terry Hamilton

Donation to the Heart and Stroke in memory of Alan Murray who passed away August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Our President, Gord Steane is still in Royal Victoria Hospital. A Card has been sent wishing him to "Get Well Soon."

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

Always, Terry



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# October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mixed Darts	2 Wing Snooker  Pub Darts	3 Wing Ex Mtg	4 Band Practice	5 Friday Dinner	6 Closed
7 Closed	8 Closed	9 German Club  Wing Snooker	10 Wing General Mtg	11 KVA Ex & Gen Mtg  Band Practice	12 Closed	13 Closed
14 Closed	15 Mixed Darts	16 Wing Snooker  Pub Darts	17 Closed	18 Band Practice	19 Friday Dinner	20 Tri-Service Snooker
21 Closed	22 Mixed Darts	23 Wing Snooker	24 Closed	25 8 <sup>th</sup> Barrie Gp Mtg  Band Practice	26 Friday Dinner	27 Private Party
28 Turkey Shoot	29 Mixed Darts	30 Wing Snooker	31 Closed			

## SCOUT REPORT - Jane Coxon

RCAF 441( Huronia) Wing is now the proud sponsor of three Scouting Groups. They are the 1st Holly, 1st Mapleview, and the 8th Barrie Group.

At our September general meeting, our colours were proudly carried in by new Scouts of 1st Mapleview. This is the first year that 1st Mapleview will have a Scout section.

All Groups have had their registrations and are looking forward to getting their programs going. After registration, the breakdown of each section of 8th Barrie is - Beavers 15, Cubs 13 (including 1 girl), Scouts 3, and Venturers 10.

The first major event for all Scout Groups will be Apple Day which will be Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13. Members of 8th Barrie will be located at the Wellington Plaza and Canadian Tire at the Bayfield Mall. Wing members will recognize this Group because they proudly wear the Air Force Tartan on their necker.

The Beaver section of 8th Barrie finished last season off at a terrific Beaverree/Cuberee held at Burl's Creek in June. The Saturday ended with an amazing campfire with over 1000 people around the fire. What a way to end a very fun filled day.

The Scout section ended last season with an amazing 3 day canoe trip to Shall Lake in the Eastern region of Algonquin Park. Some of the wildlife they saw included moose, deer, hawks, snakes and ducks. The Scouts and Venturers assisted Wing members during the turkey shoots throughout the summer and will continue to do their service to the Wing.

## SPECIAL INVITATION

The youth and leaders of 8th Barrie invite members of RCAF 441 (Huron) 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 them.



# Silver Fox SitRep

by WO1 Denver Conahan

Ladies and Gentlemen of RCAF 441 Wing. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you that do not know me, I am WO1 Denver Conahan and I am the new Squadron Warrant Officer of 102 Silver Fox, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

I would first like to express my gratitude and that of all the cadets in the squadron for your outstanding support, without this support we would not be able to function.

I will be using this article in the monthly newsletter to keep you posted as to what is happening in the squadron as well as squadron activities and exercises.

As you may or may not know the squadron is composed of 50 to 100 young men and women from the Barrie area ranging in age from 12 to 18. I believe that a quote from the Cadet Canada website describes it best.

“Cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their communities. They learn valuable life and work skills like teamwork, leadership, and citizenship. Cadets also reap the personal benefits of increased **self-confidence** and **physical fitness**, learning how to take **initiative**, and how to make decisions. Cadets make valuable contributions to Canadian society on a daily basis in terms of environmental, citizenship and community activities.”

The following is a list of just some of the activities we participate in or have participated in the past. Effective Speaking competitions, Drill

competitions, ACAD (Annual Air Cadet Activity Day in Borden), Glider Familiarization Flights, TAG Days, Weekend Exercises, Band competitions, Abseil training, Annual Christmas stocking drive for the Barrie Women’s Shelter, Annual trips such as our trip to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio.

We also have the chance to apply for and obtain summer training courses that can range from a two week basic training course, to a 6 week Glider or Power Scholarship.

In the upcoming articles I will go into more detail of the happenings at the squadron to keep you up to date. I have also been asked to come to the Wing to attend your monthly meeting and give a presentation on the Squadron. I am looking forward to this and hope to see and meet you there.

Once again on behalf of all the cadets of 102 Squadron, thank you again for awesome support.

WO1 Denver Conahan

***"Per Ardua Ad Astra"***

## **WHAT REMEMBRANCE DAY MEANS TO ME by Jane Coxon**

Remembrance Day has always been a very solemn day for me. This was the time that I would remember the sacrifices made by our military to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today.

This year November 11 will be even more solemn for me because of a trip that Bob and I took. Monday, April 2, 2007 saw us boarding an airplane to begin a very emotional week. Under the expert leadership of LCol. (Ret) Tom Christianson (U.S. Army) and LCol (Ret) Ed Rayment (Queen's Own Rifles), we were part of a 30 member tour group visiting the major areas of battle during World War 1 and World War 2 in Normandy and Flanders.

During that week the places we visited included many Canadian sites as well as American, British, Australian and German sites. Some of the Canadian World War II sites included Juno Beach, Beny Sur Mer War Cemetery, Authie, Les Mesnil Patry, the Abbaye D'Ardenne and Dieppe. At many of the sites, we held a short memorial service.

The last part of the week was spent visiting World War I sites in Flanders and the area around Ypres. These included Hill 62, Sanctuary Wood, Essex Farm where Col. John McCrae wrote his poem "In Flanders Fields", the Somme, Beaumont Hamel, and other places in between. I had the honour and privilege to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate in Ypres in memory of World War I veterans.

Of special interest to me was visiting a cemetery named Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm) outside Ypres. This is where my maternal grandmother's one twin brother is honoured. Pte. James Howard Telfer of the PPCLI gave his life on July 19, 1916 at the age of 26. A very emotional time in the cemetery.

Another special visit for me was early on Easter Monday when I visited La Chaudiere Military Cemetery outside the village of Vimy. The other twin brother, Lce. Cpl. William Stewart Telfer of the PPCLI is honoured there. He was one of the men involved in the attack of Vimy Ridge. He died of his wounds between April 9/10, 1917 at the age of 27. From this cemetery a person can see the impressive Canadian Vimy Memorial on top of the ridge.

On that beautiful warm Easter Monday, April 9, 2007 I walked on the sacred ground of Vimy Ridge. The grounds were nice and green, although still pockmarked with shell holes from the battle 90 years ago that was on a dark and cold Easter Monday 1917 which turned the ridge to mud. Even though there were thousands of people there to attend the rededication ceremony of the monument on Vimy Ridge, a person could still feel the presence of the spirits of the men who died there.

After visiting the major sites of World War I and World War II in Europe, Remembrance Day for me will be even more emotional and somber. I will be standing at the Collingwood Cenotaph facing the names of my great uncles and saying Thank You.

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102 RC(Air)CS and Squadron W01 D. Conahan  
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Isabel Kelly, President of the Ladies  
Auxiliary and Robert Coxon, Acting  
Wing President lay a wreath at the Battle  
of Britain Parade

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