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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ROBERT COXON

The Memorial Service held on Saturday April 12th, 2008 for our late President Gordon Steane was indeed a moving time for his family and the many others who attended. A great send off for a fine person and such an esteemed member of RCAF 441 Wing.

On Wednesday May 21st we will host what has become an annual visit by a number of Sunnybrook Vets. Their arrival is usually about 11:30 AM followed by a lunch after which a couple of hours of social activities take place. I would encourage as many members of the Wing as possible to attend and meet with these Vets. Why not bring a friend or neighbour?

The Ontario Group Convention will be held in Waterloo, Ontario on the weekend of May 16-18. This will be hosted by 404 K-W Wing and I would encourage all who can attend to take part and enjoy the hospitality of the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

My thanks to those who agreed to stand for office in your Wing for the coming year. This can be an interesting volunteer position which is open to all members. Please attend the May meeting and meet with your incoming Executive.

Our best to all members who may be sick or infirm.

Cheers,

Bob Coxon
President

Newest 441 Wing Members Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

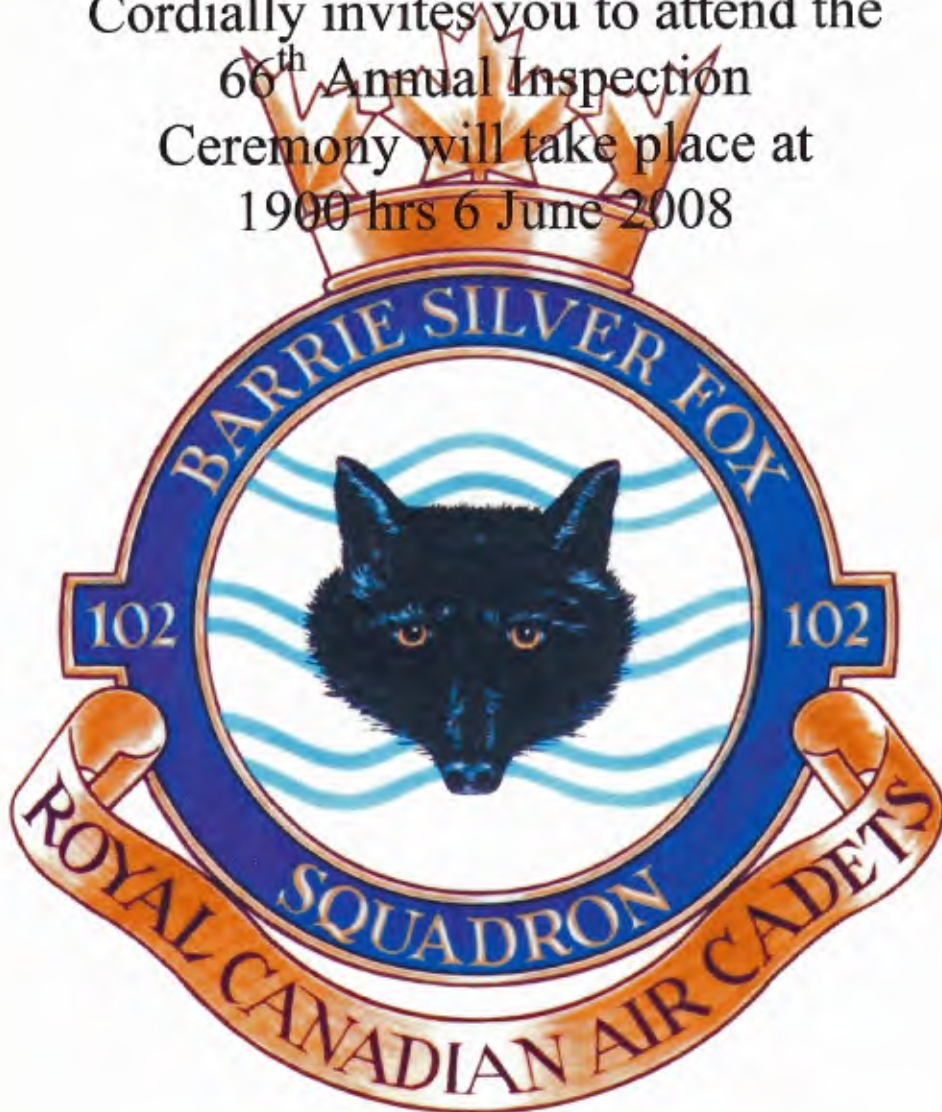


(L to R)(Sgt Robin Alexander, Gerry & Bev Pepler, Susan and Frank Polka)

On Friday, April 4th, 2008, RCAF 441 Wing had the honour of hosting the family of the Air Force Association's recipient of the 2006 Air Reservist of the Year Award: "Sgt. Robin Alexander from 443 Squadron Pat Bay, BC." Robin joined with her sister Susan Polka and husband Frank Polka to help their parents, Gerry and Beverly Pepler, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wing's weekly Friday night dinner.

**58th Annual Ontario Group
General Meeting and Convention
May 16, 17, and 18, 2008
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Jean Steane



Paid Membership renewals as of April 2nd, 2008 for the Year July 1st 2007 till June 30th 2008.

Regular Members.	122
Life Members	2
Associate	1
<u>Honorary</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Wing Membership	126

Please note that the Wing DUES have been increased by \$ 10.00 to reflect the increase implemented by the National Office. New Wing Dues are as follows:

\$ 60.00 Single member renewal and

\$ 85.00 Dual member renewal.

Be an early bird and renew your membership now. Please send a cheque for the amount of your applicable membership renewal made out to RCAF 441 Wing in an envelope addressed to the Membership Chairperson.

I am pleased to report that 24 members have renewed their membership since last month's "Future" was published.

Thank you for your continued support for RCAF 441 Wing.



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Ladies Auxiliary Report - Isabel Kelly

I hope everybody is enjoying the nice weather finally. I for one, sure am glad the snow is gone.

Lunch was prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for our beloved President Gordon Steane. Thanks to all who came out. I would like to thank Les Ball for coordinating the wonderful tribute Gord. (well done by all participants).

I would like to thank all the Ladies who came out and helped Les serve brunch to the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. 82 Riders showed up for brunch and then headed out for their first ride of the year.

On May 21st we will be hosting the Veterans from the Sunnybrook Hospital. Please all come out to help and support the Veterans.



See you at the Wing
Isabel

Sick and Visiting - Terry Hamilton



A donation was made to Hospice Simcoe in memory of Gordon Steane.

Fruit baskets were sent to Bob Coxon (recovering from a broken leg) and Lois Ball who is now home from her stay in RVH.

Allen Hodgson is presently in RVH and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

“To all the rest “Please keep well.”

Always, Terry



April 27, 2008 - Port Albany, Ontario

The local residents of Port Albany, a community in Northern Ontario board a Cormorant Helicopter during an evacuation from the area due to the threat of flooding. The Cormorant Helicopter based at 9 Wing Gander piloted by Lieutenant Colonel (LCol) Gilbert Thibault and Captain (Capt) Scott Tromp from 413 Squadron, Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Greenwood was one of many aircraft assisting in the evacuation. The Canadian Forces military deployed six Griffon Helicopters from various bases, a Sea King Helicopter from 12 Wing Shearwater, a Cormorant Helicopter from 9 Wing Gander, and a Hercules CC-130324 from 8 Wing Trenton assisted in the evacuation of the residents, transferring them from Port Albany to Moosonee, Ontario.

Photo: Master Corporal Halina Folfas, 8 Wing Imaging Section

May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Band Practice	2 Friday Dinner	3 Buck & Doe
4 8 th Barrie Scout BBQ	5 Closed	6 Pool Pub Darts	7 Wing Ex Mtg	8 KVA Ex & Gen Mtg Band Practice	9 Friday Dinner	10 Crystal Middlemiss Memorial Service
11 Closed	12 Dart Banquet	13 German Club Pub Darts Pool	14 Wing Gen Mtg	15 Band Practice	16 Closed	17 Skyliners Band Practice
18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Pool Pub Darts	21 Sunnybrook Veterans Visit	22 Band Practice	23 Friday Dinner	24 Skyliners Band Practice German Club Dinner
25 Turkey Shoot	26 Closed	27 Pool	28 Closed	29 Band Practice	30 Friday Dinner	31 Skyliners Band Practice

Scout Report - Jane Coxon



The youngest section of 8th Barrie, the Beavers, had some very exciting visitors to their colony meetings. Members of the OPP crime scene section provided an exciting look into fingerprinting and photo taking. Another evening, the Beavers had a close and personal look at an OPP K-9 handler and his four footed partner.

The weekend of April 19 saw the Cubs of 8th Barrie earning awards and badges at their Spring Camp at the Wye Marsh in Midland. The Cubs earned the Canadian Heritage Award, the Canadian Wilderness Award and the World Conservation Badge.

The Scouts of 8th Barrie and 1st Holly received safety briefing and training for the hiking and shooting Biathlon which took place on April 19. During the event, the Scouts are monitored at all times in the use of the firearms. An exciting day was had by all involved.

The Venturers had a special visitor to one of their meetings. A Scout from Thailand named Luke came and talked to them for two hours about all his experiences and adventures as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. A wet, fun weekend camp was had by the Venturers in mid April.

This year as been the busiest Scouting year the 1st Mapleview Scout Group have ever had. The have a very active group of about 50 kids in the three sections. The new section for this year was the Scouts and so far they have 10 Scouts and 3 Leaders with more registering. The Group has kept aside some of the funds given to them by the Wing and use those funds to help pay the registrations fees for needy families so their children can enjoy the Scouting activities.

Beavers of 1st Holly invited the Cubs to meet very special visitors to their colony in the form of Therapy visiting dogs from St. John Ambulance. What a fun evening.

April 12 saw the 1st Holly Cubs experience something that not very many people do. They had a tour of the control tower at Pearson International Airport. They are one of only two groups to have had the privilege to tour the tower. What an exciting time. The Cubs also had a tour of the Bell Canada building to learn about how the telephone exchange works. These two activities are part of the Blue Star of the Cub program.

RCAF 441 (Huronion) Wing sure sponsors three very active Scouting Groups.



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Membership Application Form**



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Sufficient funds to cover the membership must accompany this application. If, for any reason, this application is not approved, the monies will be returned to the applicant.

Membership fee: \$ _____

Type of membership applying for:

Regular Dual Regular (incl spouse) Associate

Wing Membership Year is 1 July - 30 June

We look forward to welcoming you to 'The Wing'

Approved by:
Board of Directors _____ Date _____

Please note that any personal information, such as phone numbers, address and e-mail address will be used for 441 Wing purpose only

419 Squadron Pilots Graduate



On Friday, April 25, the NFTC program course 0606 graduated, at the Officers Mess Cold Lake. The group consisted of six Fighter Pilot students from Singapore, Great Britain and Canada. They successfully completed Phase IV, a very challenging course learning the various aspects of air to air and air to ground combat within the multinational environment of NFTC, which was conducted at 419 Squadron.

Course 0606 from left to right: Lt S. Latwaitis (CF), Flt Lt R. Leask (RAF), Flt Lt A. Vaughan (RAF), Lt B. Switzer (CF), LTA Y. C. Tan (RSAF), LTA T. Y. Ng (RSAF)

The Pilots from Singapore will return to their country and continue flying on either the F-5 or the F-16 Falcon. The British Pilots will be trained on the Tornado GR4 or the Harrier. Both Canadian Pilots will do their conversion training to fly the F-18 Hornet here at 4 Wing Cold Lake in the near future. All 419 Members wish them good luck and many happy landings for their future career.

RCAF 441 Wing is deeply saddened to report the loss of Bob Middlemiss' wife, Crystal.

CRYSTAL MIDDLEMISS

Passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital Sunday, April 27 at the age of 80. Will be sadly missed by her loving husband Bob and step children Dale, Dan and Robbie, grandchildren Kirk and Trent along with sister-in-law Sheila, nieces Linda and Susan and nephew Simon in England. Crystal will be missed not only by her family but also by her many civilian and Air Force friends. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing, Barrie located on Highway 90 just west of Highway 400 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 2:00 PM. In memory of Crystal donations to the Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer Fund would be appreciated by the family.



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Finally, there are a number of civilian performers for you to come out and enjoy, including, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride.



There will be something for everyone, so mark it in your calendar.....and come out!

CT-155 Hawk Crashes At 15 Wing

Capt G Mitchell, Public Affairs

15 Wing Moose Jaw, Sask. – A CT-155 Hawk aircraft, on a routine training mission, crashed within the 15 Wing perimeter on April 18 at approximately 4:00 pm.

Pilots, Second-Lieutenant Rock Veilleux, Canadian Air Force, and Major Frank Wagener, German Air Force, ejected safely and were quickly transported to the Moose Jaw Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

"The cause of the accident is unknown at this point," stated Acting 15 Wing Commander, LCol Paul Goddard. "A Flight Safety Team has been dispatched from Ottawa... to begin the investigation."

There will be an operational pause with the CT-155 Hawk fleet to ensure there is no additional risk to the fleet.

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