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ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ROBERT COXON



During the RCAF 441 Wing's General Meeting on December 12th, 2007 the Wing made Christmas charitable donations to a number of charities. Pictured above are the recipients with the Wing's Acting President, Robert Coxon.

Left to right are: Robert Coxon, Acting Wing President, Donna Douglas - Barrie and District Christmas Cheer - \$ 1,000.00, Frank Reid - representing the Barrie Food Bank - \$ 1,000.00, Major Alonso Twyne - Salvation Army - \$ 1,000.00, John Conahan - 102 Royal Canadian Air Cadets - \$ 600.00.

RCAF 441 Wing Social Afternoon

Date: January 30th, 2008

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

Where: Wing Quarters Hwy 90

Complimentary Coffee & Sweets

Guest Speaker: LCol Harry Kowal, 16 Wing Commander

Bring a friend. Meet new Wing Members. Enjoy a game of cards, a game of darts, or just the chance to visit and get reacquainted with old friends.



Mig 15 - 1990 airshow in Harrison, Arkansas

16 Wing's Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner - 4 December 2007



Left to right: Acting WCWO Martin Dube, WCWO J.W. Dalke, LCol H.J. Kowal, Wing Commander, Acting Wing Commander, Simon Girard



On December 4th, 2007 several members of RCAF 441 Wing had the privilege of assisting in the serving of Christmas Dinner to over 800 Junior Ranks of 16 Wing.

Photos - Sgt Bill McLeod

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Jean Steane



Paid Membership renewals as of December 12th, 2007 for the Year July 1st 2007 till June 30th 2008.

Regular Members.	116
Life Members	2
Associate	1
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Total Wing Membership	120



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Ladies Auxiliary Report - Isabel Kelly

December was a busy one, we had a Christmas dinner for the Air Cadets. Not as many turned out, I am sorry to say. And on the 15th of Dec we had a Wing Christmas dinner. It was Turkey and all the trimings. I would like to thank Les Ball for doing all the dinner and his three helpers, Lois, Sherry and David, a job well done. I do hope we see a lot of our members for the new Years Levee. All the Very Best for 2008 and do come out to the Wing.



Isabel Kelly

Sick and Visiting - Terry Hamilton

Our prayers go out for a speedy recovery for Jo Winship, Patricia Mitchell, Terry Hamilton, Lois Ball and Gord Steane. We hope 2008 will bring prosperity and happiness to all. Hoping you all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and look forward to visiting with you at the Levee on New Years Day.

Always, Terry

Pilot Humour

Taxiing down the Tarmac, a DC-10 abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What, exactly, was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant. "It took us a while to find a new pilot."



Silver Fox SitRep

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. On behalf of myself and my fellow cadets, we would like to wish everyone at 441 Wing a very Happy New Year. 2007 was great year for 102 Squadron and with a little luck 2008 will be just as good or better. In this article I'll let you know what we did in December to finish out the year.

On the weekend of December 1st and 2nd we participated in our first exercise of the training year in Borden. We were joined by the 714 Squadron from Wasaga Beach which gave us a great turnout for the weekend. As you may remember we got quite a bit of snow that weekend so we were unable to do some of the planned activities such as abseiling and shooting .22 rifles at the range, but we still got in lots of good training anyway. One scenario had the cadets searching for downed pilots, several senior Cadets played the roles of the "pilots" which saw yours truly hanging in a tree for quite awhile, a good time was had by all.

On December 8th the Squadron held our annual Christmas Mess dinner at the Wing. For some of the Cadets this was their first time attending a Mess Dinner and it was an excellent chance for them to learn about a time honored military tradition. AC Sibley was promoted to Acting CO for the night as she is the youngest member of the Squadron. The turkey dinner with all the trimming was put on by the ladies and gentlemen of the Wing, and I for one thought the meal was excellent. The members of the sponsorship committee dished out the meals to the Squadron officers and myself and we then served the Cadets their meals. I had the privilege of acting as the PMC of the Mess, F/Sgt Robitaille acted as my V/PMC. We were privileged to have Mr. Bob Coxon and his wife Jane as well as Mr. Bill Blakey and Mr. Ted Stenton join us as at the head table.

On December 17th, a graduation parade was held at the Armouries for our first year Cadets, who were well turned out and did a great job on parade in front of the Squadron, and some proud parents!

December 18th saw us complete our annual Christmas Stocking Drive came to a successful conclusion with the delivery of approx 30 stockings to the Barrie Women's shelter and approx 60 stockings to the Children's Aid Society. Each Cadet and their families filled at least one stocking and we were also helped this year by a generous donation of \$200.00 from the Sponsorship Committee. The stocking drive would not be as successful as it is without the help of our parents, most notably Mrs. Manon Vanier and Mrs. Karen Conahan (yep my Mom).

As always, thank you for your awesome support!!

"Per Ardua Ad Astra"
WO1 Denver Conahan

January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Levee	2 Wing Ex Mtg	3 Band Practice	4 Friday Dinner	5 Skyliners Band Practice
6 Closed	7 Mixed Darts	8 Wing Snooker Pub Darts	9 Wing Gen Mtg	10 Band Practice	11 Friday Dinner	12 Skyliners Band Practice
13 Closed	14 Mixed Darts	15 Wing Snooker Pub Darts	16 Closed	17 8 th Barrie Gp Mtg Band Practice	18 Friday Dinner	19 Skyliners Band Practice
20 Closed	21 Mixed Darts	22 Wing Snooker	23 Closed	24 Band Practice	25 Friday Dinner	26 Skyliners Band Practice
27 Turkey Shoot	28 Mixed Darts	29 Wing Snooker Pub Darts	30 Wing Social German Club	31 Band Practice		

Aviation Award Thank You Letter

MATTHEW MACKENZIE
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December 3rd, 2007

Mr. R. Ball
Treasurer
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Dear Mr. Ball:

My name is Matthew Mackenzie and I am a second year student, entering my third year at Georgian College in Barrie, enrolled in the Aviation Management Program. This year I was chosen, out of the nearly 40 second year aviation students to receive the RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Air Force Association of Canada Award. I am very humbled and grateful to be receiving this award that the RCAF 441 Huronia Wing has so generously sponsored at Georgian College. I can't express enough how much myself and fellow Aviation students appreciate that the Air Force Association of Canada has taken interest in our small program and sponsored this award.

I enrolled at Georgian in 2005 to further my education in aviation, having already completed my commercial license. My career path is not the typical one for a pilot wishing to work in the airlines. When I finished high school in 2001, I immediately started on my commercial license which I finished, early in 2002. That year, I was lucky enough to land a job with an outfitter in Wawa, Ont. flying a Cessna 180. By my third and final year with the company, I was flying a Beaver full time as well as an Otter, part time. I decided that I would interrupt my flying to get an education before I continued and ended up at Georgian College. I have always been passionate about aviation and one of the things I like most about aviation is the people. The aviation community is small and tight knit, and the people always generous and friendly. Your association's sponsorship of this award is testament to the fact.

Again, thank you very much.

Matthew Mackenzie,
Georgian College.

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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: _____ Date _____
Board of Directors

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

Former Air Cadet Receives Medal of Bravery 64 Years Later

A retired Dundas printer, who pulled five of his comrades from Lake Erie 64 years ago, has become the first Canadian to receive the Air Cadet Award of Bravery retroactively.

Only six other air cadets in Canada have won the medal, which didn't exist when 16-year-old Sergeant Trevor Meldrum pulled five fellow cadets from the lake near Port Maitland on July 21, 1943. His heroic deed was almost forgotten until a few years ago when he applied for a newly minted cadet long service medal.

By an unexpected and serendipitous turn of events, he ended with a silver medal that was introduced in 1948 to recognize exceptional acts of bravery among sea, air and army cadets. He also got the long service medal.

During his 1943 rescue, the first four people he pulled from the lake were conscious and survived. But Air Cadet John F. Morrison, who was unconscious when Meldrum brought him to shore, didn't respond to first aid and died at the scene. Meldrum led the colour party at Morrison's funeral in Hamilton the next day. He has fairly good memory of the day it happened, although he hasn't seen any of the people he saved and, apart from Morrison, he can only remember one other name, Harry Sing.

The boys were all members of 81 Squadron from Hamilton and they had been stationed at the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) flying school in Dunnville. A few times a week, their officers would take them to the lake for recreation. On the particular day, the lake was choppy with a strong wind blowing into the shore as a number of boys waded or swam into deeper water. While they were out, the wind shifted direction and pushed them into a deep trough with a strong undertow when they tried to return to shore. Some of the weaker swimmers became trapped in the trough because they couldn't handle the undertow. A strong swimmer, who went on to become a Canadian water polo champion, Meldrum immediately plunged in when he heard his comrades crying for help. He doesn't remember experiencing any fear as he went about his business. "I don't think you ever feel yourself in danger when you do these things. If you have God-given talent to swim the way I did, you use that," said Meldrum who was coached by Hamilton swimming legend and Olympian Jimmy Thompson.

He continued to work with the local air cadets after the war. A few years ago, he applied for a long service medal that is now awarded to cadets with at least five years of service. In his application, he included the yellowing 1943 clipping from The Hamilton Spectator to verify when he'd joined the cadets. Somebody in the chain of command was so impressed by his deed he nominated him for the bravery medal. "I have great patience," he joked yesterday as he fingered his new medals. "I've only waited 64 years for this."



courtesy of the Hamilton Spectator
Former Air Cadet Trevor Meldrum pulled five air cadets from Lake Erie in 1943

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Check it out at www.rcaf441wing.com**

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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 58th AGM - resolution 08/2007)

New Aims and Objectives of the Air Force Association of Canada

Advocacy - 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.

Community - 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

Civil/Military Air- 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)

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