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The 50th Anniversary of the Ontario Charter of 427 (London) Wing was celebrated on June 22nd.

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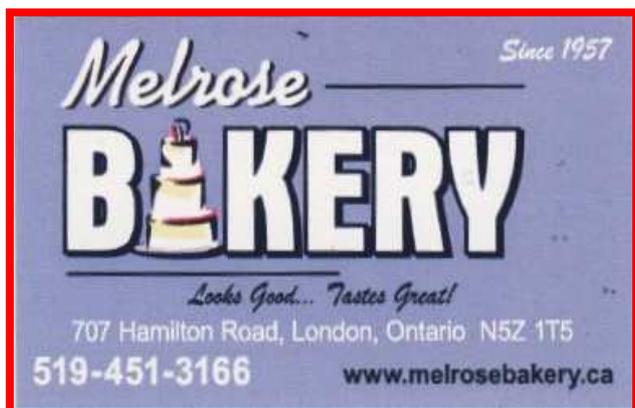
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Message from the President 427 (London) Wing, Mr. Rene McKinnon – A message to the members should be many things. It should advise you about the current and upcoming events, situations and items that are important for us today and what is coming up. To that end, I find that the words have been taken out of my mouth, as the saying goes. In this issue Reg, Chuck, Sam, Diana, Rick, Dave, Tammy and Judy have covered it all. Their contribution to this Link has made it, in my mind, the best yet. Enjoy this and grasp some of the important issues that are coming up. As these issues become clear, you will be advised as soon as possible.



Book Sale – MORE books needed!! This is a great fundraiser but we must continue to replenish our supplies. The supply was just renewed, so check again for your favourites. The books are now also being sold in the bar room. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the Wing during Friday lunch or on Wednesday afternoons or contact Chuck Hardy. There are no prices marked as the Wing is relying on the buyer for a reasonable donation. Books are both hard and soft cover and on any topic.

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Per Ardua, by Reg Lownie, 1st VP

The title of my column is an abbreviation of the phrase “Per ardua ad astra” (“Through adversity to the stars,”) the motto of the Royal Air Force and other Commonwealth Air Forces such as the RCAF and RAAF. The abbreviated version is being used here as I feel I am getting too old and fat for star travel.

When I joined 427 Wing in 1999, then-president, Charlie Melanson, offered me the job of secretary. I found out that working with the executive and the members could be both challenging and rewarding. Since my spelling improved, they let me stay on until 2005. If any of you have doubts about how hard the whole executive work, I can assure you that, during my tour, all the executives under presidents Charlie Melanson, Don Clarke and Jack Clark gave 100%, all the time. It’s just as true today.

I was very pleased and honoured when asked, a few months ago, if I would return to the 427 Wing executive, this time as the 1st Vice President. Although the challenges are as equally great as they were back in 1999, the opportunities are greater. The enthusiasm of the present executive to keep the Wing active and growing is the greatest opportunity (challenge) of all. Many new ideas are coming forward to attract more members, reduce our costs, make our meetings more lively and interesting and bring more social events and entertainment into the Wing to raise money and raise the image of the Wing in our city. It is time for more people to get to know us and what we stand for.

At the same time, the Wing has taken a leading role in calling attention to what is happening in Ontario Group and at the National level of the Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC) as our organization copes with the requirements of the new Not-For-Profit (NFP) Corporations Act. This new legislation gives all NFP organizations the opportunity to re-work their by-laws and constitutions to achieve the goals of more democracy and transparency for the members. Already there has been some heated debate about whether certain classes of membership should be abolished and how many classes should have the right to vote. The NFP Act is trying to bring the AFAC into the 21st century, to be a more vigorous and viable organization.

Many of our members are house-bound, yet despite the fact that they cannot join us at the Wing for social events, they continue to support us through their dues and occasional donations. Back in 1999, the Wing could boast one of the largest and most active memberships in Ontario and, possibly, even

Canada. Today our numbers are much lower but the services we provide and the work to be done is the same. That is why we need more members who are willing to give a few hours of their time to participate in the many and varied things that we do, and to join with us in celebrating our small but significant victories when we are successful in reaching our goals.

Finally, if you're a fan of stirring military music, may I suggest you go to You Tube and search for this title: Jonathan Ansell and Hayley Westenra singing "Today Won't Come Again" from their performance at the Festival of Remembrance at Royal Albert Hall on November 13th, 2010.



Sam Newman, receiving a National Air Cadet League of Canada (ACLC) Award of Merit from John Scott, National Director

The ACLC hereby awards this Certificate of Merit to Samuel Franklin Newman, in appreciation for dedicated service to the ACLC and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. The accompanying write-up on the opposite side to the Certificate reads:

"Sam Newman's affiliation with Air Cadets began during his Canadian Forces career and simply continues to grow. He is a tireless worker for Squadrons in the London Region, a great supporter of the innovative Aeronca Project and an ardent supporter of ties between the Ontario Provincial Committee and the Ontario Group of the Air Force Association of Canada."

Tokens from the Treasurer, by Chuck Hardy, CD

After a string of monthly losses, the Wing ended the fiscal year with a profit of just under \$2,600. A terrific turn out for the June fundraiser luncheon and silent auction & membership renewals helped a lot. The budget for 2012/2013 has been fine-tuned, reflecting a projected loss of under \$1,000. Below, you will read about initiatives currently underway, promising financial and other benefits.

We have a busy calendar for September and October. Please try to come when you can to help out the Wing and maybe bring a friend. The book sale, as well as the penny jar, continues. When you are looking at Diana's flower beds, you will also see the new Spooner engraved stone at the front, just off the parking lot. Thanks to Sam and his Spooner committee for making this happen.

The Wing needs a decent business sign that reflects what is happening and when. All businesses have one. Attractive signs though, with all the bells and whistles, are expensive. The hope is that the sign will attract people to attend or, at the very least, inquire. More events and more people equal more income. If you, or anyone you know, can help us acquire or install such a sign, please let me know by either leaving a message at the Wing or by sending me an e-mail.

Fundraising (editor's note: This should keep Chuck Hardy happy for a little while!!)

For the Silent Auction on June 22nd, the Wing made \$310. The winning bids were \$75.00 for the Martha Squares Afghan, won by Tammy Newman, \$135 for the Apple 4th Generation iPod Touch, won by Jan Sydorko and \$100 for the Wooden Sewing/Hobby Box, won by Rob Johnson. On June 24th, at the Canadian International Military Tattoo at Copp's Coliseum in Hamilton and dinner at the Elm Hurst Inn in Ingersoll, the Wing and RLMI shared the gain of \$1069.81. 427's share was \$534.90. The fifty-four Wing and RLMI members and guests said they all enjoyed their trip.

Canadian International Military Tattoo



Spoooner Upgrade, by Sam Newman, CD

Should you be wandering around the Wing these days, sauntering up and down the Walkway with engraved stones, as I often do, and reflecting back on memories that resulted from your time in the service, you'll eventually come to the front door entrance way. If you haven't been there for some months because you enter via the backdoor, you'll be taken aback with the presence of a huge rock.

What, pray tell, is that there for, you ask? Well... it's to simply keep people of all ages, shapes and sizes, for many varied reasons, from driving on our sidewalk! Some of our legacy stones have required replacement as a result of the heavy vehicles driven on it and the Spooner Committee decided it was time to take positive action. We are letting people know that it's a walkway, a place where memories lay, a spot for reflection and our tangible way to let others know that we care. Facing the roadway up past the Wing, you will see the fine work that Tony and his gang at Stone Paradise have done for us, not only offering us a wonderful deal on the rock, but suitably engraving it with the Air Force badge, followed up with the words below, "We Will Remember Them!" Just so you know, applications are still being accepted for legacy stones at any time, from any member or friend of a member. They make suitable memory stones and wonderful presents for loved ones, young and old. For further information, please contact any Spooner Committee Member at your earliest convenience.



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Doors Open London – is when many historic buildings and museums will be open to the public for free. 427 Wing was built in 1940 as an Airman's Canteen, a place where wartime personnel could relax and refresh. It is thought to be the last typical and still usable building of its kind in SW Ontario. Post war, it remained in use throughout the Korean and NATO eras until purchased by 427 Wing in 1959. There are ~100 model aircraft on display, ranging from a 1909 Silver Dart to today's aircraft.



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427 (London) Wing is now a proud member of the PILLAR non-profit network which supports non-profit organizations in fulfilling their missions in our community. The PILLAR non-profit network provides leadership, advocacy and support to the non-profit sector through the promotion of volunteerism, professional development, networking and information. PILLAR has over 290 non-profit members and counting. The Wing has volunteer positions posted on the PILLAR website. To learn more and to see how you can help PILLAR and they can help you, visit their website at <http://www.pillarnonprofit.ca/>.

Stepping Out of “The Box,” by Chuck Hardy

The times, they are a’changin! They HAVE to change. People just are NOT joining clubs such as the Wing as much as in the past. Volunteers – golly there were times when Wing members painted the building, shingled the roof and maintained the lawns. Years ago, members lined up to serve on committees or to run for executive positions. Events at the Wing were attended by many members. Today, at general meetings – we struggle to get a quorum necessary to conduct our business. If that isn’t enough for us to pause and re-group, the looming Not for Profit (NFP) Act will force the AFAC National Office, Groups and Wings to revise their by-laws to be in compliance before October 2014.

Members need to be aware that our and other Wings rely heavily on recruiting Associate Members to join. Recruiting from the diverse population in the area will be a priority as we return from summer break to conduct business and welcome you back. Recruiting young people will be a major test. Don’t despair yet folks. We do not plan on closing the doors. The way ahead is to open the doors wide and step out of the box a long way. In this mandate, the executive are working with other non-profit organizations to try to fill volunteer positions or provide professional and technical advice. Managers cannot manage effectively if they have to also wear a number of hats “doing.”

You will hear a lot about Pillar – the voice of the NFP sector. The Wing is one of its current 292 members. All Pillar members post volunteer positions on its website, giving opportunities for us all to partner. We have to take a new and challenging path and resist the temptation to oppose change. Please, help the executive and support this change. Your ideas and help are welcome! Perhaps you can bring someone to the Wing for a Friday lunch or other event. Look at the younger folks you know, invite them out. If you have some time yourself, we can use your talent and experience. With your help and advice, it can and will be done; let us all “step out of the box” together.

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Yard Sale on October 20th, by Diana Cuthbert, 2nd VP

Don't throw those good second-hand items away when they can be someone else's treasure at the Wing yard sale. If you do crafts and can donate some, we'd love to have that too. We will start collecting items after Labour Day weekend and right up to Oct. 20th. Please, don't forget to come and buy, buy, buy (and bring all your friends, as well.) After all, since you will have gotten rid of all your old treasures, think of the space you'll have to fill up. We won't tell if you buy some early Xmas gifts!!

Helping hands wouldn't be amiss either. If you think you can spare an hour to either help us set up, price, sell or pack up, please don't hesitate. Many hands make light work. Pass the word along to friends and family and we'll have a poster prepared to put one up at your grocery store, mall, church etc. With a little bit of help from our members, I know we can make this a good success.

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427 Wing, busy on Canada Day, 1 July 2012 – in Harris Park



President Rene McKinnon and 2nd Vice President Diana Cuthbert sold Regalia on Canada Day.



Judy & Armin Grunwald and Sam Newman giving info and taking donations for the Aeronca Program.



Bomber Command Reception, Guildhall, London, England on Wednesday, 27th June 2012. – Below is the gist of the address given by The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens and Alderman Nick Anstee to over 600 Bomber Command Veterans on the evening before the unveiling of the Memorial. The story of the way in which the City of London withstood the Blitz forms a special chapter in our national history, particularly here, as the first bomb landed on 25th August 1940, just 200 metres from where we now stand. Whilst it was the fighter jets who gained success in what we now refer to as the Battle of Britain, it was the Bomber Command who played a key part in taking the fight to the enemy and over enemy territory. We salute their bravery. It is almost impossible for us to conceive of what they went through and the casualty figures – over 55,500 deaths out of 125,000 who served.

It is fitting that a Lancaster Bomber, from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, form part of the Diamond Jubilee flypast for Her Majesty, the Queen. The Bomber's Rolls Royce engines have a most evocative sound – a sound of a time when Britain and her allies defended the values of freedom and democracy. Those who fought in Bomber Command were the eyes of the country. Tomorrow, Her Majesty will unveil the Bomber Command Memorial – a permanent tribute to these fine young men and a tribute to their bravery and sacrifice, and a focus for us when we remember them. These ordinary young men were asked to run extraordinary risks, make huge sacrifices and witness the unthinkable. We stand humbled and in awe of each one of you here tonight – for your enthusiasm, skill, commitment and teamwork, which has passed down to today's modern RAF.



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D'is and D'at, by Sam Newman (Editor's note: I print what I receive. I am somewhat embarrassed by what my father has written, but I know he has written it from his heart, with the best intent.) I got to thinking the other day about how lucky our London Link readers are to be reading one of the best Wing Bulletins. Many of you may wonder who our current Link Editor is, and that would be Tammy. She was born in Ottawa, travelled around the world with our family and went to high-school right here in London, at CCH. She holds a university degree from Collège Militaire Royale, a college diploma from Oklahoma City and another college diploma from Ottawa. Her military profession was Air Traffic Control and she served eighteen plus years. Her work took her to Quebec, Newfoundland, Germany, the USA and Ontario. Just when the going got interesting and the challenges would ultimately have lead to promotion, a medical disaster struck for her. The dreaded disease took its toll and, following many doctors' appointments, hospitals, an operation, radiation therapy and plenty of expensive medication, her last posting within the service was into the world of Flight Safety, as the editor of their magazine, Flight Comment. You see, she does come with very worthy credentials!

Have you, our reader, ever stopped to consider the immense job this is to co-ordinate fourteen or so pages of reading to include lists, advertisements, pictures and the lot, for your reading pleasure? It requires research at times, proof-reading, ingenuity and lots of time and effort with the layout, in order that the flow is just right. The advertising has to be considered, as our Wing has always taken great pride keeping our business advertisers happy, promoting their service or their merchandise.

Next time you are in the Wing, next to our back door and just before the bulletin board, do take a look and you'll see the array of accolades and awards the Wing has managed to be presented with over the years. The London Link plaques are numerous and noteworthy. We have been, indeed, blessed with great editors over the years. While I may be slightly biased, I would just suggest to you that our present editor is right up there with the best of them. Thanks Tammy, from all of us!



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The Happy Gang – There is a need for a person to move kitchen pots on Thursdays (9:30 – 11:00) and Fridays (10:30 – 12:30.) Also, help is needed in the kitchen for Friday lunches from 10:30 to 1:00. This will include making coffee, setting up self-serve tables, serving lunches and clean up. No cooking or dishwashing required. For info or to volunteer, please look at the Happy Gang sign-up sheet at the entrance to the kitchen. Donated items such as coffee, tea, dessert, meat, fruit, vegetable, bread and cheese are always welcome to help make lunches a success.



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June 22, 2012
 July 6, 2012
 August 1, 2012
 August 3, 2012

Norman Gillen
 Terry Sapelak
 William (Bill) Carmichael
 Brenton (Lee) Welch



Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Rick's Ramblings, by Rick Holland, CD

Welcome back fellow members of 427 (London) Wing. We have half of the summer under our belts now and our Wing is up and running after the July slow down. You will notice that the name of my column has changed from the previous title of Second Words. I am no longer on our Executive, so a small change had to be made. Hopefully you will find my topics of interest as my plans are to continue to be a regular contributor (providing a variety of items) to our London Link. More input from members is always welcome by our editor. Our new executive is in place and has set about with the duties of running a successful Wing. I'm sure all members join me in wishing them success and support. A short time ago, I spoke briefly with a member about the CC-119 Flying Boxcar. We discussed the info about the engine size that was provided by the National Defence History website. Not being an engineer (but with a little research,) I found that the 3500 hp Wright Whirlwind R3350-85's were in fact the size of engines that powered the Boxcar. It was an enhanced engine size from the original on the 82 packet of the Fairchild aircraft (a/c.) We further spoke about a WW2 American a/c, the Mars Martin, which is still being utilized today. A little web search shows that of the seven a/c originally built, several are still operated by a Canadian Company in BC as firefighting water bombers. The documentary channel on TV has an excellent program on what they are doing currently. If you get a chance, don't miss this one. It has been repeated several times and is listed under Mighty Planes.

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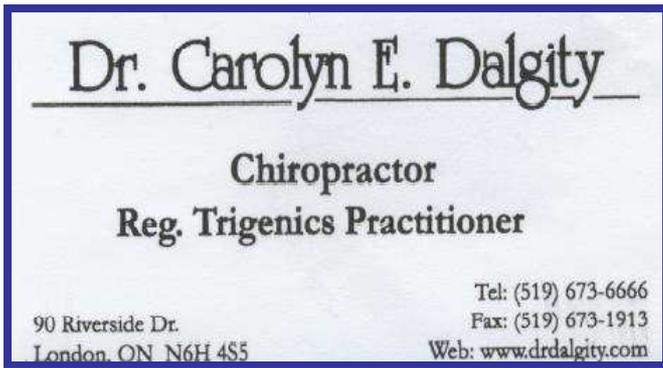
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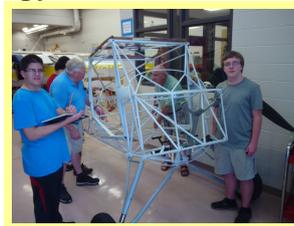
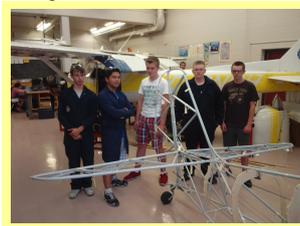


Empty Ink Cartridge Fundraiser for 1947 Aeronca Chief Aircraft Project – There’s a box at the Wing in which to deposit all empty cartridges. For each one, the Project will receive a donation of up to \$2.50 to sponsor the rebuilding of the Aeronca Chief by Air Cadets. For more info, contact LCol (ret’d) Armin or Judy Grunwald.

- This project has been organized to help train Air Cadets, which will benefit the Community; Cadets can earn a high school credit;
- This is an exciting opportunity for our local Air Cadets;
- The Air Cadet League of Canada has approved the sponsorship of this training project to enhance students’ skills in Aviation Technology and Maintenance;
- In 2008, we began the rebuilding of vintage aircraft, which was donated to the Air Cadet Program; the Project will continue for a number of years.



Congratulations to all nineteen Air Cadets who successfully completed the Aeronca Aircraft Project Aviation Technology and Maintenance Course.



CF-100 Prototype Crashes West Of Komoka, April 5th, 1951, by David Smith, Heritage & History
This crash occurred at 10:40 a.m., just west of Komoka, ON. The test pilot, Bruce Warren D.F.C., and flight engineer, Robert Ostrander, employed by A.V. Roe were both killed in the crash. The two men left behind young families. Investigators believed there was an oxygen failure at a height of 38,000 feet, causing the men to lose consciousness. As this plane was a prototype, there was no ejection system.

Through contacts, I received information from a friend giving a date and time to meet with Mark Matthys, owner of the property where the jet crashed, to visit the crash site. It was sixty-one years after the accident when I drove out to the Matthys’ farm to view and touch some of the remaining parts of the CF-100 that have come out of the ground over the years and to visit the crash site. Matthys had prepared a simple map showing the approximate location of the crash site. Before visiting the site, we walked to the barn where several bits and pieces of the crashed CF-100 were stored in a crate. With some effort, we lifted the crate to the floor of the barn and began to sift through some of the parts. Most of the parts were crushed and severely bent out of shape. A few photographs were taken for display purposes. Following the map, I made my way to the crash site in a wooded lot. Within a few minutes of entering

the woods, I found a two foot depression in the soil where the plane had crashed. A London Free Press article from April 5th, 1951 quoted bystander, Douglas Wood, saying, "A huge ball of fire and a mushroom of smoke climbed what looked like hundreds of feet in the air. It hung there for maybe 15 or 30 minutes." The crater was 30' long, 15' wide and more than 12' deep. As I explored, I found the simple wooden cross Matthys had placed in the ground in remembrance of Warren and Ostrander.

The Bomber Command Museum (www.bombercommandmuseum.ca) in Nanton, Alberta, where Bruce Warren, DFC and his twin brother, Douglas, were born, has a memorial garden honouring Bruce's service and sacrifice. A new permanent display at the museum tells the story of the Warren twins' service during WW II as Spitfire pilots and their post war service.

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Warrior's Day Parade – Saturday, 8th September – info included on page fourteen.

Battle of Britain – Sunday, 9th September** – Includes dinner, swearing in of new executive and members, the Spooner 10th Anniversary Ceremony and the Laying of Spooner Commemoration Stones. The ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Lyn Hodgson and the topic will be Camp X. Cadets will volunteer their time to assist. \$30 tickets can be purchased at the Friday lunches, through members or you can leave a message at 427 Wing.

Golf Tournament – Tuesday, 18th September** – Crumlin Creek Golf Course (formerly Golf Land) Register at 10:30 a.m. and tee off at 11:00 a.m. for a shotgun start. \$50.00 includes 18 holes, cart per 4, steak dinner or vegetarian alternative and prizes. \$25 for meal (served ~ 4:00 p.m.) or golf only. Payment due by September 11th. Please send cheque to 427 (London) Wing. If you are interested in coming out and joining us, leave a message at the Wing or e-mail Chuck.

Doors Open London – Sunday, 30th September at 427 (London) Wing** – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The last admittance is at 3:45 p.m. (more information on page 5)

AGM – Annual General Meeting** – 12th – 14th October** – is held in Hamilton and hosted by 447 (Hamilton) Wing. Accommodation is at the Sheraton Hamilton, 116 King Street West, L8P 4V3; Tel# 905-529-5515; fax 905-529-8266. Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms. If you register before 1 September 2012, you could be eligible for the early-bird prize (free registration.) For more information, contact: Air Force Association Executive Director at 1-866-351-2322, ext. 221 or see the registration insert in Air Force Magazine, Vol 36/NO. 1.

Fall Meeting of the Western Ontario Wings – Saturday, 29th September**

- Time: 9:30 a.m. coffee and doughnuts and meeting from 10:00 a.m. 'til ~ 1:00 p.m., until lunch

- Lunch is not provided but Cosmos' Restaurant is across the street and others are in the area.
 - 403 (Sarnia) Wing, 415 Exmouth St, Sarnia, ON, 1-519 344 8050 rcafa403wing@bellnet.ca
- The building is on the south-east corner of Exmouth and Capel and there is a large parking lot in front of the building. Go through the centre doors and down the stairs; turn right at the bottom. There is a lift for those who choose. All are welcome – advise President McKinnon by the 21st of September.

September 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Lunch	8 11:20 am Warrior's Day Parade
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16	17	18 Golf**	19 Cards	20	21 Lunch GM	22
23	24	25	26 Cards	27	28 Lunch (+45 extra)	29 Fall Meeting*
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October 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14 AGM**	15	16	17 Cards	18	19 Lunch GM	20 Wing Yard Sale
21	22	23	24 Cards	25	26 Lunch	27
28	29	30	31 Cards			



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427 (London) Wing Members Honoured With Prestigious Diamond Jubilee Medal, June 29th

Member of Parliament, Joe Preston and Member of Provincial Parliament, Jeff Yurek, joined together to honour members of Elgin-Middlesex-London, with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal.

- **Ray Gilleno** (Municipality of Thames Centre – Veterans)
- **Lorne Spicer** (Township of Southwold – Community Involvement)



The Diamond Jubilee Medal celebrates the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. It recognizes those in the community who have, like Her Majesty, dedicated themselves to the service of others. The medal honours those who have shown outstanding volunteerism, community involvement and entrepreneurial achievement. “Our riding is a much richer place with citizens like our recipients,” said Preston. “I am proud as the MP, to work alongside these outstanding community supporters.” “These people form the strong foundation on which our community is built. Their selfless and tireless service embodies the true spirit of volunteerism and make this a better place for all of us to live and work,” added Yurek.



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61st Western Fair Warriors' Day Parade Info – This year, the Air Force will be leading the Parade. Participants only (those in uniform or w/ tickets) may park at the Grandstand entrance off Dundas St. Older Veterans may ride in the antique military vehicles. Marchers, please meet at 11:00 a.m. at the assembly area in the parking lot behind Banting House. Lunch tickets will be given to participants at the Banting House assembly area. The route will be from Banting parking lot to Adelaide to Dundas to Ontario to King St Gate and onto the Track. Dress is the Association Regular Dress with the Association wedge cap and full-size medals. For further information, contact David Smith. For any Wing Members marching in the Parade, please let Jack Clark know.