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**67TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
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Jack's Retiring!?

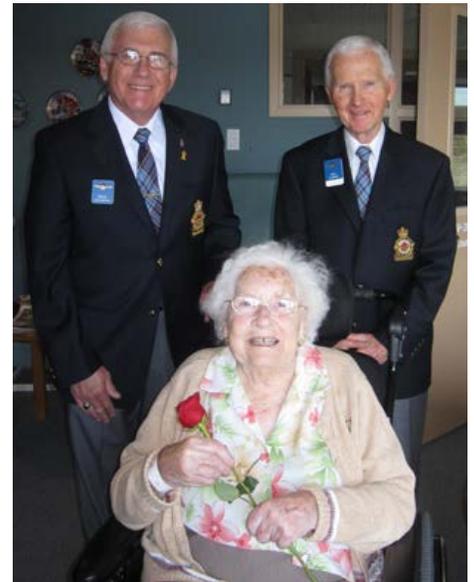


His is one of the first faces that members and visitors see weekly at the 427 (London)Wing. Our beloved Bar Officer, Jack Finkbiner, has decided to retire from his post behind the bar.

Having served London's finest for 19 years, he's hanging up his towel and is finally free to never perform inventory again. We are happy to report that Jack will continue to visit us regularly, always with an amazing story to share!

Words can't thank you enough for all you've done for us, Jack. Thank you!

D-Day Visit to Parkwood



clockwise from top:

427 (London) Wing members Brian McCarthy, Mary Watson and Reg Lownie visited with former RCAF pilot Walt Irwin. Walt flew in Burma during WWII; Brian McCarthy and Reg Lownie with RCAF veteran Elaine Stevens at Parkwood Hospital; Mary Watson, Brian McCarthy and Reg Lownie alongside Walt Irwin, former RCAF pilot and member of the Wing.

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.

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- Rental rates start at \$200
- Catering **IS** an option! Call Flo at 519-455-0430 for more information.



Message from the President

To ALL 427 (LONDON) WING MEMBERS:

There are many aspects to membership with all organizations. 427 (London) Wing is an organization and we need to look at our membership and the “would you consider” aspect. Many members participate in the Friday lunch and some of the other events we provide during the year. We appreciate, thank you and need your “considering” support throughout the year.

Many members in their “considering” support bring in items that are used for the kitchen and add a very valuable aspect to our ability to provide delicious meals and desserts for those who are able to participate each Friday. Many members in their “considering” support make financial contributions that are an invaluable assistance to the Wing.

To add value to that program, if you wish to make a contribution we are now able to provide you with information that will allow you or any person wishing to donate, the information needed to obtain an official tax receipt for such donations.

Many members are active on the Executive and as serving Chairpersons. We recently held the Nominations and have many members stepping up to fill most of the positions. In this Link you will become aware that we will be hosting the Ontario Group AGM in May of 2016. To be successful in this endeavour we are looking for a strong team to make this a successful event. So, we are looking for members who would consider a number of positions.

They are Chairpersons for: *Entertainment, Food Services and Sergeant-at-Arms*

We look forward to hearing from you regarding any of these positions.

Remember, all of us, “We earn our wings every day.”

*-Rene McKinnon
President*



left: Swearing in of Executive by Jim Scherb, President RCAFA Ontario Group, Western Division, President Rene McKinnon, 2nd Vice President Mary Watson, 1st Vice President Reg Lownie, Treasurer Peggy Clark, Past President Jack Clark, Secretary Chuck Hardy.

right: Jim Scherb, George Johnson (received his 40 year pin), President Rene McKinnon



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Notes From The Secretary

PLEASANT SIGNS OF SUMMER. Pretty flowers, warm and sunny weather, golf, baseball with the Jays winning, Canadian football with Ottawa back in the CFL, hockey finally over. Most of all, the summer activities that make you happy.

We thank everyone who contributed to the Wing this year. That includes those who come to Friday lunches when they can and those who made donations and volunteered to help.

It is said that no news is good news, but is it really? Please consider giving us your thoughts, Your feedback on anything that comes to mind. Your ideas can help the Executive manage the Wing for the betterment of all members and guests.

Have a good summer everyone!

*-Chuck Hardy
Secretary*

Tidbits from the Treasurer

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY to represent the 427 Wing as your new Treasurer. Chuck Hardy has been a fountain of information and a great teacher. I am very lucky to have him at my side as I transition into this position. If you have any questions or concerns, I plan on being at the Wing every Friday over lunch, (except in July) and would be happy to chat with you.

As we head into the new fiscal year on July 1st, we are in pretty good shape. Rene's fundraising initiative, donations and members' fees are a big reason we are in a good standing. Of course, the July shut-down is of some concern because of the lack of income – but I will be keeping a close eye on everything. I am hoping that the remaining member fees and donations will trickle in throughout the month. See you in August!

*-Peggy Clark
Treasurer*

Memorial Cup Representative

ON SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2014, Past President Jack Clark, was invited as a Veteran's representative, to attend game 2 of the Memorial Cup. He enjoyed the game in one of the luxury suites at Budweiser Gardens, alongside dignitaries, including Richard Shaftoe (left) and BMO Corporate Sponsorship Rep., Schenley Clarke.



Yard Sale & Golf Tourney

ON MAY 31ST, we had our annual Yard Sale and it was a smashing success -- mostly due to a crew of wonderful volunteers. First, I would like to thank all our Members who donated some really nice items for the sale, which has netted us \$720.45 (so far).

For fear of missing someone, I'm not going to name names, but all of you who helped to sort and set up the sale on Friday after lunch and who showed up the next morning and throughout the day to do a wonderful job of selling -- THANK YOU!!!

On Wednesday, June 18th, it looked like it might be a very wet 12 holes of golf, when Behold! the rain stopped as soon as 427 Wing stepped up to the tee! Well, not that quickly, but it turned out to be a beautiful day and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Four ladies from Sarnia Wing came, but their male counterparts weren't as optimistic about the weather.

First place went to the foursome of Pauline Reaney of Sarnia, Keith Roden, Navy, Fred Pettit and yours truly, 427 Wing with a sizzling 2 under par 43.

Joan Clark distinguished herself by getting closest to the pin on No. 9. Good for you, Joan!

Everyone returned to the Wing for a BBQ thanks to Don Clarke, our BBQ King, and prizes were given. I think a good time was had by all.

Pictures will be in the next issue of the Link and on 427 Website shortly.

Sarnia Wing is hosting a Better Ball Tourney on July 23rd. Perhaps we can gather the troops and join them.

Thanks to Mike Ryan for organizing the tournament!

Th-th-th-that's all, folks!

-Diana Cuthbert

Per Ardua

CLARA BRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL IS LOCATED on St. Croix Avenue in London, just north and west of the Hyde Park Road and Oxford Street West intersection. This spring, in anticipation of the public attention to the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landing on the beaches of Normandy, France, teacher Chris Constantine decided to show his Grade 5 class a video about D-Day and provide some details about this historic event. His class of 10 and 11-year olds later wrote letters to the veterans at Parkwood Hospital thanking them for their bravery and sacrifice during the war.

The details about D-Day, or Operation Overlord as it was codenamed, are not as well known and commemorated as some other events of the Second World War. Possibly, many Canadians are more familiar with the invasion of Sicily, the Battle of the Atlantic, Montgomery defeating Rommel at Alamein, the Battle of Britain and comparable engagements. Yet most military historians agree that D-Day was the largest and the most extensively planned and executed amphibious military assault in all history.

Try to imagine the scene, in near-total darkness in the hours before and after midnight on June 5. There was incredible activity at naval bases such as Portsmouth and other harbours along the English coast, as more than five thousand ships and landing craft, packed with troops and supplies, are heading eastward into the choppy waters of the English Channel. Above, beyond and behind them more than eleven thousand aircraft are being mobilized to provide air cover, drop paratroops and materials, engage enemy aircraft and bomb the enemy coastal defences. The success of D-Day can be measured by the numbers: on June 6th the Allies landed as many as 155,000 troops in France by sea and air, plus 6,000 vehicles including 900 tanks, 600 guns and about 4,000 tons of supplies. Just five days later, by June 11th those numbers had increased to 326,000 troops, over 50,000 vehicles and more than 100,000 tons of equipment.

RCAF servicemen, ground and air, were among the first to take part in the invasion. For several months previously, RCAF aircraft had bombed roads, bridges, airfields, railways and other important targets in the coastal area and further inland. Lancasters of No.6 Bomber Group bombed coastal defences with thousands of tons of explosives while Canadian fighter pilots from RCAF squadrons No.441, 442 and 443 fought to destroy enemy aircraft, attack enemy formations and protect Allied soldiers on the beaches. Allied paratroopers, including 450 Canadians, jumped from aircraft or landed in gliders behind coastal defences. At the end of the day, 340 Canadians had been killed, 574 were wounded, and 47 taken prisoner.

Now move time forward by 70 years to Tuesday, June 3, 2014, when a small team of volunteers from 427 (London) Wing visited 45 RCAF veterans at Parkwood Hospital. Each RCAF veteran was presented with a long-stemmed rose and thanked for their service to Canada, regardless of whether it was on D-Day or at any other time and place. The Wing members were guided through the building to each individual veteran by Stacey Sprowl, the Special Services Secretary to Parkwood veterans, whose kindness and gift of her time and leadership made the visit such a success. It was a heartwarming experience to see firsthand the excellent care and treatment our veterans are receiving at Parkwood.

Our thanks also go to Greg Blackwell, manager of the Real Canadian Superstore on Oxford Street East, who generously donated four dozen red roses for the veterans to enjoy. And most of all, sincere thanks to those Parkwood veterans who welcomed us into their rooms and entertained us with their stories. Our sentiments are joined with those of the pupils in Mr. Constantine's class who wrote: "To all of our courageous veterans who either made it home safely to their families or who sacrificed their lives that day for us, we will never forget you. You are heroes to us, every single last one of you."



*-Reg Lownie
1st Vice President*

An Airman's Letter to his Mother, May 1940 Written by: Pilot Officer Vivian Rosewarne

Dearest Mother:

Though I feel no premonition at all, events are moving rapidly and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids that we shall shortly be called upon to undertake. You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance. Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled lighthouse relief ship. Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability. No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country: and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future. My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It means that your sacrifice is as great as mine. Those who serve England must expect nothing from her; we debase ourselves if we regard our country as merely a place in which to eat and sleep.

History resounds with illustrious names who have given all; yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire where there is a measure of peace, justice and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilization has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else. But this is not only concerning our own land. Today we are faced with the greatest organized challenge to Christianity and civilization that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale. For this I have to thank you. Yet there is more work for you to do. The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing: every individual is having the chance to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old. However long the time may be, one thing can never be altered – I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation ... I would have it no other way. The universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can only be justified by the measure of his sacrifice. We are sent to this world to acquire a personality and a character to take with us that can never be taken from us. Those who just eat and sleep, prosper and procreate, are no better than animals if all their lives they are at peace.

I firmly believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because He knows what is good for us. The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed. Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret: that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

Your loving son.





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LAST POST

Hexter, George Eric
Saturday, March 15, 2014



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of member George Hexter in his 91st year. He was a former RCAF Bomb Aimer during WWII. George was a 50+ year member of the 427 (London) Wing, having made many friends and contributions over the years. His presence at Friday lunches is already greatly missed. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and beautiful bride, Bette.

Spooner Memorial

GOOD DAY TO ALL 427 (LONDON) WING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

I have been asked to provide some history and an update concerning LAC Kenneth Gerald Spooner, a George Cross recipient, for whom we have had a complete Memorial erected on our Wing property! To begin with, many people revere "Victoria Cross" Winners, as they are awarded the Honour for conspicuous bravery whilst under Battle or Wartime conditions. The "George Cross" recipients are, sometimes, less known and remembered, since they are considered for Awards for the similar type of Bravery, but which occur under peacetime conditions.

LAC K. G. Spooner, originally from the town of Smiths Falls, ON, was posthumously awarded the George Cross for heroism displayed on 14 May 1943. He was a 20 yr old student RCAF Navigator, possessed no Pilot Training qualifications (from his BCATP training) and he was flying in an Anson a/c from # 4 Air Observers School (AOS), Crumlin Air Force Stn here in London, when the Pilot fainted at the controls. The Pilot was revived momentarily, only to freeze at the controls for a second time. The a/c went into a dive. Spooner, despite his rank of LAC, "took charge". He ordered his 3 buddies to take to their parachutes while he struggled to keep the Anson aloft and level. The plane eventually crashed in Lake Erie, killing Spooner and the Pilot. Although three of his companions bailed out, one came down in the lake and drowned. The two survivors testimony brought Spooner his posthumous award. In summing up the incident, the George Cross citation noted:

"This airman with complete disregard for his personal safety, and in conformity with the highest traditions of the service, sacrificed his life in order to save the lives of his comrades."

Around the turn of the century, 427 (London) Wing members, indicated an interest in embarking on a project to pay tribute to that local Airman. The idea of the project was slow to get hatched, and never got fully off the ground until a couple of years later. The Spooner Memorial project finally was completed and paid tribute to this same, LAC Kenneth Gerald Spooner. The memorial eventually included a walkway of engraved bricks, a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan plaque commemorating the operation of

3 Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) and # 4 Air Observers School (AOS) and a commemorative "Spooner Memorial Gardens Wall" containing 7 plaques depicting the contributions and efforts of various RCAF Units in the immediate London and surrounding areas of Aylmer, Centralia, Clinton, Fingal and St. Thomas.

Over the years there has been sufficient funds to maintain some up-keep to the Memorial, and the Spooner Legacy Committee has been in place to plan any additional restoration and beautification, and to offer the membership and the London area Public – at – Large the opportunity to purchase additional Stones and have them added to our Spooner Memorial Garden area. The cost of Legacy Stones start at \$125.00, and the opportunity to consider one is open to all who indicate some reason to add to our already beautiful and meaningful walkway. They make a wonderful gift, a meaningful reminder, and a legacy to those whose names are placed here in perpetuity. Forms can be obtained from the Bulletin Board in the Bar Room, or from myself, the facilitator for the Committee, Sam Newman. I can be reached at (519) 452 – 1886 or sfn.afac@rogers.com.

In recent years, we have been honouring these Legacy Stones at the Battle of Britain Ceremony held in September, but certainly on request, we can arrange to have them laid pretty well throughout the warmer months. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for information concerning these Legacy Stones or the wording engraved on them.

*-Sam Newman
Spooner Legacy Facilitator*



Where there's a will. . . there's a Wing!

MANY ESTATE PLANNERS WILL SUGGEST to you that a rough rule to follow when the time comes to make your will or to update it is: family before friends. We couldn't agree more.

So after your family's interests are taken care of, we would like to suggest that you think about your friends.... especially all your friends at the Wing.

Making a planned gift from your estate to the Wing is a win-win situation all around. Your gift to the Wing will create a tax deduction for your estate and that deduction will provide more money for your family or for other interests you may have.

Here is one possible way you can create your gift: " I direct my Executor(s) to give (here enter a dollar amount or a percentage) of the residue of my estate to the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, to be directed to 427 (London) Wing for use where it is needed most, as determined in the absolute discretion of the Executive of 427 (London) Wing."

Be assured that your gift will be used to continue the aims and objectives you have supported in the past. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to 427 (London) Wing.

Thank You!

THE KITCHEN STAFF would like to send out a giant "Thank You!" to all those members who have generously contributed coffee, meat, beans, snacks, etc. We couldn't do it without your help!

Seat on Hamilton's Avro Lancaster Fetches \$79,100

(Hamilton Spectator)

MATTHEW MUNSON IS OVER THE MOON about flying in Hamilton's Avro Lancaster. The 34-year-old businessman from Henley-on-Thames in England is so excited, he isn't the least bit deterred about paying a whopping \$79,100 for the transatlantic privilege. "It's a helluva lot of money," admits Munson, who owns a company that deals in everything from information technology to farm machinery.

Hamilton Tattoo Tour Group



We just want to say "Thank You" to all of you for helping to make this Tour a success!

-Judy and Armin



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Air Cadet Update



above: 27 Squadron stand tall at the Decoration Sunday event held at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Photo is courtesy of David Smith who attended the event and laid a wreath for the 427 (London) Wing.

Name that Sailor



The above photo was taken from the cover of the April 1961 edition of Crowsnest magazine. It features one of our members. Can you guess who he is?

Commander Hadfield Photo Presentations

IN MAY OF 2013, 427 (London) Wing member, Pablo Calcaterra, reached out to Commander Hadfield in an effort to express his gratitude for all the valuable work that he has put into the Canadian Space Agency. The opening statement in his email to Cmdr. Hadfield says it all, "You make us all very proud of being Canadian!"

Within one month, Pablo received a communication from Cmdr. Hadfield's office thanking him for his kind words, along with a request for his address. The reason for the address request? Cmdr. Hadfield wanted to in turn express his thanks to Pablo for his kind and patriotic words. Shortly after this email exchange, Pablo received two signed photos of Cmdr. Hadfield in the mail!

He quickly sent the photos in for framing and this year presented one of those framed images to the 427 (London) Wing (**below**). In addition, the second photo was presented to the 201 Squadron at their Annual Dinner.

at right: Cadet WO1 Jesse Miller with President, Rene McKinnon.



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Good God, Olympic Gold!

Author: Les MacLaughlin, published in *Airforce, Spring 1998*
(part 3, cont'd from previous edition)

Dowey, who had been in the air force in 1945, recalls the phone call from Sandy Watson. "I was stunned and asked him 'why me?' He told me the story and said if I needed help getting permission to leave my job with the Toronto Transit Commission, he'd get the defence minister involved. But my boss said OK."

Dowey arrived in Ottawa on 8 Jan, just in time to be sworn into the RCAF and join the team for the train trip to New York to catch the Queen Elizabeth the next day.

We didn't see him play until our first exhibition game in London," recalls Schroeter, "He didn't look like a hockey player, but he had fast hands. Quick as lightning."

Dowey, who would become the team's number one goalie, arrived so late in fact that he wasn't around when the official team photo was taken. However, the pros at the RCAF photographic lab made sure he was in the team photo. They cleverly pasted a picture of Dowey's head onto the body of Dick Ball. It takes a very close look to discover the ruse.

Meanwhile, both Canada and the United States were being warned the "ize-ockee" had come a long way since the 30's when North American teams basically went over there to teach the Europeans the game. The lessons, it seemed, had been learned.

In spite of the concern being voiced across the land, the RCAF Flyers were

given a rousing send-off from Ottawa's Union Station on 8 Jan 1948. Everyone except

George Mara and Wally Halder were in RCAF uniform. Perhaps the happiest player was F/O Hubert Brooks of Montreal. "Brooksie," as his teammates called him, was on his third mission from Canada to Europe. As a navigator with 419 (Moose) Sqn, Brooks was shot down over Hamburg in 1942 and spent the rest of the war escaping and evading. For his outstanding efforts he was awarded the Military Cross, just one of five RCAF airmen to receive the decoration.

Now in 1948, Brooks was going back to Europe, for the third time, not only to help Canada battle for world hockey supremacy, but to marry his fiancé Birthe Grontvend, who he had met in Europe just after the war when he served with the British Missing Research Unit, locating missing personnel.

The Flyers' exhibition series in Europe began on 16 Jan, one day after their ocean liner docked in Britain.

On 22 Jan, the Canadian Press, reporting from St. Moritz, predicted the final result in ice hockey. Czechoslovakia first, Sweden second and Switzerland third. Canada, it said, would be an also-ran. Not to worry, said the news wire service: "Canada's sweetheart, 18 year old Barbara Ann Scott, would do the country proud by winning the Women's figure skating gold medal." As much as they supported Barbara Ann, the military brass back in Ottawa was not thrilled with this assessment of their hockey team in Europe.

The Olympic Games opened on 30 Jan 1948. Canada's first game was against Sweden. After the match, the Canadian Press headline read: "Spring Surprise at the Olympic Games." The Flyers defeated Sweden 3-1. As if to herald things to come, Canada's goals came from George Mara, Wally Halder and Reg Schroeter. Murray Dowey, who was barely on a first name basis with his new teammates, barely missed a shutout.

"It became apparent," says Dr. Watson, "that we had a star goaltender. At that time no goalie ever caught the puck. They blocked shots with their body or their stick. Dowey was a baseball player. He just amazed the fans by catching the puck with his gloved hand. In pre-game warm ups, the fans would get up and cheer at this innovation."

While the winning headline was cause for some relief at AFHQ in Ottawa, another on the same day was not. "Hockey cancelled...removed from the Olympic Games." The battle between the IOC and AAHA had become a full-scale war. When the Americans insisted on icing the team not considered amateur by the IOC, the drastic decision was taken.

The hockey tournament would continue, mainly because tickets for most of the games had already been sold. However, the teams would not be playing for Olympic medals. But by now the players weren't interested in the intrigue of international politics.

The RCAF Flyers were quickly jelling into a good, if not great, team. In their next four games, some sort of on-ice magic began to occur. They beat a tough British team 3-0 as a swirling snowstorm blew over the open air rink in St. Moritz. "I was really worried about the British team," said Boucher. "The snow was heavy and you'd lose the puck along the boards. I thought if they ever got a goal against us, it would be hard to come back."

Again, the goal scorers were Mara, Halder and Schroeter. In their next three games, the RCAF Flyers plastered the weak Polish team 15-0. They beat the United States 12-3 and clobbered the Italians 21-1. Their sixth game was against Czechoslovakia, a team which, along with the Swiss, was still considered the best at the games. By now Canada, the Czechs and the Swiss all had a 5-0 record.

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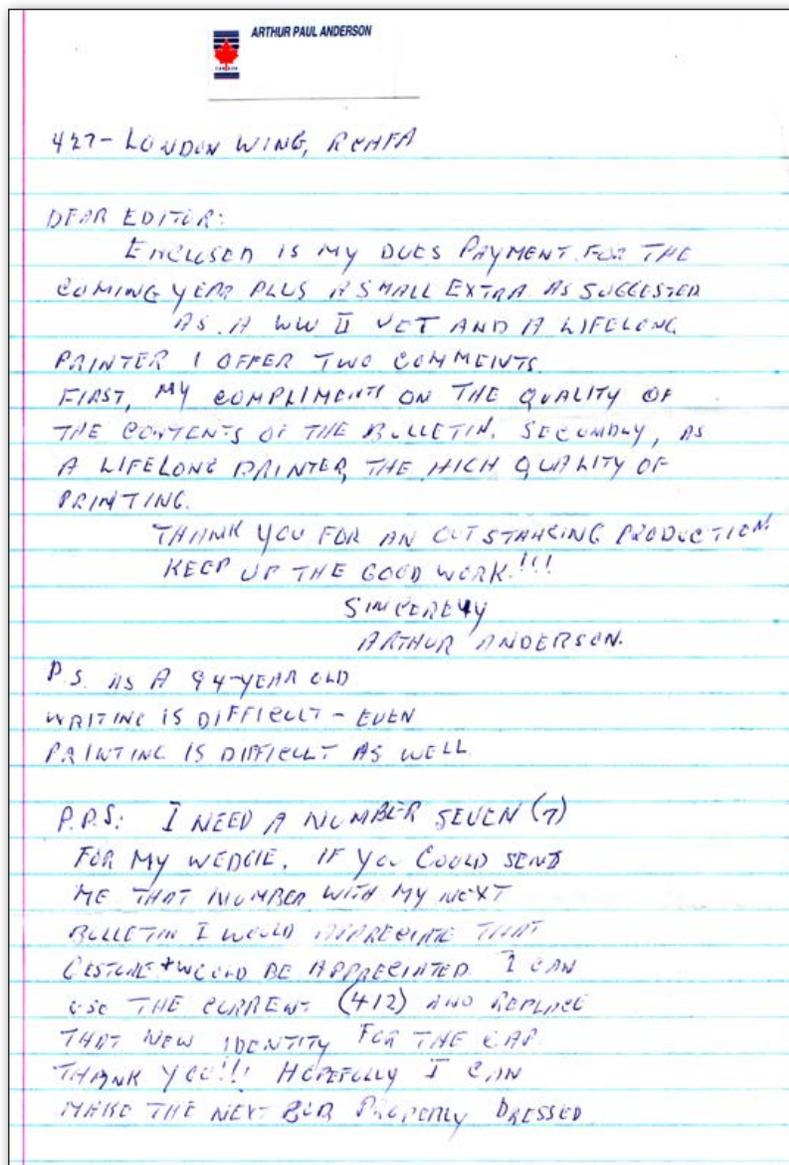
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Compliments from Afar

WE RECEIVED THE LETTER BELOW from member Arthur Anderson. Though he is unable to see us often here at the 427 Wing, he was kind enough to take some time out of his day to send us the following letter. Thank you for your gracious words, Arthur!

P.S. Your number 7 for your wedgie is on its way to you!



Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my dues payment for the coming year plus a small extra as suggested.

As a WWII vet and a lifelong printer I offer two comments. First, my compliments on the quality of the contents of the bulletin. Secondly, as a lifelong printer, the high quality of printing.

Thank you for the outstanding production. Keep up the good work!!!

Sincerely,

Arthur Anderson

P.S. As a 94-year-old writing is difficult – even printing is difficult as well.

P.P.S. I need a number seven (7) for my wedgie. If you send me that number with my next bulletin I would appreciate that gesture. I can use the current (412) and replace that new identity for the cap. Thank you!!! Hopefully I can make the next BBQ properly dressed.

BIRTHDAY BRATS



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"I have reached an age when, if someone tells me to wear socks, I don't have to."

-Albert Einstein

Vitamin F

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How is it possible that I can get along with them all? I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me. With one of them I am polite. With another, I joke. With another I can be a bit naughty! I can sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I listen to one friend's problems. Then I listen to another one's advice for me.

My friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends! They are my friends who understand me better than I understand myself. They're friends who support me through good days and bad.

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In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them. We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together and pray for each other in the tough moments. Some of my friends are friends on-line. I know I am part of theirs because their names appear on my computer screen often and I feel blessed that they care as much for me as I care for them.

Thank you for being one of my Vitamins!



-Submitted by Diana Cuthbert



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AUGUST 2014

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

LEGEND

- BCC** British Car Club meeting at 7:30 pm
- COM** Retired Commissionaires, 9am – 12pm
- WD** The Women's Division join us every last Friday of the month for lunch



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