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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS!



On Friday, April 4th, the 427 Wing, along with many members and friends, celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the RCAF. Lunch and speeches were served and many stories were shared amongst attendees. Celebrating his 90th birthday alongside the RCAF, was esteemed 427 Wing Member, Mike Sydorko, pictured above with wife, Jan. Happy Birthday Mike!

Message from the President

IT IS SPRING TIME AGAIN. This time we at the Wing are able to report on recent celebrations and to look forward to an exciting and potentially significant one that is important for us all. We start off this edition of the Link with the Celebrations of the 90th Anniversary of the RCAF and the 90th birthday of one of our esteemed members, Mike Sydorko. This summer I have a date to play a round of golf with Mike I am looking forward to that event. I have asked the Wing Treasurer to come along and verify the entries on the score cards. Details in the next Link!

To continue with this theme, we have the opportunity to celebrate the fact that our Wing has been asked to submit a request to host the 67th Ontario Group AGM in 2016. In reviewing this request with the Executive it was decided that we would proceed. The Wing that is granted the hosting of this event will be announced at this year's AGM in Sault St. Marie. We will, as they say, keep you posted.

The Ontario Group RCAF/A holds this event at a different Wing each year. The 2015 event will be in Trenton. At most events a small percentage of the local members attend. There are many reasons for this and one may be that most of us do not really know what this AGM is all about. To that end, we have 12 months for Trenton then 24 months for the 2016 AGM. Starting with this Link, we will look at the content of the event and give some information in each of the future Links. If you go to page 13 of this Link, there will be information on Ontario Group Awards. We hope this will allow Wing members the opportunity to appreciate how important these meetings are to our Wing all of our Ontario Group.

*-Rene McKinnon
President*

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- Advocate for a proficient and well equipped Air Force; and,
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Per Ardua

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE NEWS, 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War, also referred to as World War I, as well as what one enthusiastic optimist called, "the war to end all wars." Many countries, including Canada, are planning remembrance ceremonies at monuments and cenotaphs across the country to raise awareness, reflection and tributes to all those who paid the ultimate price during four years of hardship and suffering. If you are interested in WWI, the book by Barbara Tuchman, *The Guns Of August*, gives an excellent overview of the early stages leading up to and during the conflict.

Members and visitors to 427 Wing are probably not aware that the Wing has its own reminder of the war. As you enter the Wing from any doorway you will see a unique sight: in the bar-room, suspended from the ceiling, is a built-to-scale model of the famous biplane fighter aircraft of the First World War known as the Sopwith Camel. The model, built by the cadets of 427 Air Cadet Squadron of London many years ago when there was only one air cadet squadron in London, was presented as a gift which ever since has been highly prized by the members of 427 and much envied by other Wings.

The Sopwith Aviation Company was established in June 1912 by the 24-year-old Thomas (later Sir Thomas) Sopwith. During the First World War the company employed 5,000 people and built more than 16,000 aircraft such as the Snipe, Dolphin, Salamander and Camel, all fighter aircraft. The Sopwith Camel took its first flight on December 22, 1916, was introduced to the Western Front in June of 1917 and retired from service in January 1920. About 5,490 Camels were built and by February 1918 a total of 13 squadrons were equipped with this superlative fighter. Although its controls were light and sensitive, it was a standing joke among Royal Flying Corps pilots that the Camel offered the choice between "a wooden cross, the Red Cross, or a Victoria Cross."

One Sopwith Camel, serial number B6313, became the most successful fighter aircraft in the history of the RAF with a Canadian, William George Barker at the controls, destroying 46 aircraft and balloons during 404 operational flying hours from September 1917 to September 1918. A portrait of Major Barker is hanging above the inner door of the bar-room, to the left side. It seems fitting that he and the Sopwith Camel model should be together again, and this time - under our Wing.

*-Reg Lownie
1st Vice President*



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Notes From The Secretary

WE WISH TANYA, the Link editor, and member of the happy gang a speedy recovery from surgery. She is always happy and cheerful and that optimism will help a lot. All the best Tanya.

Also on the mend is special friend and the go-to person not only at The Wing but in so many other ways, Rick Holland. He contributed so much before, while and following his duty as Wing 2nd Vice President. Look for Rick soon.

Two new members have stepped up to volunteer to help the Wing. Don Martin has many ideas for fundraising and other projects all for the betterment of 427 (London) Wing. Keep Rene on his toes fielding your great ideas, Don. Peggy Clark stepped up to the plate and volunteered to run as Treasurer. She is learning the ropes as well as providing good ideas for advancement of the Wing. Welcome aboard Peggy.

Who knows more about fellow members, businesses and local suppliers than Flo. Whether it is cleaning, snow clearing or leading the happy gang in the kitchen, ask Flo. She knows. Flo knows too where the bargains are all over town.

Every great organization requires a good leader. The Wing is very fortunate to have as our pilot, Rene. He wears too many hats to mention here. Sometimes, he pulls rabbits out of his hats and they too help out. Rene, keeps this great plane flying at the right altitude and speed and takes us all to the destinations he has plotted out – sunny, warm and friendly.

A proposed amendment to the bylaws has been posted on the notice board to correct that the annual general meeting is to follow the general meeting on the fourth Friday in May.

For the 2014 meetings (GM) and (AGM) they start at 1 p.m. Friday May 23, 2014. This is when you vote for President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Please attend.

*-Chuck Hardy
Secretary*

Air Cadet Update

GOOD DAY TO ALL! Below you will find a calendar of upcoming Annual Air Cadet Reviews. Please find this as a reminder that the Wing helps support the eight squadrons shown. I ask that you, as a member of the Wing, attend at least one of the listed parades. If you require any further information please call me at [\(519\) 686-1303](tel:5196861303).

*-Jack Clark
Air Cadet Liaison Officer*

SQUADRON NUMBER	WHEN	WHERE
#3 Strathroy	Sat., May 24th, 1300 Hrs	Gemini Sports Arena 667 Adair Blvd., Strathroy
#27 London	Sat., May 31st, 1330 Hrs	Carling Heights Optimist Centre 633 Elizabeth St., London
#153 Tillsonburg	Thurs., June 5th, 1900 Hrs	Tillsonburg Airport 244411 Airport Rd., Tillsonburg
#201 Dorchestor	Sat., June 7th, 1400 Hrs	Optimist Centre 1653 Richmond, Dorchestor
#741 St. Thomas	Sat., June 7th, 1300 Hrs	Parkside Collegiate 241 Sunset Dr., St. Thomas
#599 London	Mon., June 9th, 1830 Hrs	Gabriel Dumont School 2463 Evans Blvd (between Highbury & Jackson Rd)
#614 London	Sat., June 14th, 1400 Hrs	Diamond Air 1560 Crumlin Rd., London
#862 Lambeth	Sat., June 14th, 1400 Hrs	Fanshawe College - Building J Room J1032, London

Spirit of Flight Aviation Museum Looking for Volunteers

THE SPIRIT OF FLIGHT AVIATION MUSEUM (SOFAM) is a project of 427 Wing. It is dedicated to highlighting the many varied aspects of civilian and military aviation history in Southwestern Ontario unknown to the public today while showcasing the original Airman's canteen we call home. We are looking to fill a number of volunteer positions such as Secretary, Public Relations, Volunteer Coordinator, restoration, fundraising and more. Please contact Mary Watson with your questions and with your area of interest. Mary can be reached by email: mwatsond518@rogers.com or by phone: [519-204-8823](tel:519-204-8823).



Talk on Estate Planning

ON APRIL 11TH, JUST AFTER LUNCH, 427 Wing welcomed fellow member, Catherine Herdman, to give a talk on this most important topic. Catherine emphasized that the first rule of estate planning is do it now. Pre-planning and thinking ahead is very important. You want to have a Will with a named Executor otherwise you leave your loved ones and your estate to speculation. Planning ahead is a gift to your survivors; have your will in place as it makes your wishes known. We plan for everything such as births, anniversary's etc., yet we don't always plan for our final days. Take care of your family and take care of your estate. Once we are gone no one knows what your wishes are.

There is a right way and a wrong way to do things. Write it out and make it into a concrete plan. If you have any property you definitely need to see a lawyer. Catherine has available Estate Planning books that help you do this. She recommends getting two books – one to fill out and have and give the other to a loved one so they immediately know your wishes.

When your executor is taking care of your final wishes, they also have to tie up your estate. Some things that they will need to pay for are the funeral and cemetery costs. You can let your loved ones know if you want to be buried or cremated. In planning ahead, you can choose where your money goes. You may want to leave gifts of money to family and friends and to the groups, clubs or associations you have belonged to. Some people like to include a request that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made to a named cause or group. Remember to update your will and make sure your family knows who your financial advisor is. Make sure people know where your will is so that they can use their energy to grieve and not spent on trying to figure things out. Catherine can be reached for a consultation through Forest Lawn Memorial. A lucky member of the audience won the \$50 gift card draw. We thanked her for taking time out of her busy schedule to come out and make this presentation to us.



*-Mary Watson
Public Relations*



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History Worth Recognizing

WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE RCAF ASSOCIATION, living in Toronto, that belongs to our Wing! We are proud to have this gentleman listed on our Nominal Roll.

In November 2007, at the Ontario Provincial Committee's AGM for the Air Cadet League of Canada, I had the distinct pleasure of sitting beside a gentleman who had then been recently inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. Born in 1926, he confided that growing up in this great country of ours, notwithstanding that he was an immigrant as a young man from Austria, he was able to have the opportunity to pursue his dream to be involved in Aviation and he eventually helped to pass this enthusiasm on to the younger generation of our Nation. He certainly conveyed to me his love and appreciation of both Canada, as well as to the Air Cadets in this province of Ontario.

His name? WALTER FRANK CHMELA

From an early age, Walter expressed an interest in aviation, building model airplanes and entering many competitions. Enthusiasm for the sport of gliding was taking place in Austria in the late 30's, and when Walter was only 14 years old he completed his first solo in a primary glider. In those days, gliders were bungee launched. You got a few feet off the deck, experienced about 30 hops and managed (if lucky) a 30 second flight. Following this initiation, Walter spent a minimum of 25 hours of workshop time on gliders, just in order to build up a respect for the equipment you were working on. Following about 70 flights, which included winch takeoffs and thermal flights for ½ hour, he was rewarded with an instructor along with him to check him out on aero tows. In those years, following 90 or 100 successful flights, one would receive one's license. Walter received his glider pilot license in 1943.

This gentleman has done it all. Following High School, he studied design at a technical school, and law at the University of Vienna. In the late 40's he was involved in the reconstruction of Vienna. In 1950 he immigrated to Canada with only \$25 in his pocket. Determined to be successful, he studied engineering and worked for several years as an electrical designer and designer of special purpose machinery, tools and dies. In 1962 he formed his own company and operated it until 1995.

During all this time, and with his 'can do' attitude, he co-founded the Aero Club Harmony, a gliding club in Toronto. He not only took flying lessons, but bought his own plane to use as a tow plane. In 1961 he founded the York Soaring Association in Toronto and had all the qualifications and licenses to run the business.

Over the following years, many other people have been greatly inspired by Walter's many personal achievements. Too many to list completely in this article, but noteworthy are the numerous Canadian Gliding records, five of which still stand after 30 years or more. Most notably GAIN OF ALTITUDE and ABSOLUTE ALTITUDE. He has lectured on the physiology of high altitudes (over 30,000 ft.) and the use of oxygen for glider pilots. Walter's abilities have been acknowledged with various types of Achievement Awards, both national and international.

For us in our Association, we can relate to Chmela's penchant for encouraging young people to fly and enjoy it. Since 1973 Walter has been instrumental in the success of annual flying training camps for our Ontario Air Cadets. Little doubt, he has been a mover in the world of gliding, as well as a builder, a promoter, a recruiter, etc.

Walter gets his biggest thrill when parents write to him relating their youngsters relatively poor performance at school, but after coming back from a summer of gliding, proudly wearing "Wings", suddenly these same youngsters have a different attitude, show more responsibility and substantial improvement in marks at school as well. Also rewarding for Walter has been the occasions when a former glider student shows up a few years later wearing an airline captain's uniform and comes in to thank him.

I could certainly go on listing this gentleman's accomplishments for many more paragraphs; however, suffice to say that under his leadership the York Soaring Club has grown to be one of the largest and most successful clubs in Canada. Mr. Chmela continues to pursue his work and his participation in its success, and moreover, I am assured by many that his spirit of volunteerism still sets a high standard, and his enthusiasm for the sport has never diminished.

For all the aforementioned reasons, and then some, Walter Frank Chmela was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame at ceremonies held in Montreal, (8 years ago,) on 27 May, 2006.

We all salute you, sir!

*-Compiled by Sam Newman
Updated in Fall, 2013*

The Western Front Violin

On display at the Imperial War Museum in London UK, played at remembrance ceremonies.

THE INSTRUMENT AT RIGHT, known as the Western Front Violin, is made from pine and sycamore wood obtained from trees growing on the First World War ('Western Front') battlefields of France and Flanders. The pine tree grew between La Boisselle and Authuille along the Somme battlefield, and the sycamore in a coppice at Bois Quarante, three miles south of Ypres (an area bisected by the German front line between 1914 and 1917). The two trees were over eighty years old when they were cut down in 1980, their roots having survived the devastation of war had provided new growth.

The violin was conceived by its maker, Kenneth Popplewell, a violinist and former member of the Royal Philharmonic and BBC Symphony Orchestras, as a unique memorial to all those who lost their lives in the First World War. His intention was to raise money for war charities by playing the violin at concerts and then by the subsequent sale of the instrument. The violin was finished in May 1983, and initially loaned to the Imperial War Museum; it was gifted to the Museum after Mr. Popplewell's death in 1992. The crossed poppies motif inlaid on the tailpiece of the instrument is the emblem of the Western Front Association (WFA) and was designed by John Giles, founder of that organization. Inside the violin (which is also known as 'the Western Front violin') is the inscription: 'Remembering 1914-18 -Violin made from trees grown on Western Front Battlefields'. The bow associated with the violin is a 'Bazin bow', made by Charles Bazin who was established as a bow maker in 1946. Bazin was born in 1907 at Mirecourt, France.



-David Smith

War Graves, Poppy Fund, Heritage/History & Veterans' Memorial

Glenn Rogers, a 65yr Member of our Association

THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION of Canada has recently lost a member. Not just an ordinary Member, but a very special one, indeed. I speak of Glen S. Rogers, who transferred from the 412 (Windsor) Wing last year when that grand old Wing saw fit to Stand Down, and deposit their Colours for the last time.

Glenn headed West last month, 25 February, 2014. He would have been 99 years young this coming month of (April), and had been a member of the Air Force Club of Windsor, the RCAF (Assoc), the AFAC, and more recently, back to the Royal Canadian Air Force Association since 1949, making him a 65 yr member in the best 'daw gone' light blue fraternity in Canada. A perusal of the 50th Anniversary copy of "A History of the Air Force Club of Windsor" authored by my long-time friend, Paul Laforet indicates that Glenn definitely had a yen for the Wing. His service in WW 11 extended from 1942 – 1946, served as an engine mechanic, and he retired as FSgt. Glen served in virtually every Wing Executive Position, and then some, in the years that followed. Wing President for 3 terms starting in 1969; Executive Board member, Trustee, RVP Western Region for 9 years; twice was the National Air Force Convention Chair; was an active member of the Air Cadet Sponsoring Committee, Mr Entertainment for more than one occasion; and everything in between. Truly he was quite the active member, and one to emulate in succeeding years. Glenn will be missed by many! BRAVO ZULU for a job well done, and Thank You, Sir!~ WE WILL REMEMBER!

-Sam Newman

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Good God, Olympic Gold!

Author: Les MacLaughlin, published in Airforce, Spring 1998

(part 2, cont'd from previous edition)

AIR FORCE SGT FRANK BOUCHER, who had been a professional player, was chosen to coach the RCAF club. His father, George "Buck" Boucher, coach of the Ottawa Senators in the Quebec Senior League, was head of the team selection committee. A nationwide search for players began on 17 Oct, a scant 3.5 months before the Olympic Games. "I knew the air force had good hockey players," says Boucher from his home in Kemptville, ON, "but as for a good team, well that was something else."

With painstaking precision, the two Bouchers and Watson scoured the land for the best players the RCAF had to offer. Olympic hopefuls were flown in from bases as far away as Whitehorse, Yukon. More than 75 airmen were given try-outs. The revolving door of would-be Olympians continued until 10 Dec 1947, when the final team of 17 players was announced. A skeptical press told Canadians not to expect too much from the RCAF Flyers, but no one expected 7-0 posting in their first exhibition game against a university team.

"At the end of the second period," recalls coach Boucher, "Governor General Viscount Alexander came into the dressing room and asked, "What is the matter with MY team?" I said, "Sir, if I knew I'd fix it."

Olympic officials gamely tried to conceal their grave doubts about the team's ability, and urged Canadians to give them another chance. That chance came two days later on 16 Dec when the Flyers played their second exhibition game against an army team from the Ottawa Senior Hockey League. The army, still seething from their exclusion in the Olympic affair, defeated the Flyers 6-2. This was not the air force's finest hour. The brass knew it. The CAHA knew it. The public knew it. And the press knew it.

"Well, we took our look at the RCAF Olympic team," wrote columnist Tommy Shields, "and regret to report that it was neither a pleasing nor an encouraging sight." But it was too late to turn back now. The CAHA decided to stick with the air force, but quickly added that the team would have to be bolstered, perhaps even by non-air force personnel. That wasn't good enough for the Ottawa Citizen which editorialized: "The decision to retain as Canada's Olympic entry, a weak RCAF team which is tied for last place in the Ottawa Senior League will be greeted with dismay from across Canada."

On 19 Dec five players were brought in from the New Edinburgh Burghs of the Ottawa Senior League. Two, Reg Schroeter and Frank Dunster were ex-air force; one, Ab Renaud, was ex-army and two totters, Ted Hibberd and Pete Leischnitz were too young to join the forces during the war. The next day they passed their medicals and became instant airmen as AC1s. Former F/O Reg Schroeter, a small but crafty puck handler was tearing up the Ottawa Senior League on a line with Ab Renaud and Ted Hibberd. Schroeter remembers, "getting a call from a fellow named Sandy Watson, who said he and CAHA officials would be watching our next league game. If we did well, we might get the call to join the Flyers. I was thrilled. Our line scored five of the six goals that night. A few days later I was in the air force."

Ab Renaud, who had spent the war in Europe in the army, was working as a junior civil servant in the Department of Agriculture. "I got a call to go down to see the deputy minister. Now I don't get a call to do that very often. He said the minister of national defence called asking if I'd be interested in joining the Olympic team. I'd served overseas in the army as sergeant. Now I was in the air force as an LAC."

Amidst this turmoil, a story broke which brought no Christmas cheer to the beleaguered airmen and their backers. On Christmas Eve 1947, Al Pickard, president of the CAHA, admitted he had considered withdrawing the civilian bolstered Flyers from the Olympic competition, but said that exhibition game commitments overseas had already been made and would have to be honoured. The Ottawa Journal warned: "At best Sgt Frank Boucher, coach of the RCAF Flyers, has been given an intermediate team which should not be asked to play any exhibition games against any senior team in Canada."

On 31 Dec, just 10 days before the team sailed from New York to England aboard the Queen Elizabeth, Sandy Watson asked the CAHA if they could send three additional players to join the Flyers. Forwards George Mara, and Wally Halder, and goalie Dick Ball, all from Toronto, were the best non-airmen the CAHA could find at short notice and still meet the "amateur" definition. It would be a defining moment in Canada's Olympic hockey history.

Ball was a fine young net-minder from the University of Toronto. He quickly took over the starting role in goal. With these three civilians and the naive newcomers from Ottawa, the Flyers, "might make a showing in Switzerland which would not totally embarrass Canada," said the Citizen. Mara would become team captain. Halder would lead the scoring parade during the Olympics. But fate was not so kind to Dick Ball. The final medical check revealed Ball had a lung infection which would prevent him from travelling. Sandy Watson was frantic. George Mara told him that the best amateur goalkeeper in Toronto was Murray Dowey.

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Classic Clock Brought Back to Life

(by Jacob Richardson, Age Dispatch)

In the past 10 years, Poag's Jewellers has repaired upwards of 1,400 clocks. The go-to guy for those projects, Jeff Poag, has witnessed many more time pieces come through the doors of the Frank St. building in his 20+ years in the business. Earlier this year though, the veteran clock repairman, goldsmith and stone setter was tasked with a project unlike any other. "I was pretty excited about it. It's a very, very rare piece of history - I had never seen another like it," he said. The piece was an extremely rare Royal Air Force (RAF) WWII Wall Clock obtained by the Royal Canadian Air Force 427 Wing which also supports the #3 Cadet Striker Squadron in Strathroy.

"They were in different combat stations in Britain, so each squadron - their own time zone - had one in them, but I wouldn't think there'd be a lot of them around and they were probably kept there," Poag explained.

"I guess the reason this one ended up coming over is someone brought it back, kind of flew it under the radar so to speak - no pun intended. I presume it's probably the only one around here on in Canada, maybe there were more people sneaking them over, I don't know."

Estimates have the clock's construction set between 1940-1945, but venturing towards a value is much trickier. "There are so few them around, we have no idea. All I can say is, it's priceless really," said Rene McKinnon, President of the 427 Wing.

"Poag is a master craftsmen and for him, I think it was a joy to work on something so rare."

The clock wasn't just rare because of its production date, but also its advanced, and extremely intricate design. The RCAF brought the piece in hoping that Poag could get it up and running once again to proudly be displayed at the London Wing - a feat far easier said than done.

"Normally in those clocks that were issued or put out around that time - like

our library clock that we've got here in town, they were very crude, inexpensive works because they were put in so many different places, but these are really high-end, really high quality movements," Poag said.

"They were just miles and years ahead on their invention compared to most of the spring-driven clocks that you see. They're very, very, very precise - it's like having a Rolex movement inside of a clock - they're really neat pieces. There's probably not a lot of people that have the experience or wherewithal to take them apart, repair them and get them into functioning order."

All that being the case, Poag got to work, and estimates because of the design it took him four times longer to repair the RAF model than other projects of this magnitude, but the clock is now fully functional.

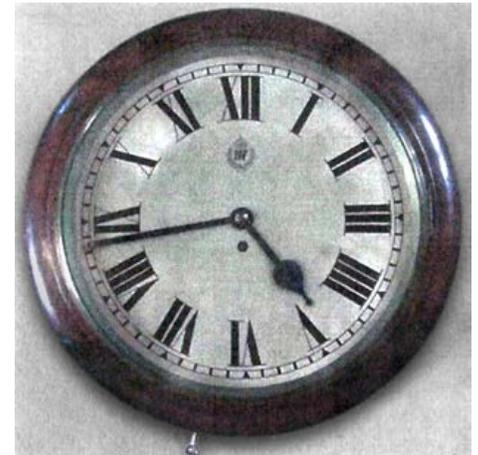
"Knowing what it was for, it was like, we've got to get this working and have it right for these guys and it will be a great memorabilia piece for them to have forever. As long as it's always worked on by a proper person, the clock should be around forever," Poag said.

Normally completing a time-consuming project earns Poag a hearty handshake and "Thank You", the Striker #3 Squadron went far beyond that. The group held a special ceremony at the WMMC, April 1, to honour Poag for his effort and the business for donating the man-hours required to get the clock up and running. McKinnon also presented him with an honorary membership to the 427 Wing.

"It's a pleasure to do something for the community and it was quite an honour to be honoured back the way I was, it was quite touching," Poag said, admitting he didn't quite know what to expect entering the WMMC.

"Everybody came up and thanked me and that's not what we were looking for. I did it because I wanted them to have this clock because I knew we'd never see another one. The funny this is, the old guys from the Air Force there,

they knew what they had because they remember seeing them and there's no other ones around, so they were pretty appreciative just to have the clock, let alone having it in running order. They really know what they've got and they really appreciate it - and they also overwhelmingly appreciated what we did for them, which is really nice."



Above: A certificate of appreciation was presented by Rene McKinnon to Jeff Poag of Poag's Jewellers for restoring the rare RAF clock pictured above. Jeff provided his services as a donation to the 427 (London) Wing.



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“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.”

-Mark Twain

The Sharing of Marriage...

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink.

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering.

Obviously they were thinking, ‘That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.’

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything.

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn’t eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said ‘No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.’

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked, ‘What is it you are waiting for?’

She answered --

‘THE TEETH.’

-Submitted by Diana Cuthbert



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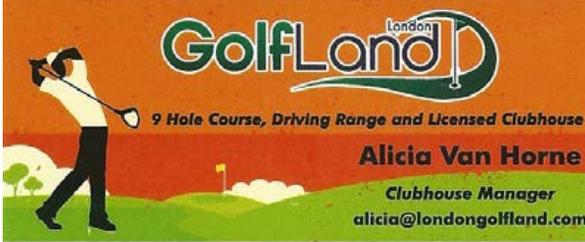


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Ontario Group Awards

Each Wing is allowed to submit the following to an annual spring meeting. Presentations are made at the AGM in May. Please ask if you would like additional information on any of these awards.

- a) The “Ed Walker Memorial” Member of the Year Award.
- b) Wing Proficiency award
- c) Membership Awards
- d) Carry the Ball Awards
- e) Wing Bulletin Award
- f) Wing of the Year Award
- g) Award of Distinction
- h) Award of Merit

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Surgery Jokes *(having recently undergone surgery, I thought I'd share two jokes that thankfully didn't apply to me! - Tanya)*

Jerry was in the hospital recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling. “I’m OK but I didn’t like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery,” he answered. “What did he say,” asked the nurse. “OOPS!”

A Bump on the Head

A man who had just undergone a very complicated operation kept complaining about a bump on his head and a terrible headache. Since his operation had been an intestinal one, there was no earthly reason why he should be complaining of a headache. Finally his nurse, fearing that the man might be suffering from some post-operative shock, spoke to the doctor about the patients troubles.

The doctor assured the nurse, “Don’t worry about a thing. He really does have a bump on his head. About halfway through the operation we ran out of anesthetic.”



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MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WT	2 Lunch	3 LVRC
4	5	6 RAA	7 Cards	8	9 Lunch WEC	10
11	12	13 MAC	14 Cards BCC	15 COM	16 Lunch ONT AGM	17 ONT AGM
18 ONT AGM	19	20	21 Cards	22	23 Lunch GM/AGEL	24 ACBB
25	26	27	28 Cards 201 DINNER	29	30 Lunch	31 YARD SALE

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 RAA	4 Cards	5 WT	6 Lunch	7
8 DECS	9	10 MAC	11 Cards BCC	12	13 Lunch WEC	14 FO
15	16	17	18 Cards GOLFTOUR	19	20 Lunch	21 STRAW
22	23	24	25 Cards	26	27 Lunch GM/WD	28
29	30					

LEGEND

<p>201D 201 Squadron Dinner</p> <p>ACBB Air Cadet BBQ</p> <p>AGEL Annual General Meeting Elections, 1pm</p> <p>BCC British Car Club meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>COM Retired Commissionaires, 9am – 12pm</p> <p>DECS Decoration Sunday</p> <p>FO Fanshawe Optimist's Club meeting, all day</p> <p>GM General Meeting at 1pm</p> <p>GOLFT Golf Tournament</p>	<p>LVRC London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>MAC Model Aircraft Club meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>RAA Recreational Aircraft Association meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>WD The Women's Division join us every last Friday of the month for lunch</p> <p>STR Strawberry Social, details to come, watch the boards</p> <p>WEC Executive Council Meeting at 9:30am</p> <p>WT Wood Turners meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>YARD Yard Sale, starts at 10am!</p>
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