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427 London Wing Celebrates RCAFA's 91st!



Clockwise from top left: President Rene McKinnon and Betty Rose cut the cake; celebratory cake created by the crew at Melrose Bakery; kitchen volunteers Sandy and Natalie. Thanks Ladies!; members and friends enjoying time together.

Celebration!

On Friday, April 10th, 2015, members and friends of the 427 (London) Wing came together to celebrate the 91st Anniversary of the RCAFA. A roast beef lunch was prepared and served by our dedicated kitchen volunteers, Flo, Don, Gwen, Natalie, Sandy, Fred and Tanya, to a total of 90 guests. A cake was created by Melrose Bakery and was ceremonially cut by long-time member, Betty Rose. Thanks to all of those who came to celebrate and to those who helped make the day a success!

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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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Message From the President

RETURNING FROM A 34 DAY ADVENTURE I must first acknowledge my 1st VP, Reg Lownie, for the superb job he did in my absence. "Wind beneath my wings" would be a way of describing Reg's value to the Wing. The trip was south of the 30th and north of the 60th and mostly in the remote South Atlantic. I have lots of photos if you have the time...

This Link is excellent in its coverage of many of the activities that have just occurred and what is coming up. However, there are two important items that we need to highlight. **First** we have the Nominations for the new Wing Executive and Chairpersons. This is scheduled for May 22nd at the GM/AGM. We will post information at the Wing for all members to have a chance to review and possibly consider a position on the Executive or as a Chairperson. If you have questions about this most important aspect of your Wing please ask. **Second** - your membership renewal. Renewal forms are included in this Link's mailing. If you go to our website www.427wing.com click on Membership and you will be able to renew online. You may also pay at the Wing by cheque or credit or debit card. You may also call the Wing and we will be able to take your payment over the phone. How easy can it be? It is also worth noting that we have over 161 members. We've noticed that we are experiencing growing activity at the Friday Lunch around the Spirit of Flight Aviation Museum. Two great opportunities for new members and the continued growth of our Wing and Museum.

*-Rene McKinnon
President*

Annual Public Speaking Competition, March 29, 2015

AL SZAWARA, WHO IS A REGULAR WING MEMBER and an Air Cadet League Director, organized the London Regional competition on behalf of the Air Cadet League of Canada/Ontario Provincial Committee. The event was held at 427 (London) Wing. Two of the participants in the competition were Cpl CLARKE and AC BHATTI of 614 RC(Air)CS. The competition for the London Region was won by Sgt Lukas ZARA from 862 Sqn (1st) and FSgt Lauren FROATS of 27 Sqn.

Congratulations to Regional Effective Speaking participants F Sgt Lauren Froats and Cpl Mark Antone who represented 27 City of London Squadron with pride. Both delivered their prepared and impromptu speeches with great confidence and composure on the topics of "How has being an Air Cadet affected my Life" and "Should cell phones be allowed in the classroom?" This was F Sgt Froats second year participating and placed 2nd and Cpl Antone's first year participating. They both enjoyed their experience and look forward to next year's competition.



AC Bhatti and Cpl Clarke



F Sgt Lauren Froats and Cpl Mark Antone



Cpl I Tiba, 862 Sqn Lambeth



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Notes From the Secretary

WE INTEND TO PROPOSE TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE WING BY-LAWS at the General Meeting on May 22nd. The first would remove the voting and other restrictions of associate members. The second amendment, the duties of the By-Law Committee, would be added at Schedule B. Both proposed amendments will be posted on the Wing notice board before April 22nd.

We welcome the talents of new member Howard Johnston to the museum committee. He has a good knowledge of history and the aviation industry. Howard is doing other things around the Wing all for the betterment of the Wing. By the way, he is a great salesman as well.

The Wing needs items for Diana's annual yard sale on June 13th. With spring well established, please consider donating suitable items that can bring in revenue for the Wing.

Diana Cuthbert and Mike Ryan have put together another great golf tournament on June 16th followed by a BBQ at the Wing. Applications are now available at the Wing. Don't golf? Come to the BBQ. You will be happy you did.

To all readers, enjoy the fine weather.

*-Chuck Hardy
Secretary*

Diana's Details

Golf Tournament

The Annual 427 Golf Scramble will be on Tuesday, June 16 at the Crumlin Creek Golf Course. Tee off times will be from 10 am, to 11 am. The cost is \$35 for 12 holes of golf, a shared electric cart, prizes and a BBQ. Scramble foursomes will be decided by draw.

You don't have to be an Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods or Jordan Spieth because it's just a bunch of old guys and gals having fun!

Yard Sale

Another reminder about our annual YARD SALE on Saturday, June 13. We can start collecting your good junk at the Wing on Fri. May 15. This has been a good fundraiser for the Wing for the past few years. Let's make it the best ever!

Euchre

It's been a while since anyone has said anything about our Wednesday afternoon Euchre group so I'm going to tell you a little bit about us:

We start at 1:30pm on Wednesday and have about 15 members who come out with some non-members (up to 20 players on occasion). We have more non-experts than experts and everyone has a good (and sometimes loud) afternoon! The cost is \$1 a week and there are weekly prizes given out. Also, at Christmas and the last game in Spring, we have a lunch.

Come out and join us. We'll be winding up on May 13 for the season, but we'll be back in September and hope to see more members. Give me a call if you'd like to know more about us, [519-455-1126](tel:519-455-1126).

-Diana Cuthbert

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Per Ardua

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CHAPLAINS date back to the mid-14th century when they served great households. Today, chaplains serve in military regiments, prisons, universities and police departments. Chaplains in the Canadian Forces minister to all members of the CAF and their families, whether they attend church or are of the same religion, or whether they have any spiritual beliefs at all.

On January 22, 1943, four US Army chaplains boarded the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, a 5,649 ton vessel built in 1920 as a luxury liner before it converted to Army Transport carrier. The four chaplains were: Lt. George Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander Goode, a rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church. They were part of the 903 “souls on board” who were to sail from Staten Island to Greenland. Most of the group was army personnel who would replace soldiers at American bases in Greenland. After a stopover in St. John’s, Newfoundland, the *Dorchester* joined two freighters and three U.S. Coast Guard cutters to become Convoy SG-19, heading across the Labrador Sea to Narsarsuaq, Greenland.

Winter on the North Atlantic guaranteed a rough journey. Sea spray froze on everything, including men’s faces. Ice and heavy seas smashed gear and washed some life rafts overboard. The ship’s captain ordered everyone to wear life jackets at all times because of the threat of submarines. But many soldiers ignored the order - they were sleeping below decks and enduring heat from the engines - and the life jackets were bulky and uncomfortable.

Around 0300 hours on February 3rd, Convoy SG-19 was positioned 150 miles west of Cape Farewell, the most southwestern inhabited part of Greenland, when a torpedo from a German submarine struck amidship on the starboard side. Scores of men were killed by the explosion, many others were seriously wounded, and electrical power and radio contact with the escort ships was destroyed. Confused and panicked in the dark, soldiers and other passengers swarmed to the upper deck, many without clothing or life jackets to protect them from the freezing weather. Many jumped into the cold sea and swam toward overcrowded lifeboats. The flash of the explosion brought two escorts to the sinking ship, but as the water rushed in there was no hope for those trapped below decks. Rafts thrown into the sea drifted away, leaving dead bodies floating in their life jackets.

On the upper deck, all four chaplains worked intensely to calm the panic and despair, to assist the wounded and to direct people to whatever safety might seem available. They opened a locker and handed out life jackets to those who had none. Survivors later reported that when the locker was emptied, the four chaplains removed their own jackets and gave them to four frightened men. And as the ship slid under the waves, those in nearby rafts saw and heard the chaplains, with arms linked together and legs braced against the slanting deck, praying for all those in peril from the glacial waters. Of the 902 men aboard the *Dorchester*, 672 died and 230 were saved.

Though stunned by the tragedy, Americans were also gripped by the heroism of the four chaplains. In the following year, for this display of selflessness, courage and faith by the chaplains, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart were awarded to their next of kin. In 1961, the American Congress authorized a Special Medal for Heroism for the four chaplains, awarded by the President in 1961. This medal was considered to be of the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honour. It was never given previously and will never be given again.

*-Reg Lownie
1st Vice President*

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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 23rd, 1300 Hrs	Gemini Sports Arena 667 Adair Blvd., Strathroy
#27 London	Sat., May 30th, 1330 Hrs	Carling Heights Optimist Centre 633 Elizabeth St., London
#741 St. Thomas	Sat., May 30th, 1330 Hrs	Parkside Collegiate 241 Sunset Dr., St. Thomas
#599 London	Wed., June 3rd, 1830 Hrs	Gabriel Dumont School 2463 Evans Blvd (between Highbury & Jackson Rd)
#153 Tillsonburg	Thurs., June 4th, 1800 Hrs	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 Durham St., Tillsonburg
#614 London	Sat., June 13th, 1314 Hrs	Diamond Air 1560 Crumlin Rd., London
#201 Dorchester	Wed., June 10th, 1830 Hrs	Thames Centre Recreation Centre 2066 Dorchester Rd., Thames Centre
#862 Lambeth	Sat., June 13th, 1400 Hrs	Fanshawe College - Aviation Building Jazz Hangar @ London Airport

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Further Honours for the Crew of Lancaster UM-K2 626 SQUADRON RAF

TWO YEARS AGO, I had the honour of attending a memorial service for the airmen of Lancaster UM-K2 626 Squadron RAF. The bomber had completed an operation to Karlsruhe Germany. Upon approaching the U.K. coast it was attacked by a German night-fighter, causing severe damage to the plane. Canadian Pilot Murray McPherson attempted to make an emergency landing at Boxted Airport on the outskirts of Colchester England. Sadly the Lancaster crashed just short of the runway killing all crew on board, four of them being from the U.K. and three from Canada.

April 25th, 2013 is the 69th anniversary of the crash. The crew was honoured with the commemoration of a memorial stone a short distance from the crash site. Over a two year period leading up to the ceremony, the families of all seven airmen were contacted and invited to the ceremony. On the day of the ceremony six out of seven families attended the commemoration, culminating with a flyby of the Battle of Britain Lancaster Bomber.

Two years ago, a closed factory was located across from the green space where the memorial is located. Over the past year the factory has been torn down and a new housing development put in its place. Chris Stanfield, a Colchester citizen, approached the local city council to consider naming the streets in the new housing development after the seven young airmen and Sir Bob Russell suggested the street name of Lancaster Approach. Colchester city council approved the motion thus honouring the crew of Lancaster UM-K2.

Alma Anderson the sister of Canadian pilot Murray McPherson passed away March 25, 2015. She had been aware of the 2013 memorial service for her brother and more recently a street to be named after her brother Murray. According to Alma's son Dan she spoke about Murray from time-to-time over the decades. The memorial service honouring her life was held April 25, 2015, the 71st anniversary of the crash of Lancaster UM-K2.

-David Smith

War Graves, Poppy Fund, Heritage/ History & Veterans

STREET NAMES OF THE AIRMEN

Lancaster Approach	Murray McPherson Parade	James Mayger Chase
Francis Gunn Close	John Shell Drive	Dennis Randle Way
Ernest Fancy Lane	Robert Cameron Mews	



What our 427 (London) Wing Members are up to!

WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT ALL of our Wing members are up to! Especially those members who live out of town like, 'way out of town. Take for instance, the case of Major David S. Brown, CD, CAE, who resides (and always has) in the GTA. Yes, we do have members who live that far away! For whatever the reason, individually these members hear what we are doing, or they like the way we do things, perhaps they simply wish to be a member to support our activities and be on a winning team. Whether it's because of an invitation by our congenial Membership Chair, Cathy, or someone else, they do gravitate to our Wing.

David joined the 442 (David Hornell V.C.) Air Force Association Wing in Weston in July 1974, and between the years, managed to fit into the MAL ranks as well, before transferring to our Wing last spring. His father impressed upon his son to support the Association, and David has certainly lived up to his encouragement. David is currently the Commanding Officer of 700 (David Hornell VC) RC(Air)CS. He recently had the honour of aging out his "Chief", WO1 Ashley Eugene, who, by the way, was the Cadet-of-the-year last season and received her Top Cadet Award at the OPC's 2014 AGM last October. Quite an accomplishment for Ashley, and a 'feather in the cap' for our member, David. The local MP and the MPP were both in attendance. Our Congratulations David, and best wishes in all of your future endeavours from all of us here at 'the Wing'. David recently celebrated his recent birthday 3 April, and again, we send out our wishes from all our Wing members for a continued good life, good health, and many more birthdays to come!

-Sam Newman



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Wreath Laying Ceremony to Remember Base Borden's First Military Flying Casualty

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, President Rene McKinnon and Past President, Jack Clark, attended a wreath laying ceremony in Dorchester, Ontario, in remembrance of Cadet James Talbot. Cadet Talbot has the unfortunate distinction of being the first fatality at Camp Borden and first casualty of military flying in Canada.

James Talbot was born in Buffalo, NY, on July 22, 1893 to Canadian parents, John and Jesse Agnes Talbot. He returned to Canada where he graduated from Queen's University in Kingston. In January 1917, at the age of 23, James joined the RFC Canada and was among the first group of Cadets to commence training at Camp Borden. On April 8, 1917, Easter Sunday, Cadet Talbot was flying in a Curtiss J.N.4 'Jenny' aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant G.C. Husband when the aeroplane crashed. The crash killed the pilot trainee and seriously injured 2nd Lieutenant Husband who eventually recovered.

At the time, James was serving as a trainee with the newly formed No. 81 Canadian Reserve Squadron of the RFC Canada. He had only recently arrived in Borden. Some accounts stated that this was only his second or third flight.

James Talbot was buried in Union Cemetery in Dorchester, Ontario, near London. The inscription of Talbot's tombstone reads: "A noble young life given in service".

Though his service to his country was brief, his sacrifice has not been forgotten. On July 10, 1999, the new aircraft Control Tower at CFB Borden was dedicated to the memory of Cadet James Talbot.



Above photos courtesy of Airforce Magazine & Marg Liessens



above: Jack Clark places a wreath for Cadet Talbot on behalf of the 427 (London) Wing

LAST POST

GAWNE, Ray Tilford
Friday, March 27, 2015



It's with sadness that we announce the passing of Wing member, Ray Gawne. Ray will live on in our memories as a good friend with whom we've shared many laughs. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Elda and family.

Regalia

AT FRIDAY LUNCHES we have a few clothing items on display. Please note that if we don't have your size we can easily order it. For items with the Association logo, for a modest fee we can easily add "427 Wing London" in gold or silver.

We also have a few items on display in the glass cabinet, and a few that are close at hand, such as flags: RCAF, Canada and Ontario.

For a full picture of all that's available, visit www.rcfassociation.ca or email kitshop@airforce.ca.



Where Planes Go to Die, and Live Again

LEAVING ON A JET PLANE? Bit of a tired cliché, no? Let's try something new. Maybe taking a boat ride in a jet plane? Teaching a class or transforming one into your home? Sound unreal? Not if you're in one of these unique repurposed planes that have been retired but are far from out of use. The travel experts at Cheapflights.com, the online leader in finding and publishing travel deals, have tracked down the [top 11 inventive uses of retired planes](#) around the world. From hostels to honeymoon suites, these planes that float and feed will blow

your mind and make your imagination run wild.

Airplane suite, Teuge, Netherlands

What sets Teuge Airport in the Netherlands apart is the sight of a refurbished 131-foot Ilyushin 18 plane, which has become a popular luxury honeymoon destination. Built in 1960, the East German government plane became a restaurant after German unification until Hotelsuites.nl bought it in 2007. Visitors have the complete craft at their disposal -- including a Jacuzzi, an infrared sauna, three flat-screen TVs, a pantry and free wireless internet.

Jet Limo, Los Angeles, California

Limo Bob is an American legend. He not only holds the Guinness Book of World Records title for the longest limo ever built (100 feet), he also decided to cut the wings off a Boeing 727 and turn it into a Jet Limo. If you're looking for a grand (and eye catching) way to get around Los Angeles, you can rent this 50-seater for \$100,000 a month. And, if you must own this, Limo Bob will sell it -- for \$1 million.

The Cosmic Muffin, Fort Lauderdale

What used to be Howard Hughes'

"flying office" can today be seen floating on the waterways of Fort Lauderdale in Florida. The old Boeing 307 Stratoliner was deemed un-flyable in 1969 but rescued from the landfill and converted into an exotic houseboat named the Cosmic Muffin. The Cosmic Muffin has been featured everywhere from CNN to "Ripley's Believe It or Not!," and owner Dave Drimmer operates the plane-boat as a historical attraction that is available for charter.

DC-6 Diner, Coventry, UK

Instead of being recycled for scrap, this classic 1958 Douglas DC-6 was lovingly restored and turned into a one-of-a-kind dining destination that was even featured in James Bond's "Casino Royale." Launched in 2010, DC-6 Diner seats up to 40 guests and overlooks the runway at Coventry Airport.

Hotel Costa Verde, Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica

Situated on the edge of the Manuel Antonio National Park in Costa Rica, the Costa Verde Resort converted a 1965 Boeing 727 into a luxury hotel suite. Rescued from its resting place at San Jose airport, the vintage fuselage now sticks out from the lush jungle canopy, affording its lucky residents scenic views that make you feel like you're flying. The same resort has also converted a C-123 Fairchild into a pub. Diners at El Avión get their food delivered from the kitchen on the old fuselage dumbwaiter.

Check out these six other repurposed planes that round out our list: The 747 Wing House, Malibu, California, United States; Space Shuttle Café, California, United States; Jumbo Stay, Stockholm, Sweden; Mangaweka Skyliner, Mangaweka, New Zealand; Kindergarten in a Plane, Rustavi, Georgia; and The New Jalisco Library, Guadalajara, Mexico. To read the details on these great grounded planes and to see the full list, visit: www.cheapflights.com/news/inventive-uses-of-retired-planes.



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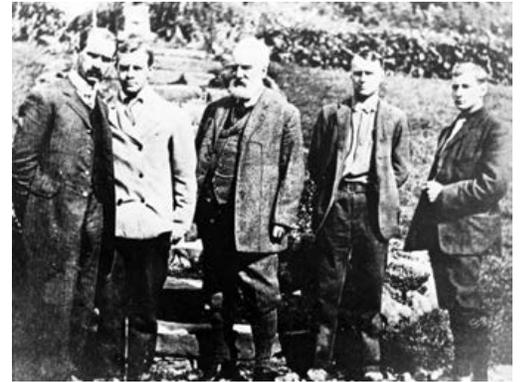
The Formation of the Aerial Experiment Association as Recounted by Honorary Colonel Gerald P.J. Haddon, Royal Canadian Air Force

I RECALL MY GRANDFATHER RELATING TO ME how the Aerial Experiment Association was created. "It was on a windy, miserable night in September, 1907 and Dr. Bell, Casey Baldwin and I were all in the big living room of Beinn Bhreagh warming our backs against the fireplace and talking over our kite flights of that day. Mrs. Bell came in with some hot coffee, watched the conversation for a few moments, and said: 'Now Alex, you have some pretty smart young engineers here. And they're as interested in flight as you are. Why don't we form an organization?' Thus, the Aerial Experiment Association was born on October 1st, 1907. Not only was the original suggestion that of Mrs. Bell, but it was she who insisted upon financing the AEA. Members of the group called themselves "Associates" and were five in number: Alexander Graham Bell, J. A. D. McCurdy, Casey Baldwin, Thomas Selfridge, and Glenn Curtis. The Aerial Experiment Association was formed with one purpose in mind, "To get a man into the air."

Commenting on the Aerial Experiment Association, Dr Bell said: "We breathed an atmosphere of aviation from morning til night and almost from night to morning ... I may say for myself that this Association with these young men proved to be one of the happiest times of my life."

Two of the most notable and lasting achievements of the AEA were the development of the aileron and the tricycle landing gear. As some of you may know, ailerons are used to generate a rolling motion for an aircraft and are small-hinged sections on the outward portion of a wing, which allows a plane to bank to the left or to the right. In a 1949 CBC interview from Government House, my grandfather said of the aileron: "This is the system used universally to this day, and I consider it to be Canada's outstanding contribution to aircraft development." Incredibly, here we are over a century later; the aileron and the tricycle landing gear are still used on aircraft worldwide. In an attempt to demonstrate the maneuverability of an aeroplane - through the use of ailerons McCurdy made the first figure 8 in the world on August 29th, 1908.

The first of the four aeroplanes built by the Aerial Experiment Association at the beginning of 1908, called the Red Wing, crashed on its second flight due to the pilot, Casey Baldwin, having no lateral control. Since the instability of the Red Wing was caused by its lack of lateral control, the inventive minds of the AEA went into action to devise some method of meeting the challenge. The result was a hinged controllable arrangement of moveable wing tips called "little wings" which, when built into the White Wing, (the AEA's second aeroplane), proved their worth from the beginning. The June Bug and the Silver Dart, the AEA's third and fourth aeroplanes, subsequently had ailerons installed. Not only was the White Wing the first of the AEA's aeroplanes to have ailerons installed but it was also the first to be fitted with the tricycle landing gear.



top: Glenn Curtiss, Casey Baldwin, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Selfridge, and J.A.D. McCurdy.

bottom: Red Wing Aeroplane, First American Public Flight, March 12, 1908



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“How old would you be if you didn’t know how old you was?”

-Satchel Paige

A Perfect Marriage?

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other, except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day, the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife’s bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. “When we were to be married,” she said, “my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.”

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

“Honey,” he said, “that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?”

“Oh,” she said. “That’s the money I made from selling the dolls.”

Aviation Trivia

- 1: What airplane is called The Superscooper?
- 2: This British bi-plane fighter aircraft was the first to land on a moving ship. Can you name it and the year it accomplished this feat?
- 3: Name the now retired fastest strategic bomber in the world.
- 4: What is the name of the home-built single seat helicopter kit sold in the 90’s with a two cycle engine that the owner’s manual warned “was subject to sudden stoppage?”
- 5: On December 10, 1931 a Fokker Standard Universal, G-CAJD, crashed in a Manitoba snowstorm and was not found until 2005. What was its name of lore?
- 6: In 1983 the space shuttle, piggybacking on a Boeing 737, made its first landing outside the United States. Which airport received it?

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Answers: 1: The Bombardier #15 (formerly known as Canada's CL-415); 2: The Sopwith Pup in 1917; 3: F-111; 4: Revolution Mini 500; 5: Ghost of Charroon Lakes; 6: Goose Bay

427 WING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lunch	2
3	4	5 RAA	6 CARDS	7	8 Lunch WEC	9
10	11	12	13 CARDS BCC	14 WT	15 Lunch OGAGM	16 OGAGM
17 OGAGM	18	19	20 CARDS	21 COM	22 Lunch GM/AGM	23
24	25	26 FO	27 CARDS 201SB	28	29 Lunch WD	30 HAW

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 RAA	3 CARDS	4	5 Lunch	6 LFCB
7	8	9	10 CARDS BCC	11 WT	12 Lunch WEC	13 YARD
14	15	16 GOLF	17 CARDS	18	19 Lunch	20 WT
21 WT	22	23	24 CARDS	25	26 Lunch	27 DANCE
28	29	30 FO				

Sunday, July 12, 2015 - Aeronca Air Cadet BBQ

Saturday, July 25, 2015 - Dance with Dr. Energy, 7pm. Details to come.

LEGEND

<p>201SB 201 Squadron Banquet</p> <p>BCC British Car Club, meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>COM Retired Commissionaires, 9am – 12pm</p> <p>DANCE Details to come, with Dr. Energy Nippy Watson</p> <p>FO Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>GM General Meeting at 1pm</p> <p>GOLF Golf Tournament, see details on pg. 4, Diana's Details</p> <p>HAW Hawaii Dance, Dr. Energy, see advert. on pg. 13</p>	<p>LFCB London Flying Club BBQ, 10am - 3:30pm</p> <p>OGAGM OGAGM Trenton</p> <p>RAA Recreational Aircraft Association, meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>WD The Women's Division join us the 4th Friday of each month for lunch</p> <p>WEC Wing Executive Council, 9:30am</p> <p>WT Wood Turners, meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>YARD Yard Sale, 8am, see advert. pg. 13</p>
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