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Upcoming Yard Sale



SPRING CLEANERS ALERT! Our annual fundraising YARD SALE is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 10am - 3pm.

Save all your good junk! No TV's!

Please see Diana if you require further information.

Message from the President

THE WING IS, YOU MIGHT SAY, having a spring time. Lots of exciting events are suddenly coming upon us.

There is the Yard Sale coming on April 30th. We're also proud to have just launched the book, Pathfinder, which is available for sale at the Wing. The Willow Tree presentation coming on Friday March 18th is surely going to be an informative and enlightening event. We hope to see our members and their guests join us!

Quickly coming up is the 92nd Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the RCAF. This takes place on April 01 and we'll be having a special luncheon by reservation only. See details on page 13.

Coming on April 16th, we have "The London Dixie 5 Fun Band Dance" which should be an exciting, fun event.

4th Annual Heritage Fair

ON FEBRUARY 13TH 2016, the 427 Wing took part in the Annual Heritage Fair, hosted by London Public Library.

Dubbed, Snapshots In Time, the event provided a hands-on interactive experience through workshops presented by local museums and heritage organizations. Below is Reg Lownie assisting one of the visitors at the Wing's and Spirit of Flight display in the Hudson Bay Passageway, just outside of Central Library.



Bring your dancing shoes!

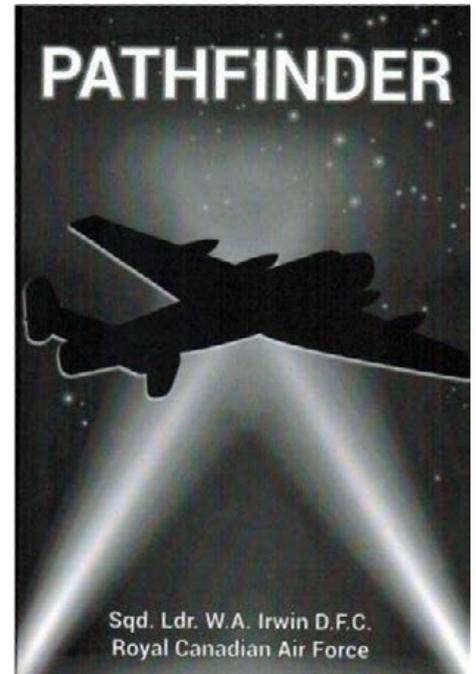
Judy and Armin have put together a great looking day trip for June 10th. Read about it on page 10, sign up early to ensure your seat!

We are looking forward to the coming London Air Show in September. Stay tuned for more details on the Wing's involvement in that event.

Lots of information may be found in this Link!

The major event is our hosting the Ontario Group Convention here in London May 20 - 23. This will

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be a showcase event for the Wing. We hope to have many members participating in this and the events mentioned. Check our website for additional information and call if you need assistance or have any questions. Enjoy reading your London Link!

**-Rene McKinnon
President**

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.

427 (LONDON) WING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (WEC) JULY 1ST 2015 – JUNE 30TH 2016

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Over 1,000sqft for Rent at 427 (London) Wing – This includes two rooms with a bar, kitchen facilities and lots of parking. This clean, attractive setting is great for business meetings, small weddings, family gatherings, holiday events, musical concerts or any type of event you'd like to have. Holds 125.

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



Per Ardua

IT IS THE CUSTOM, FROM TIME TO TIME and with different organizations, that as the end of the business year approaches or a new one has begun, a statement is published which reviews the major events and accomplishments of the past year. It is not uncommon that statistics are included to compare what has been recently achieved and sometimes these are compared with numbers from the past. Such was the case with our RCAF Association which recently released membership figures for the nine years from 2007 to 2015.

To put these numbers in perspective, the Association's Fiscal Year Membership Report is comprised of seven major classes: the Canadian nation which is made up of six divisions called "Groups," plus one body called "Members At Large," abbreviated MALs. The MALs group contains members scattered across the country who, for one reason or another, choose not to belong to the provincial groups. The Groups are further divided into smaller units known as "Wings." Thus, 427 (London) Wing is part of Ontario Group. In addition, the membership is sub-classified as to whether they are Regular, Double (member plus spouse), Honorary, and so forth. There is a further classification called "Associates" who have the option not to be Regular members, which prohibits them from serving on certain executive positions at all levels of the Association. For our purposes it is only necessary to consider the total of Regular and sub-classification membership figures since Associate numbers, although being of great importance to the individual Wings because of their contribution and service as volunteers, are no longer being reported to the National Office. The Members-at-Large are administered directly by the National Office.

The six divisions making up the Groups are: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairie, Alberta, and British Columbia. Looking from east to west, the changes in Regular memberships from 2007 to 2015 are: (a) Atlantic: decreased from 932 to 707; (b) Quebec: from 354 decreased to 257; (c) Ontario: decreased from 2,803 to 1,554; (d) Prairie: decreased from 231 to 150; (e) Alberta: decreased from 561 to 441; (f) British Columbia: decreased from 1,193 to 564. Over the same period, MALs also decreased, from 6,443 to 2,844. If we add the totals of both Regular and MALs, the Association's total membership over the past nine years fell from 12,517 to 6,517, or approximately by half. Should this trend continue, it may be assumed that by the year 2025, most of the Wings, and by extension the Groups and the Association itself, will be struggling to survive.

Looking at 427 (London) Wing's membership history, the results are much the same story. Over the nine years, our Regular membership fell from 167 to 98, a loss of 69 members. However, with its decision to focus on Associate memberships, the Wing, as of January 15th, 2016 had a total of 144 members, of which 98 were listed as Regular, and 46 Associate. This was a good number relative to most of the 54 Wings coast to coast. Less reassuring was the breakdown of the membership by age for our Wing, taken in September, 2015. The survey showed that approximately 85 per cent of the members were 60 years of age or older and only about one-third of the total membership were 60 years of age or younger. About a dozen members could not be contacted to complete the survey, but the message is clear – with an aging and diminishing membership, the Wing will soon be unable to reach its goals without a great deal more help from our able-bodied members, both current and future.

Apart from our membership problem, another threat to our survival is the growing gap between our increasing expenses and our diminishing finances. In the past we were able to raise monies by various popular events – dances, BBQs, yard sales, silent auctions and the like – which were well attended and the profits made could be added to our membership fees and the income from our Friday lunches. Now those funds are drying up and the future looks bleak. One lies with the Ontario Group Annual General Meeting (AGM), which 427 Wing is hosting on the May 20-22nd weekend. If you cannot attend as a delegate, please consider attending as an observer, offer your help as a volunteer, or simply contact the committee and offer assistance in whatever way you can. AGM expenses are large and every dollar we can keep for the Wing will add to our treasury and our hopes for the continuing support for our projects, for the air cadets, for what we do for Ontario Group and the Association, and not least of all, for our city and our country.

*-Reg Lownie
1st Vice President*



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Notes from the Secretary

MOST LINK READERS ARE AWARE that the Royal Canadian Naval Association will be moving to Prevost Armoury this summer. They have been a good neighbour over the many years they have rented their section of the Wing building. President Gerry Coulter will hold a yard sale sometime in July. We will let you know the date and time when that becomes available. We wish the RCNA all the best for the future.

The Wing needs new members and volunteers to serve on committees. Will you please contact me and let me know who you think might be interested. Could that someone be your neighbour, a relative, a friend or yourself? Please give it some thought. No position is too difficult. The more people helping makes less work for those already doing more than their fair share.

Please remember that Tanya would like to include your articles in the Link. It can be e-mailed, given to her on a Friday or handed to anyone on the executive. A short item on any topic is most welcome.

To all readers, enjoy the fine weather.

*-Chuck Hardy
Secretary*

Spirit of Flight (SOF) Aviation Museum

THE SOF, FOR THOSE NOT KNOWING THE BACKGROUND BEHIND IT, is a project of the Wing, not a separate group, with a long term goal of presenting displays/exhibits in an informative way to outline the development of aviation and its contributions in London and Southwest Ontario area.

In 2014 the Wing applied for and was successful in securing a grant from the New Horizons program that helped kick start the project which ultimately allowed the Wing to purchase the four display cabinets that arrived in August 2015 and are currently residing in the main building where the bar is located.

Another cabinet in the ballroom area displaying materials pertaining to the Women's Division of the RCAF was obtained through funds donated to the museum project.

Our plan is to gradually change the cabinet contents every 4 – 6 months with new material on the past.

Much of this also depends on having enough volunteers to do the research work and on donations toward the project to cover the costs for display materials etc.

Wanted:

Volunteers interested in researching past records/newspapers etc, to locate and record information on aviation activities.

Interested?

Contact Howard Johnston, Chairperson for the SOF Museum committee, hjohnston@rogers.com or 519-657-2499

Volunteers to work on Development, Special Event Coordination, Marketing, & Exhibit Coordination. Marketing would include graphics and social media. Development includes Sponsorship and Grants. These activities would be working directly with the curator and Executive Director of the project, Michael Adams.

Interested?

Contact Michael Adams directly at 519-431-3070 or

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Memorial for CF 100S & CF 101S Air Crew

THE MEMORIAL BELOW IS DEDICATED TO THE MILITARY and civil air crew who flew CF 100S and CF 101S from 1951 – 1984. The photo on the left has the names of the 127 air crew who died in flight operations while defending our freedom in the cold war. Photo to the right with the Air Force logo at the top has a CF 100 in the background. The memorial is located at the National Air Force Museum in Trenton, Ontario.

*-David Smith
History/Heritage*



“Dedicated to all those Military and Civil Air Crew who flew in CF 100 and CF 100S in Canada and Europe between 1951 and 1984. Especially the 127 whose names appear on this Memorial who died in flight operations while defending freedom in the Cold War. Per Ardua ad Astra.”

What’s in a Name?

WHEN WE ARE IN AN ORGANIZATION, we are always proud to wear our name badge to let others know who we are associated with. A number of our members have been asking how to obtain this item. We are now able to take requests for name badges, as we have recently made arrangements with a new supplier.

There is a sign-up clipboard at the Wing. Orders may also be placed by calling the Wing at 519-455-0430. The cost of the name badges will be \$12. The badges come with a magnetic clip to ensure a snug grip!

Ink Cartridge Fundraiser

EMPTY INK CARTRIDGE FUNDRAISER for 1947 Aeronca Chief Aircraft Project.

There’s a box at the Wing to deposit all empty cartridges. For each one, the Project will receive a donation of up to \$2.50 to sponsor the Air Cadets. For more info, contact LCol (ret’d) Armin or Judy Grunwald.

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



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427 (London) Wing is Hosting 2016 Ontario Group Annual General Meeting

May 20-22, 2016

Volunteer opportunities for the Convention

For Wing members who would like to consider supporting this event we have opportunities for you to participate. The more we have the easier it will be to create an amazing event for all.

Assistant Registrar – to assist in confirming delegates Friday afternoon and Saturday when they arrive.

Companion Program Leader – To be the tour guide on Saturday.

Delegate Packages and Welcome Bags – can be started now.

Dignitary Co-Ordinator – Welcome participants for all events.

Regalia Sales – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Ticket Sales – Friday, Saturday & Sunday

*Transportation – Saturday's Companion Program and Sundays
Wind Down Party*

Wind Down Party – Sunday (help decorate and set up)

For more information contact: Mary Watson

mwatsond518@rogers.com or 519-204-8823

LAST POST

We have unfortunately lost several members over the past couple of months. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those members who have passed.



GILKS, Donald
February 28, 2016



Passed peacefully at Victoria Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Remembered fondly by several children, grandchildren and friends.

MARRIOTT, Diane
December 14, 2015



Survived by her sister Sharon Marriott and sister-in-law Myrna Swan.

“Though absent you are always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.”

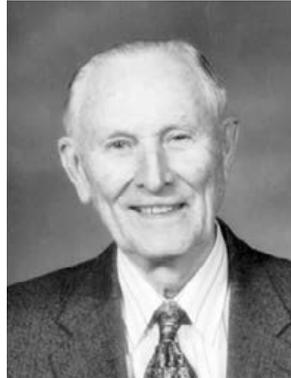
RUSHTON, Donna
February 16, 2016



Peacefully after a brief illness at University Hospital. Beloved wife of Terry and dear mother of Jessica and Erica.

“Happy times when we were together, hold memories that will last forever.”

TEVLIN, John
February 5, 2016



Veteran WWII, RCAF. Peacefully passed at Parkwood Hospital in his 98th year. Loving husband of the late Mary. Father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many.

WRIGHT, Charles
January 20, 2016



Passed away peacefully at Victoria Hospital in his 91st year. Cherished husband of Sheila Cameron and the late Dorothy Wright.

10 Quick Facts on... The Korean War

1. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the military forces of North Korea crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea. Sixteen members of the United Nations, including Canada, would contribute combat forces under United States command to defend South Korea.
2. Canadians saw action in the Battle of Kapyong on April 24 and 25, 1951. Despite fierce enemy attacks, they maintained their position. Ten Canadians were killed and 23 were wounded in the battle.
3. Hill 355, known as “Little Gibraltar,” was the scene of bitter fighting in late October 1952. Under intense enemy bombardment and assault, the Canadian soldiers there held their ground.
4. Over the course of the war, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) No. 426 Squadron carried 13,000 personnel and 3 million kilograms of freight and mail between North America and Korea. Twenty-two RCAF pilots also served with US Air Force squadrons in Korea, including Flying Officer Omer Levesque, who became the first Commonwealth pilot to shoot down a MiG-15 enemy fighter in the war.
5. More than 5,000 Canadian women were recruited for military service during the Korean War, including 60 Nursing Sisters who served in Korea and Japan. When the ceasefire came into effect in 1953, the Nursing Sisters treated the released Canadian prisoners of war.
6. On October 2, 1952, HMCS Iroquois was exchanging fire with an enemy gun battery on shore when the ship took a direct hit. Three Canadian sailors died and ten were wounded in the explosion.
7. On November 21, 1950, 17 soldiers of the 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, died in a train crash in British Columbia while on their way to the war in Korea.
8. For its courageous stand at Kapyong, the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry received the United States Presidential Unit Citation. Other awards for valour received by Canadians during the Korean War include: 9 Distinguished Service Orders, 33 Military Crosses, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 8 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 53 Military Medals
9. More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War and approximately 7,000 continued to serve in the theatre from the Armistice to August 1957. In total, 516 Canadians died in what is the third deadliest conflict in Canadian history.
10. The active fighting in the Korean War ended on July 27, 1953, with the signing of the Armistice at Panmunjom.

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In Memory of Charles R. Wright, July 1925 – January 2016

CHARLES WAS BORN ON SHAFTESBURY AVE NEAR SOUTH CHURCH PARK in the United Kingdom. We are told that he joined the Royal Air Force for wartime service in 1943. He served time in North America and trained in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Yarmouth Nova Scotia, and later flew with a Lancaster Bomber Crew with 170 Sqn in Bomber Command, out of Hemswell, England. In later years, Charles served as a Bobby in England, and in 1951 he and his wife (Dorothy) and their two sons emigrated to Canada. He served a distinguished career with the London Police Force in Ontario until his retirement in 1983. During that time he founded their new Revolver Club and the newly formed Police Retiree's Association. Charles became an Anglican minister in Ontario in 1987, and served as Padre to our 427 (London) Wing membership of the RCAF (Association). He had been decorated by many organizations throughout the years for his dedication and service to people. In addition to his Wartime Campaign medals, Charles was accorded the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem and more recently, in October 2012, he was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal right here at the Wing from Irene Mathysen, MP for London Fanshawe.

In 1960, Charles was the Founder of the Canadian International Police Association (IPA), a world-wide Association established in England in 1958. Its motto was "Service Through Friendship". He was also responsible for assisting with the formation of the IPA United States sector in February, 1962 in Toledo, Ohio. A Widower after some 50 years of marriage, Charles married Sheila Cameron in April, 2005. Sheila tells me that they have travelled the world, and made many friendships along the way. Four years ago, in November, 2012, during the IPA USA's 50th Anniversary celebration, it gave many people from various of the 13 Regions of IPA an opportunity to re-discover a hero many people didn't really know much about.

As was said often at Charles' 90th Birthday celebrations at the Lambeth Legion:

"Attaining 90 is a remarkable feat in itself, but the very full life that Charles lived, the places he travelled to, the accomplishments he attained, and the people whose lives he touched over the years, were truly outstanding throughout the years."

He was known to the IPA as the member whose enthusiasm and dedication to fellow Police Officers was only surpassed by his uncanny ability to find the best meal deals on the beat, not to mention locating the most obscure, and innocuous surveillance perches in some of the cities' (which will remain unnamed) finest hotel watering holes!

I feel certain that Charles' 90 + years on this Terra Firma fulfilled all his desires for achievements, and his lifetime was truly full of love from all his family and friends, unforgettable moments, unbridled joy, and ultimately, Happy Moments! Rest in Peace, Charles.

We Will Remember.

-Sam Newman

Note Found in Dud Shell

THIS STORY IS CONFIRMED IN ELMER BENDINER'S BOOK, THE FALL OF FORTRESSES.

Sometimes, it's not really just luck.

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WW II. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks. "Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit."

Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion,

our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple. "On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck.

The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but 11 had been found in the gas tanks. 11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought.

Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn. "He was told that the shells had been sent to our armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that our Intelligence Unit had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but

Bohn eventually sought out the answer. "Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless.

Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling.

Translated, the note read:

"This is all we can do for you now... Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea."



Royal London Military Institute and 427 (London) Wing, AFAC

TOUR NO. 30

10 June 2016 - *Cost Per Person \$50.00

Sign up and payment deadline is 10 May 2016

Transportation is by bus only - no private cars

Please note when you sign up - give full name, address, telephone number and citizenship. To tour Kongsberg - you must be screened.

On 10 June, the day of the tours, have a government issued photo ID with you.

Non Canadians should bring their passports.



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**Dinner at Tony Romas
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ITINERARY

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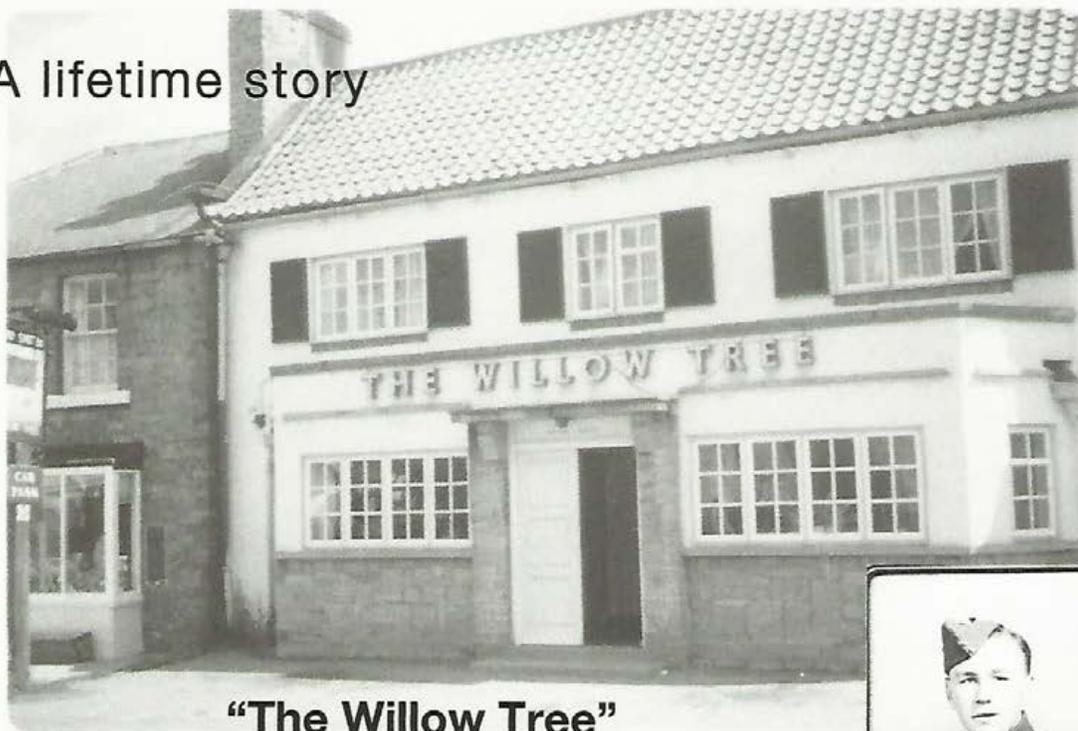
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A lifetime story



“The Willow Tree”

Join us for the presentation
at RCAF 427 (London) Wing
Friday, March 18, 2016

Lunch 11:30 a.m.; program starts at 1:00 p.m.



This 25-minute heartfelt musical video montage has been written and produced by family of WWII RCAF veteran, John Winichuk from Melville, Saskatchewan. He served with the RCAF from 1941 to 1946 beginning his overseas work in May, 1943 with RCAF 427 Squadron ground crew in Leeming, England. In March, 1946, on the way back to Saskatchewan from his overseas service, he stopped in London, Ontario to visit with relatives.

Presented by his daughter, Anna Marie Willey of Regina, Saskatchewan, this commemorative tribute features seven original songs, weaving together the story of one of the thousands who were called into service, spanning from the time of receiving his enlistment letter and his early days of training, to service overseas and reflecting upon the sentiments of family who remained at home. The story is based on photographs and memorabilia from Mr. Winichuk's kitbags from the war, which had remained unpacked for almost 70 years. He passed away in 1987.

The musical reflection is dedicated to all veterans who have served for our freedom. It has been showcased numerous times including at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon, Manitoba; Bomber Command Museum in Nanton, Alberta; the Canadian Aviation Historical National Convention in Hamilton, Ontario and at a special event at Government House in Regina, Saskatchewan. It has also been presented at several Legion Halls and community events in Saskatchewan.

For more information contact RCAF 427 (London) Wing at 519-455-0430.

BIRTHDAY BRATS



MARCH

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George JOHNSTON • Hilda SMELTZER
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APRIL

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Catherine HERDMAN • Bill HINES
Melville HYMERS • Sonia KAIPAINEN
Brian MCCARTHY • Fred PETTIT
Mike SYDORKO

“I am not young enough to know everything.”

~Oscar Wilde

Rules of the Air

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
4. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
5. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
6. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
7. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
8. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
9. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
10. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
11. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
12. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



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will offer a Special Lunch & celebration cake
Friday April 01, 2016
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MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 RAA	2 Cards	3	4 Lunch	5 LVRC
6	7	8 MAC	9 Cards BCC	10 WT	11 Lunch WEC	12
13	14	15	16 Cards	17 COM	18 Lunch WD/GS	19
20	21	22 FO	23 Cards	24	25 CLOSED	26
27	28	29	30 Cards	31		

APRIL 2016

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

LEGEND

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| <p>ANN Special Anniversary Lunch, see pg. 13! RESERVE!</p> <p>BCC British Car Club, meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>COM Retired Commissionaires, 9am - 12pm</p> <p>DAN Spring Mardi Gras Dance, see pg. 13!</p> <p>FO Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm</p> <p>GM General Meeting at 1pm</p> <p>GS Guest Speaker, see pg.11!</p> <p>LVRC London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 11:00am</p> | <p>MAC Model Aircraft Club meeting</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>YS Annual Yard Sale, see front page!</p> |
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