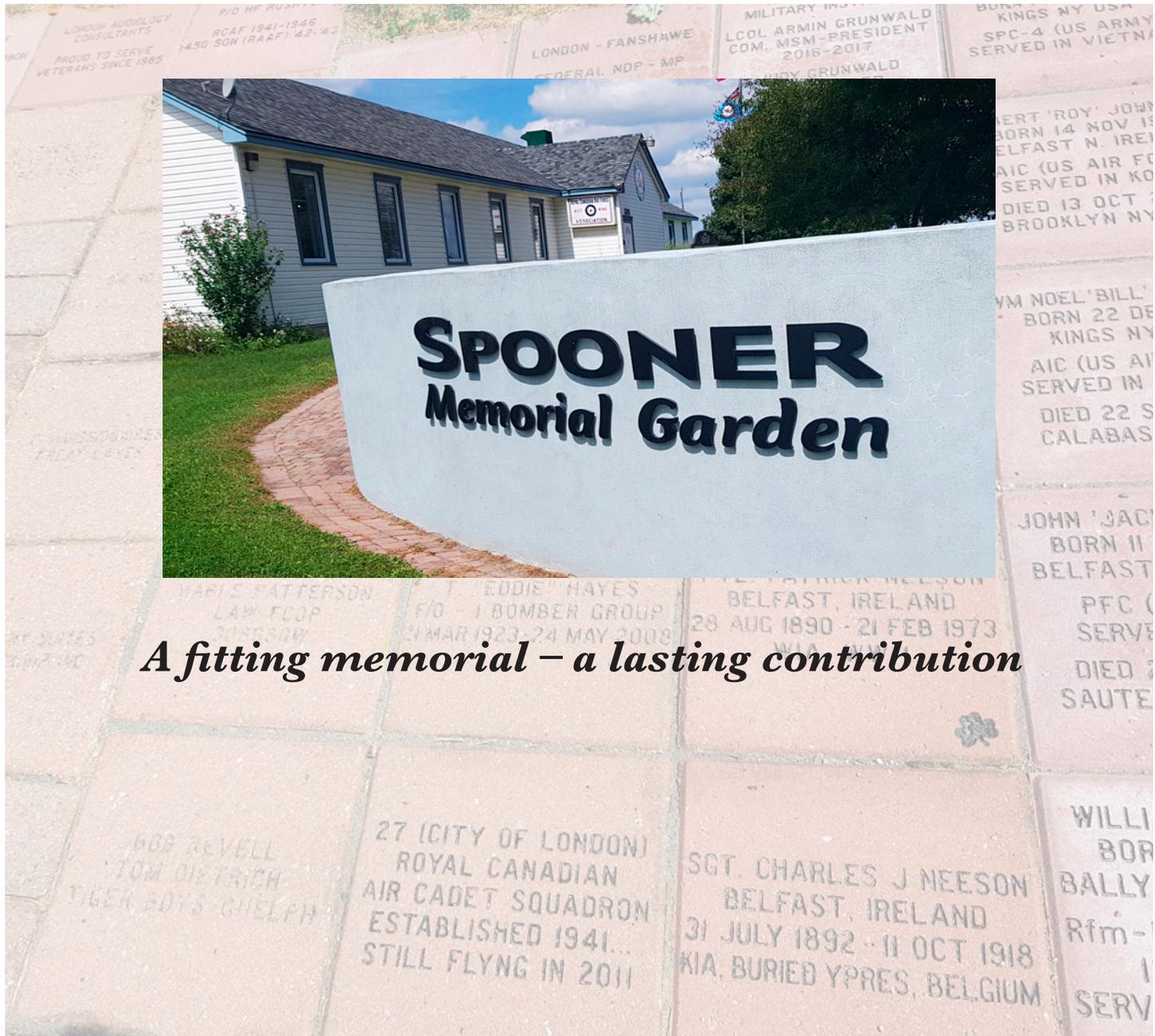


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Message from the President

I trust that everyone had a good summer and that you are refreshed and energized to take on the challenges that face our association.

As we come up to the anniversary of the Battle of Britain, we are reminded that one of our organizations goals is to remember those who took part in these momentous events in our shared history.

Although the actual numbers may vary, approximately 3,000 pilots took part in that period of the 2nd World War known as the Battle of Britain. They were joined by thousands of technicians, ground crew, controllers, aircraft mechanics, armorers, radar operators, communications experts, command staff, and many others. Of the pilots, we are down to less than a dozen and the number decreases every month.

Organizations such as ours were found by veterans who wanted that comradery which comes from a shared experience. Their numbers were such that it was relatively easy to maintain the buildings, collections, and activities that sustained the organization. Their children, raised on the stories of their parents and their friends, were eager to share their war experience and their own military service in the post-war years

We are now in the third generation removed from the Battle of Britain and its getting harder to maintain that interest in events that took place 75+ years ago. It will continue to get harder still, as we enter the fourth generation.

Our challenge is to figure out how to sustain our organization over the years to come. What will attract new members? How do we raise the money required to do what needs to be done to keep our building functioning for the next eighty years?

I don't have the answers, but I am determined with the help of our executive committee and our members over the coming year to find out.

– Barry Sandler, President

Notes from the Secretary:

Membership

As of mid- August 427 (London) Wing has 150 members. Most members have paid their dues for 2018/2019. Members who renew after June 30th are required to pay a \$5.00 late fee. It is time consuming to send reminders, emails and phone members who have not paid on time. All members of the Wing Executive Council (WEC) have other tasks to perform besides the primary duties. Please do your part as a member by paying your dues on time and ask a member of the executive (President, VPs, Secretary or Treasurer) what chores you can do personally for the betterment of the Wing.

Acting Secretary

Well, I'm back for a while in the Secretary's chair as Faben Wossenew is now working full time leaving little time for her to perform the duties. We wish her well and hope she can find time to visit the Wing when time allows.

Babatunde Olumoroti is a Wing volunteer who is willing to take on any job offered to him. Whether it is selling 50/50 tickets, helping in the kitchen or, grounds and gardens improvement, Babatunde rolls up his sleeves and gets the work done with a cheerful smile to boot.

Please welcome him when you see him at the Wing.

– Chuck Hardy - Secretary



Per Ardua

This month the Wing has again scheduled a luncheon to recollect the importance, the events and the sacrifices made during the Battle of Britain, and perhaps to bring to mind a few of the individuals who took part in that great struggle. Winston Churchill certainly would be one, but there were many others who played important but less public roles, as England urgently prepared for the invasion that Germany had planned to come very, very soon.

One individual, surely to be mentioned by our guest speaker, was Robert Watson-Watt, a Scottish physicist, who believed in 1935 that radio waves could be used to detect an aircraft in flight before it was visible. He called this secret invention RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging) because it used radio waves.

The second day of the Battle of Britain, August 14, 1940, found RAF Flight Lieutenant J. R. Nicholson from No. 249 Squadron, patrolling the skies over south-west England when his Hurricane was attacked by a German ME109. Nicholson's aircraft caught fire yet he managed to shoot his attacker down. With his aircraft aflame, terrible burns all over his body and hands burned to the controls, he managed to wrench himself free and bale out. As a second ME109 closed in on the helpless Nicholson, he had the presence of mind to go limp, pretending he was dead, and he survived. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, the only one to be awarded to a pilot during the Battle of Britain.

William Maxwell Aitken was a Canadian newspaper publisher and a millionaire by the age of 30. In the 1930s he was nicknamed "The Beaver" because of his organizational abilities and eagerness for work. His political friends in England– Stanley Baldwin, Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill – knew him as a energetic man who could get what he wanted. In May, 1940, Churchill persuaded Aitken to take on the job of Minister of Aircraft Production. Fighter aircraft production quickly rose from two hundred to five hundred a month. Post- war, Aitken was appointed Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

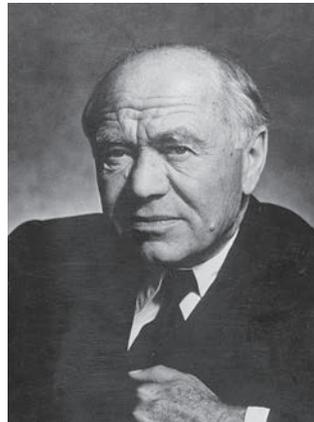
The airport at RAF Biggin Hill, about 25 km south of Central London, was a principal base for Spitfire and Hurricane fighters and a prime target for attacks by German bombers. The squadrons based at Biggin Hill claimed to have destroyed 1,400 enemy aircraft, but the field itself was attacked twelve times, lost large numbers of buildings and suffered many people killed on the ground. On Sunday morning, August 18th, 1940, five hundred bombs fell on the airdrome. Sergeant Joan Mortimer and five other WAAF members remained at their posts until the all-clear sounded, despite the fact that they were surrounded by thousands of tons of high explosive. All were awarded the Military Merit.

And the planned invasion of England was scrapped on September 17, 1940.

-Reg Lownie



Robert Watson-Watt



William Maxwell Aitken



An armourer adjusting machine guns on a Spitfire at Biggin Hill during the Second World War



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427 (London) Wing Hosts Power Scholarship Air Cadets

427 (London) Wing became involved with the Diamond Flight Centre Power Scholarship Air Cadets vying for their PPL this summer. We rented our Wing Quarters for the months of July and most of August. The cadets took their ground school lessons in the Ball Room. Bill and Eva Southerland, Cathy and Sam Newman, and Rene McKinnon (and FLO when she got back from holidays) prepared and served up hot dinners on Sunday and Monday nights, and then cleaned up, for the Cadets and their supervisors. Congratulations to DFC London and the 2018 scholarship program participants for a successful summer. All received their Wings!

Pilot finally gets a headstone

More than 75 years after his death, Flight Sgt. Dana Anthony Nelson finally has a proper headstone.

Nelson, a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force, was at the controls during an ill-fated training exercise near London in 1943. Three of the five-man crew died, Nelson included, after the plane ran out of fuel and crashed into the water near Port Bruce.

More than two months later, a body washed up near Tyrconnell, south of Dutton. It was buried at the nearby Fairview Cemetery with a headstone marked, simply, "an airman of the R.C.A.F — unidentified."

The headstone stayed that way for more than 75 years.



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**January/February: December 18th • March/April: February 15th. May/June: April 17th • July/August: June 17th.
September/October: August 18th • November/December: October 18th.**

Please forward any articles that you consider of value to the Wing members and we will do our best to get it to print. Sometimes submissions are of such a size that we then make them a two, or three part series.

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614 Squadron closes year with superlative Ceremonial Review

614 Air Cadet Squadron, one of the seven air cadet squadrons sponsored by 427 Wing, held its 2018 Annual Ceremonial Review on a warm summer night last June, along with an estimated crowd of more than one hundred parents, siblings and enthusiastic supporters.

This year the Review took place on Saturday, June 16th, in one of the large hangars on Crumlin Road South belonging to Diamond Aircraft, as the cadets completed a full Parade Order – from “Fall-in” to “Squadron Dismissal”- under the watchful eyes of the spectators, but particularly of their Commanding Officer, Captain Bradley Morrison and the Reviewing Officer, Major (Retired) Jacquie Peper-Journal, CD.

The Commanding Officer of 614 Squadron is Captain Bradley Merrison who is well known for the numerous awards, commendations and decorations he has received during his 25 years of service as a police officer to the London community, including citations for bravery, awards of merit and excellence and recognition by the Office of the Governor General of Canada. His name is included in a book published in 2006 titled, “Canadian Police Heroes.” He is also recognized for his long involvement with community groups as a mentor to youth. He was a cadet with 614 Squadron and came back to serve as their Commanding Officer in January of 2018..

Many watching the marching and general deportment of the squadron would feel that from start to finish the cadets gave their utmost to make this year’s Review one of the finest since the founding of the squadron in 1976. Among the highlights was the silent drill routine carried out by a squad of about a dozen of the cadets. In every military force, drill is used to install discipline and teach the cadets to work as a team and develop confidence and a sense of pride in themselves. “Silent drill” means that no commands are given by voice.

In addition, the address to the cadets was given by the Reviewing Officer Jacquie-Peper-Journal, whose own achievements are remarkable in many ways. She was a former cadet with 614 Squadron in her teen years, then served with the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves for 20 years and reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following retirement from the Forces, she worked as an Emergency Medical Care Attendant with Thames Valley Ambulance here in London, then subsequently moved to Iqualuit (formerly Frobisher Bay), Nunavut with her husband, where she currently serves as Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs and Standards, in the Department of Health for the Territorial Government. Known for her contribution to community work, she currently serves as a member of the National Air Force Museum Foundation Board of Directors in Trenton, Ontario. Her words to the cadets were most encouraging.



614 Chief Warrant Officer greets the reviewing officer



Major (Ret'd) Jacquie Peper, CD presented the Major J. Peper Award to Chief Warrant Officer Mannar Alzureiqi at the Ceremonial Review



UPCOMING EVENTS

Battle of Britain Dinner

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Wing members, Terry Rushton, Sam and John Tomlinson seek a glimpse of the Confederate Air Force B 29 Super Fortress, FIFI, which was parked on the London Airport property. Photo by Hazel Malone.

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- (1) that we have a National Air Force Museum right here in our own province of Ontario;
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- (5) that in January, 1966, two long time RCAF Association members, Roy Skillicorn and Cy Yarnell proposed a project which involved the installation of 6" by 10" granite stone markers, inscribed with a person's name, hometown and province, and
- (6) that to date, more than 12,000 stones have been laid and more than \$1.1 million has been raised for the Museum, and
- (7) that this was the inspiration for several RCAF Association members here at 427 (London) Wing to create the Spooner Memorial Garden, where you can read on the monument to LAC Gerald K. Spooner, the story of his bravery during a navigation training flight on May 16th, 1943, at RCAF Station London for which he was posthumously awarded the George Cross; and



- (8) that by contacting any of the executive of 427 (London) Wing, you can learn if you are eligible to make a donation to purchase a stone to commemorate any Canadian airman or airwoman who has, or is, serving in the RCAF or Allied Air Forces, members of their family or others whom the Board of Directors of the Memorial Garden deem appropriate.

Sam Newman



**Irene Mathyssen
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Irene Mathyssen, MP for London West presented Flo Douglas and Rene McKinnon with Canada 150 awards.

“I wanted to acknowledge the contributions of Londoners who have made our community and country stronger. People contribute to the community in many ways,” said Ms Mathyssen.

Congratulations Flo and Rene!

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July 27	July 27	July 30
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September 26	September 26	September 27
October 29	October 29	October 30
November 28	November 28	November 29
December 20	December 20	December 21

Note:

- (1) CPP includes the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) retirement and disability, children's and survivor benefits.
- (2) OAS includes Old Age Security Pension (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance and Allowance for the Survivor.
- (3) Information at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/calendar.html>

WW2 Spitfire pilot Mary Ellis dies

One of the last living female World War Two pilots, Mary Ellis, has died aged 101 at her home on the Isle of Wight.

Mrs Ellis was a member of the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) and delivered Spitfires and bombers to the front line during the conflict. She said she had flown "about 1,000 aeroplanes" during the war, before moving to the Isle of Wight in 1950 to take charge of Sandown Airport.

ATA secretary John Webster described Mrs Ellis as an "amazing" person. While she was commonly known as the last-surviving female pilot from the war, in fact there are three others.

Mr Webster said that one, Eleanor Wadsworth, lives in Bury St Edmunds, another, Nancy Stratford, lives in the US and the other, Jaye Edwards, lives in Canada.

Mary Ellis, then Mary Wilkins, joined the ATA in 1941 after hearing an advertisement for women pilots on BBC radio.

She said at the time they were known as the "Glamour Girls", adding: "There were plenty of escorts around." She married Don Ellis, a fellow pilot, in 1961, and continued to live in their marital home beside the runway at Sandown after his death in 2009.

Speaking at a surprise party in 2017 for her 100th birthday - held at the airport - Mrs Ellis said the Spitfire had always been her favourite aircraft. "I love it, it's everybody's favourite," she said. "I think it's a symbol of freedom."



Raymond Garfield Bennell

BENNELL, Raymond Garfield - Of St. Thomas, passed away peacefully at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, on Monday, August 20th, 2018, in his 87th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Marion (McDonald) Bennell and dearly loved father of Janis Bennell. Predeceased by his parents, George and Eileen (Willson) Bennell and by his siblings, Marion Doran and George Bennell. Lovingly remembered by his brother-in-law, Chuck McDonald and his wife Pierrette, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Ray was born in Ridgetown, Ontario on September 3rd, 1931. He worked as a machinist until retirement. Ray was a member of the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association as well as the RCAF Association - 427 (London) Wing. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Foundation or the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association.13296235

SHARPE, Lyla Jeanne (née Paddon) - Of Kensington Village, London, formerly of St. Thomas, passed away at her residence with her family by her side on Friday, August 17, 2018, in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late George B. Sharpe (2004). Dearly loved mother of Keith Sharpe (Frances) of Sarnia, Ann Moore (John) of Tillsonburg, Taylor Sharpe (Debbie) of London, and the late Lee Sharpe. Cherished grandmother of Trevor Sharpe (Christina), Erin Moffat (Jamie), Kimberly Sharpe (Paul Leeper), and Krysten Sharpe-Virag (Jamie). Loving great grandmother of Emma, James, Delyla, Raegan, Lola, and Landon. Dear sister of Maxine Jones of London, late Ronald, late James B., and the late Wayne H. Paddon (Lois of St. Thomas). Also fondly remembered by her Godson, Barry Daugharty (Linda) of Dorchester, as well as many nieces and nephews and their families. Born in Niagara Falls, ON, December 23, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Leila (née Berry) Paddon. Jeanne moved to London from St. Thomas in 1958. Jeanne was a member of 427 (London) Wing RCAF Association, and had many friends at Victory Branch #317, Royal Canadian Legion, London.



LARC London Amateur Radio Club radio antenna at 427 Wing.

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← September	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5	6
			EUCHRE 1:15		LARC	LUNCH	
7	8	9	EUCHRE 1:15 MAC	10 BCC	11 WT	12 LUNCH RCAFA CAL- GARY CON- VENTION	13 RCAFA CAL- GARY CON- VENTION
14	15	16	EUCHRE 1:15	17	18 COM 10am	19 LUNCH VETERANS CLASSIC WEST- ERN FAIR	20
21	22	23	EUCHRE 1:15	24 WR Ont. Group Fall meeting Sault St Marie, WT all day at the Wing	25	26	27
28	29	30	EUCHRE 1:15	31			

- AGM** Annual General Meeting, 1pm
- BBQ** Bar-b-que lunch, last lunch until August
- BCC** British Car Club, meeting at 7:30pm
- COM** Retired Commissionaires, 9am - 12pm
- FO** Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm
- GM** General Meeting at 1pm
- GS** Guest Speaker
- LFC** London Flying Club Reunion

- LVRC** London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 11:00am
- MAC** Model Aircraft Club meeting
- OAGM** Ontario Group Annual General Meeting
- RAA** Recreational Aircraft Association, meeting at 7:30pm
- WD** The Women's Division join us the 4th Friday of each month for lunch
- WDP** Wind Down Party for OAGM, at the Wing
- WEC** Wing Executive Council, 9:30am
- WT** Wood Turners, meeting at 7:30pm