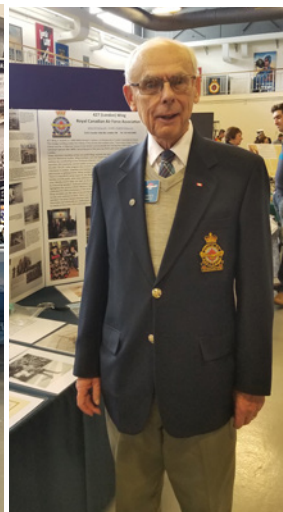


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Well folks, we think you will agree with us that there are wonderful articles in this edition of the Link. Please read again, Linda Brimson's important message on page 4 to all 138 members of your Wing. We need everyone to do their part to keep this Wing going. And going and going for many years to come.

Linda led the volunteers of the Wing at the annual Heritage Fair, held this year at HMCS Prevost on Saturday February 15th. Her article appears elsewhere in the Link. It presented a great opportunity to promote the Wing to the many visitors who attended.

Come hungry one and all to the 96th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force luncheon on Friday April 3, 2020. Flo has lined up the best roast beef meal this side of Texas for your dining please for only \$20 per person. Tickets are now on sale at the bar.

Gus, Rene, Tom, Howard, Barry, (also known as Mr. QuickBooks as in accounting), Linda and Chuck welcome your thoughts and suggestions. We serve to serve you.

*Chuck Hardy Board Member
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Minutes of General Meeting 427 (London) Wing February 28, 2020

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

It was determined by the Secretary that a quorum of members were in attendance. There are 138 members in good standing. Seventeen members in good standing were present. A minimum quorum is 10 percent of membership. Attendance list is on file.

Acceptance of minutes from prior General Meeting (2019-12-13)

☐ Howard Johnston moved to accept. Don Martin seconded. No discussion. Vote to accept carried.

Opening remarks

☐ Gus Cameron made a few remarks on the spirit of the 427 Wing. No motions made.

Treasurer's report

- ☐ Barry Sandler submitted the financial report to the Secretary and outlined a review of the Income and Expense and Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2020. Treasurer's comments and reports are available upon request.
- ☐ Barry Sandler moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Frank Birch seconded. Vote to accept carried.
- ☐ Further discussion on ways of obtaining additional finances for the Wing. Ideas suggested:
 - o Investigation of foundations.
 - o Offering discounts to groups for facility rental when a Wing member is a member of that group.
 - o Contacting the Aviation school out of Fanshawe College to rent the Wing facility.



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Our 427 Wing faces challenges

Contributed by Linda Brimson

You'll recall that the Jan./Feb. 2020 issue of The Link, featured a Hamilton Spectator article about the 447 Wing RCAF Association at Mount Hope, possibly losing their current location, when the owner of their building redevelops the property in the future. That redevelopment of retail, restaurant and office space is expected to be beyond the means of a struggling club.

In the meantime, it's business as usual at the Mount Hope Wing, and there are attractive events scheduled in the next few months. The 447 Wing operates long hours, Mon-Fri 11 am – 10 pm, and Sat. 9 am to 11 pm. It's a case of "Keep Calm and Carry On." No doubt they are researching options.

Our own 427 Wing is struggling with financial challenges. Maintaining the safety and integrity of our WWII vintage building has incurred large expenses. Even with securing a \$25,000 grant for the roofing expense, we are unable to promptly pay the remaining almost \$10,000 due to the roofing company.

The Wing is not allowed to operate in the "red". Over the years, and recently, members have loaned and donated significant amounts to keep the Wing afloat.

The Board and informed members are very concerned. There is an outstanding engineers' report expense to be paid, approximately \$5,000. There are upcoming expenses for underpinning the floor in areas, and improving the foundation.

Members need to know that membership dues alone, do not pay the ongoing operating expenses. Regular attendance at weekly and special events is needed to meet monthly costs, let alone capital expenses.

Fundraising ideas have been solicited and discussed. It takes time, energy, members' commitment and a larger public base to make any fundraiser a success. An idea can easily backfire, and cost the Wing money. Recently, three members attended

different versions of Catch the Ace weekly progressive lotteries at two area Legions to see how that enterprise works. Again, there are up-front expenses, huge time commitments and no guarantees.

The Board of Directors has received updated and detailed financial reporting details from Treasurer Barry Sandler, as he updates the accounting system to QuickBooks. This information gives insight into what the Wing is doing right; how we might grow our successes. Barry and former President Rushton agree that "tinkering at the edges" may give fruitful results. For example, just five more people at the Friday weekly lunches generates an income of \$50 x 4 weeks = \$200 monthly x 10 months = \$2,000 per year. This significant increase can be achieved by additional members committing to attend a Friday lunch once or twice a month. (Remember to let Bar Steward Flo know 519-455-0430). Instead of meeting a friend for lunch or breakfast at a restaurant, bring them to the Wing lunch. You'll be making a significant contribution to the Wing bottom line. Barry also showed how hosting 1-3 more special events per year will generate the funds needed to operate our projects such as Air Cadet support.

427 Wing must maintain its credit rating and its credibility with contractors. In this regard, there is a newly-made commitment to guarantee monthly payments to a very patient contractor. The Board of Directors see this as a priority. Because of this outstanding bill, and other expenses in the pipeline, there will be a Special Appeal Letter sent to Wing members, asking for their contributions to eliminate this outstanding debt. At the same time, if you can possibly renew your membership early, that would be helpful. It won't affect your membership dates, but it will enrich the coffers at the time it is most needed.

Please take the time to talk to Board Members with any questions, and support 427 Wing to the limit you can. This is a serious situation that all Wing members can help resolve. It's no good bemoaning the loss of our organization when it is too late. With the resolve of everyone, we can come through this difficult time.

Veritas Play tells a gripping story of a family's search for answers

Recently I attended the London Community Players presentation of the play, Veritas, by area playwright Lynda Martens, at the Palace Theatre in London.

The play is the true story of The Grozelle family from Ridgetown, Ontario, and the disappearance and unexplained death of their son Joe in November, 2003. Joe was a 3rd year cadet at Royal Military College in Kingston at the time of his disappearance.

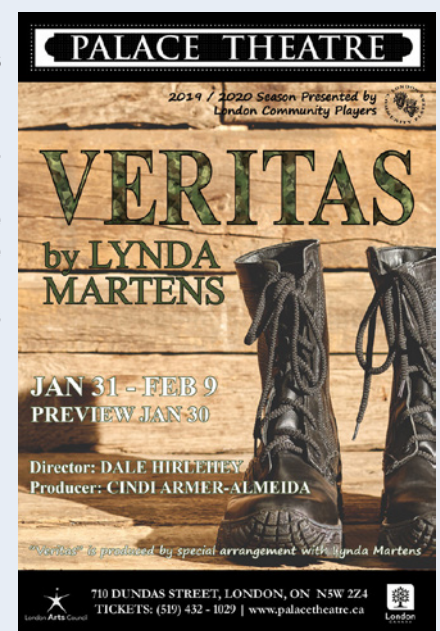
The family has maintained a dogged determination to have their questions answered, for over 17 years. Their hope, through telling the story is to have someone with new information, advance the case forward.

The Grozelle family appeared on stage at the end of each performance to field audience questions. My sense was no one could doubt the sincerity, the effort and the heartache the family had experienced over the loss of their dear son and brother.

The family remains supportive of Royal Military College and the Canadian military. If you have an opportunity to see this play, I believe you'll be touched and shocked by this unsolved case.

Contributed by
Linda Brimson

*Lynda Martens is a
London playwright.*
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On the Lighter Side

***Contributed by
Linda Brimson***

I recently had a childhood memory sparked by a visit to Walmart with my dear Mom. Mom told me she knew where

Mecca Ointment was stocked in the store. A while ago, I had lamented that I could no longer find this health aid; in fact, I hadn't seen the product in stores for years, and had no luck with my internet search.

There it was as Mom promised. The familiar red and yellow box, the orange round tin. Great, I picked one up and was transported back to a simpler time. In my family of six, throughout my childhood and teen years, Mecca was our go-to first aid product. (Please note: I am not endorsing Mecca use to anyone for anything; just relating my story).

I say it was a simpler time because it was. We didn't spend a lot on cosmetic or health care products. We had one bathroom in our house. The small medicine cabinet over the sink contained my Dad's shaving brush, safety razor and Mom's rouge and face powder. It was the days of Lifebuoy soap and Brilliantine hair tonic. Women kept a spray perfume bottle on their dresser, beside the hand-held mirror, brush and comb set, on the lacey dresser runner cloth.

While the bathroom supplies were sparse, we did keep a shoe box at the top of the linen closet. This was a virtual treasure trove of remedies. In addition to the aforementioned Mecca ointment, there was a roll of white adhesive tape. I don't remember my Dad ever using a bandaid; he liked adhesive tape and thought we should all wrap our finger cuts with it. Thus, no box of bandaids in the shoebox.

There was a small blue jar of Vicks VapoRub – the miracle combination of Camphor, Menthol and Eucalyptus that chased our colds away, but set our chests and backs on fire (at least temporarily).

There was a large jar of Noxzema- I don't know who used it, or for what purpose, but the jars always seemed half empty.

There were one or two tensor bandages. For a while we had the little tin clip with two teeth each end, to hold the bandage when you wrapped an ankle or wrist. Eventually, we'd lose the clip-thing and resort to safety pins.

For years, there was a half-used twist-up tube of Butch Wax, reflecting my brothers' haircuts. When the style for brush cuts faded, and longer hair was fashionable, the Butch Wax disappeared.

For years there were bobby pins, silver pinch hair clips for making kiss curls, and of course, pink foam hair rollers.

A sticky bottle of cough medicine, the pale pink calamine lotion, and iodine in the brown glass bottle rounded out the assortment. Cotton balls bounced around when anyone searched the box.

We were all healthy and didn't seem to need much of anything else.

Minutes of General Meeting continued from page 5

- o Suggestion to contact Polish Combatants' Association in Canada (London) for participation in the Battle of Britain commemoration lunch.

427 (London) Wing bylaws adoption

- Chuck Hardy moved to accept the proposed new Bylaws as distributed to the Wing members. Tom Pillon seconded. No discussion. Vote to accept carried.

Special Financial appeal

- Rene McKinnon outlined a plan to discuss with our banker (Libro) on how a method for regular, automatic donations from members could be made. Discussions are in preliminary stages. To be reported on during the next General Meeting.

SOFAM

- Howard Johnston reported on Museum and archive collection and named new members of the team. Dave Smith and Barry Sandler's son were identified.

Report on Committees

Membership

- Chuck Hardy reported that current membership sits at 138.

Wellness committee report

- Anne Smith made the report in place of Hazil Malone. Report is on file and can be reviewed upon request.

Housing

- Tom Pillon reported that the bathroom ceilings in the common area were repaired. Many thanks to Gus Cameron.

History

- Dave Smith reported on Edenvale Aerodrome, home of the Avro Arrow.

Fundraising (Skipped due to the subject already covered previously in the meeting).

Air Cadets Skipped due to absence of Brent Elgie.

The London Link

- Rene McKinnon reported that the latest version of The Link is in second round of editing. Will include information on the 96th anniversary commemoration of the RCAF.

Marketing

- Gus Cameron reported on a joint initiative among the London Air Show organizers, the Jet Air Museum and the Wing that could yield revenue of between \$2,000 and \$4,000 for the Wing.

Spoooner (Skipped due to absence of Sam Newman)

Kitshop

- Fred Pettit reported on the participation of the Wing Kitshop at the St. Thomas Airshow in June.

Euchre Club

- Don Clarke reported that the Euchre club is going well and new members are always welcome.

Closing Remarks

- Gus Cameron made a closing speech outlining the greatness of the Wing and reminded the assembled of the hard work and dedication of its members. He stressed the need to stay positive in these troubled times.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. Next General meeting to be held on

Friday April 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Heritage Fair at HMCS Prevost

The 8th Annual Heritage Fair was held in February at HMCS Prevost, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the Battle of the Atlantic. Themed 'Remembering Their Sacrifice – 75 Years Later', the event featured guest speakers, exhibits, interactive activities, an Antique Road Show featuring Second World War memorabilia and more. Stephen Holowitz (piano), Adam Corrigan-Holowitz (MC), Dave Nuttall (whistle) and Paul Stevenson (trumpet) packed a room for a sing-a-long of songs that were popular during WWII, with Adam providing some historical context of the songs.



Thanks to all the Wing members who attended the Heritage Fair display and engaged the public: about 300 people saw our display and talked with Wing members.

David Smith and wife Anne were there all day, as were Chuck Hardy, Gus Cameron and Linda Brimson. Thanks David for your engaging medal display and remembrances of local veterans who died overseas. Terry Rushton, Rene McKinnon and Pettit, gave welcome relief and support. Lindsay Mathysen, MPP for London-Fanshawe dropped by.

The Wing has a new table-top display panel that updates the story boards for the Wing. Let's try to raise our profile by displaying at malls, arenas and community events. Members: please let Board Members know of future display opportunities, and think about volunteering a couple hours to promote the Wing.





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recognition of this date. To add to this special day the Wing is also honouring one
of our esteemed members:

Dr. Chuck Spurgeon who is also celebrating a birthday.
There will be a social presentations to make this day memorable for Chuck.



Tickets are \$20.00 per person in advance.
Tickets will be available at the Wing or call to make reservations 519 455-0430.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Chuck Hardy

Last year, as you likely recall, the renewals were sent out starting in February. Many of you renewed your membership early and by doing so it helped financially.

At a recent Board meeting, and with Barry installing QuickBooks, it was decided to send renewals (also referred to as "invoices") out in April. Members will appreciate this. Also, Barry with minor help by me will "invoice" you with the Link, or send it to you separately by mail, or give to you at the Wing. (Friday lunch for instance.)

PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS

This March/April edition of the Link will be distributed after the General Meeting on Friday February 28, 2020. While an overview was printed in the January-February Link, the Board made important changes since the last edition.

Main changes include:

- The affairs of the Wing shall be overseen by the Board of Directors. The Board will consist of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors;
- The May General Meeting/ Annual General Meeting will include elections for the Board by name, not Board position. The Board will determine who will fill the positions; and
- Committee Chairs shall be assigned by the Board and have overall responsibility for their Committee activities.

Friday lunch announcements will include these changes. Members are welcome to request a copy.

OBITUARIES

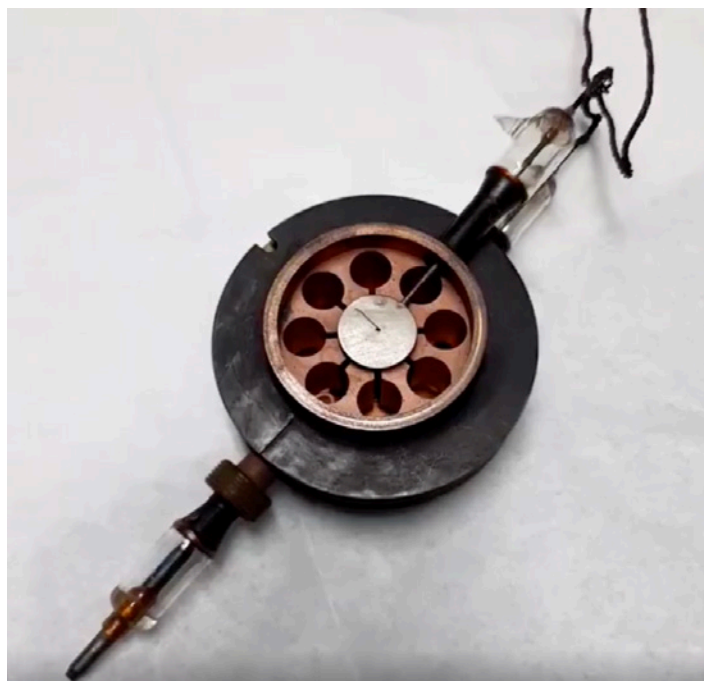
Since the last edition of the Link, we are saddened by the loss of

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<https://lfpres.remembering.ca/obituary/william-west-1078352231>
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The Secrets of Radar Museum was pleased to have received an original A.P. W2510, valve/tube type E1189 for their exhibit. It might have even been Canadian-built. Learn more about the museum located at 427 Wing at <http://secretsofradar.com> or visit!

HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

Some of you may remember an American Express commercial some time ago and the ad line was "how may I help you".

So, the Wing is putting out the ad line - How may you (members) help the Wing. The Directors are looking at a number of ways that members will be able to support the Wing with small monthly contributions that will help sustain the Wing as we move forward. Page four of this Link has an article by Linda Brimson concerning some of the Wing's challenges. Please watch for more information in the coming Links.



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Crumlin intersection as shown in March 1941. The cars belonged to workmen employed at the new Crumlin airfield, now London Airport. *London Free Press Collection, The D. B. Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario.*

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January 29, 2020

February 26, 2020

March 27, 2020

April 28, 2020

May 27, 2020

June 26, 2020

July 29, 2020

August 27, 2020

September 28, 2020

October 28, 2020

November 26, 2020

December 29, 2020

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Taylorcraft Memories

By Don Hatch

In November 1940, a 19 year old Chuck Spurgeon soloed in a 37.5 HP Model A Taylorcraft, registration CF-BKM, at Windsor Ontario. In October 1949, I, also 19, soloed in a 65 HP Model BC-12 Taylorcraft, registration CF-GFY, at Guelph Ontario, giving both of us a keen interest in this noble classic aircraft. Last August I attended Marc Matthys' 3rd annual BBQ at Warren Field near Komoko, and would you believe, there was a fully refurbished Model BL-12 Taylorcraft, registration CF-PEB, owned by Arjan and Cheryl DeKeyzer. At Frank Smeltzer's memorial service on November 5th, 2016, I mentioned to Dr. Spurgeon that this aircraft was flying out of Warren Field and he said, "I would like to go out there and see it." I said, "let me see if I can arrange to get you a ride in it," and he said, "OK." Mark contacted Arjan for me and he said, "I would be honoured to take up a former Spitfire pilot," so on November 14, 2016, a perfect fall flying day, Doc and I went up separately and flew Arjan's aircraft. We both came down floating on cloud 9 having discovered once again just what a delight Taylorcrafts are to fly. The following is a brief history of 76 year old CF-PEB as well as some of Arjan's flying history.

CF-PEB, Serial No. C/N 2401, was manufactured in Alliance Ohio in 1941. Arjan has no records of its history in the U.S., but the log book he possesses begins in 1965 when the aircraft was based in Maple Ontario, owned by R. Cummington. In 1966 it was flying in the New Liskeard area owned by J. Rundle until 1977 when it was sold to Messrs Jones and Brown. In 1979 it was put into storage. In the 1980s it was purchased by a Mr. Horvath and moved to Windsor. In the early 1990s the aircraft was moved to the Guelph Air Park and was restored to flying condition by the Tiger Boys. It was owned by a Mr. Mills. In July 1994 it flew to Oshkosh piloted by Don With CF-PEB – Note the Chromed Grills Englishman Nigel Hitchman. Mark Matthys purchased the aircraft in 2007 and flew it for a year. Due to a problem with his legs, Mark put it into storage and purchased an Ercoupe, which he still owns and flies. Arjan and



Cheryl purchased CF-PEB in 2014, and Arjan spent a year refurbishing it at the London airport at what is now Forest City Flight Centre. He partially stripped and repainted the fabric, which was in good condition, and also stripped and painted all metal parts including cowlings and struts. The Lycoming engine needed only minor attention and cleaning. The aircraft looks stunning in its green and white colour scheme. The refurbished aircraft first flew on June 4th, 2015 and Arjan has now enjoyed about 140 hours of flying, including a flight to Oshkosh in July 2016. While at Oshkosh, wonder of wonders, he met Nigel Hitchman who had flown CF-PEB to Oshkosh 22 years earlier. (See above).

Arjan was born in Holland in 1967 and came to Canada with his parents two years later. Both parents became pilots having received instruction from Richard Moon at Aero Academy in the mid-1970s. For a time his father, Arie DeKeyzer, was a director of the London Flying Club. His mother, Hetty DeKeyzer, was a member of the 99s. As a child, Arjan had a keen interest in aviation and he flew radio controlled models for many years. His working career has been spent as an automotive automatic transmission specialist. In 2003 he partnered with Mike Schlievert (now owner and operator of Forest City Flight Centre) in owning a Piper Tomahawk, in which Arjan learned to fly, soloing in 2004. His flight test was with Richard Moon.

On first observing the refurbished CF-PEB, one cannot escape noticing the

chromed grill on the cowl, and it was through sheer serendipity that this came about. When the aircraft was stored in Windsor, Mr. Horvath thought it would be an added bonus if the grills could be chromed. He found a place in Detroit that had chroming facilities and sent the grills to be chromed. Not having heard from the firm in some time, he investigated and found the facility had been destroyed by fire and assumed his parts had been lost in the fire. Many years later, just before Arjan was about to complete the refurbishing, the impossible happened. Mark received a phone call from Mr. Horvath who had used the airplane's ident to find the current owner, Mark Matthys (at that time it was still registered in Mark's name). He informing Mark that the chromed parts had been found, and would he like to have them? Arjan was overjoyed, obtained the grills and installed them on the airplane, adding to the attractiveness of this classic Taylorcraft. Incidentally, all Model BC-12 Taylorcrafts are powered by Continental engines, either 65 or 85 HP. There were, however, a number of Taylorcrafts fitted with Lycoming engines and these are designated Model BL-12. CF-PEB, is one of the rarer Model BL-12s.

In conclusion, Doc Spurgeon and I would like to extend a very warm thankyou to Arjan and Cheryl for enabling us to enjoy a nostalgic experience flying a Taylorcraft again.

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Welcome to the #3 Striker Squadron Air Cadets

Submitted: Capt Sarah Redfearn

The #3 Striker Squadron is open to Canadians ages 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of fun, challenging and rewarding activities. There is no charge to join – just come out to any of our parade nights (Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm at the West Middlesex Memorial Centre at 334 Metcalfe St. W., in Strathroy during the school year) and sign up!

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian, non-profit, volunteer-led organization that in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and other partners provides educational programs and resources, including flight and ground crew training, guided visits to science and aviation facilities, and aviation-related awards and scholarships; The Air Cadet League of Canada fosters development in youth of the values of self-confidence, self-discipline and leadership.

The program encourages youth to develop an understanding of civic responsibility and the role they can play in supporting and strengthening their communities, and pay tribute to the veterans of our armed forces. It provides students a way to obtain some of the hours of community involvement required for secondary school graduation. The #3 Squadron has participated with the Salvation Army food collection and kettle campaign, the Strathroy Food Bank, Remembrance parades and ceremonies, Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Sales, area school and park cleanups, West Middlesex Memorial Centre gardening and more.

Over the holidays we held two ground school classes for our cadets who are candidates for the Glider and Power Scholarships. In January, three cadets participated in Glider Scholarship Exam and one in the Power Scholarship Exam. Two of the Glider Scholarship Candidates have been selected for the interviews (the last stage in the application process) and one for Power Scholarship interview. One of our cadets has been selected to interview for the International Exchange Program.

Saturday, January 25 we participated with #11 Army Cadet Corps in our Annual Garrison Ball. It was a fun evening for all who participated.

WOI Redfearn received her Duke of Edinburgh International Award – Bronze Award, effective from the end of the October but –presented during the January CO's Parade.

Upcoming Events:

March 16-21 – 50 cadets and 6 adult volunteers/staff will be travelling to Washington DC for civic experience tour. We are scheduled to visit the Canadian Embassy, Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, NASA Goddard Visitor's Centre, Joint Andrews Base, and several Smithsonian Museums.



Learn more about the Glider and Power Scholarship program at <https://www.aircadetleague.on.ca/Glider-Pilot-Scholarship-Course>. Call or text 519-852-2359 or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/striker3aircadets/home> to learn more about #3 Striker Squadron.

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MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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the sweeter the tune."*

~English Proverb



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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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March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 RAA	4	5 LARC	6 LUNCH	7 LVRC
8 Daylight Saving Time	9	10 MAC EUCHRE	11	12 WT	13 LUNCH	14
15	16	17 EUCHRE	18	19	20 LUNCH	21
22	23	24 FO EUCHRE	25	26	27 LUNCH WDs	28
29	30	31 EUCHRE				

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 LARC	3 96th ANNI- VERSARY LUNCH	4
5	6	7 RAA EUCHRE	8 BCC	9 WT	10 GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED	11
12	13	14 MAC EUCHRE	15	16 RETIRED COM'S	17 LUNCH	18 WTs ALL DAY EVENT
19	20	21 EUCHRE	22	23	24 LUNCH & WTs	25
26	27	28 FO EUCHRE	29	30		

Note: every Tuesday Euchre at the Wing 1:00pm

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