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**Heritage Fair
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**February
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Heritage Fair brings Wing, Radar Museum and Air Cadets to public notice. See Page 10.

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.

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Message from the President

“Ah, Spring! It sure will be welcome this year. To get you looking ahead at up-coming activities at the Wing, please make a note of these on your calendars:

April 6th is the date we will commemorate the 94th anniversary of the RCAF with a special lunch. Please reserve your tickets in advance.

On May 11th we will have many new commemorative stones placed at the Spooner Memorial near the entrance to the Wing. Further details will be available soon.

Another tour, organized jointly with the Royal London Military Institute, will be held on June 15th. We will tour the Ontario Police College at Aylmer, the visit the Rush Creek Winery, and end up at the Wayside Inn at Talbotville for dinner. The cost is \$55.00, and spaces must be booked by May 18th. It is half subscribed already.

On June 16th & 17th, the Wing will participate in the Great Lakes International Air Show at the St. Thomas Municipal Airport. If any Wing member would like to help, please contact any of the executive. We will likely at least two people for each of four shifts.

Speaking of spring, and weather calling for T-shirts, see the Kitshop section for examples of a couple we have available.”

– *Terry Rushton - President*

Notes from the Secretary

Lunch attendance has been down since Christmas. Stay healthy and visit the Wing as often as you can for Friday Lunch and/or for Euchre every Tuesday at 1:15 pm. For only \$2 you can enjoy 8 great games with friends, old and new.

Cathy Newman has been your membership chairperson for the past 10 years. She is the expert in this and other areas around the Wing. She will step down from that role, but you will still see her when you come to the Wing. Chuck Hardy will “attempt” to fill her shoes after much on the job training. So the Wing will be searching for a new Secretary. Please consider throwing your name in the ring during nominations for the executive positions at the General Meeting on April 27th with the vote taking place on May 25th at the GM/AGM. The work mainly involves taking minutes at meetings using a voice recorder and then producing the minutes on your home computer. Please let anyone of the executive know if you are interested in sharing your talent. All five positions are open for nominations including President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and the Secretary.

There is a suggestion box at the Wing, or send us a note, or simply talk with anyone on the Executive (listed on page 2 of the Link.)

Please consider making a donation to help the Wing maintain this lovely old building. Tax receipts are issued by the RCAFA National Trust Fund in Ottawa. The donor receives a tax receipt for the full amount and the Wing receives the donated amount less 3% administrative fees. If you do not wish a tax receipt, then please donate by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Every amount helps to keep the Wing open.

Your ideas at any time are most welcome. There is a suggestion box or simply talk with anyone on the list on page 2 of the Link. We need volunteers to help in several areas. In summary, 427 (London) needs your time, talent, a bit of your money, but most of all your presence as often as you can travel to this glorious and friendly building. Many thanks, Chuck



– *Chuck Hardy - Secretary*

Per Ardua

On June 24, 1812, Napoleon Bonaparte, the Emperor of France, and 680,000 soldiers of his Grande Armee, crossed the Neman River into Russia. Included in this army was Baron Dominique-Jean Larrey.

Dominique-Jean Larrey was born on July 8, 1766, the son of a shoemaker in France. He was orphaned at the age of 13 and adopted by his uncle, the chief surgeon in the city of Toulouse. Larrey worked as an apprentice to his uncle, then studied under the chief surgeon at the Hotel Dieu in Paris. At age 26 he decided to join the French army. Seven years later the Emperor Napoleon made him a baron and appointed him chief surgeon of the Emperor's Imperial Guard.

The results of the Russian invasion are pretty well known. Napoleon returned to France leaving behind some 380,000 of his soldiers dead and 100,000 captured. Dr. Larrey was much more successful, because his contributions on the battlefield saved many lives and changed the course of medical treatments and care for the wounded. Instead of staying behind the lines to treat victims, he would venture out to treat the wounded where they lay, and gained new knowledge by:

- using snow and ice to anaesthetize injured limbs before amputation (anaesthetics had not yet been developed), and to preserve injured limbs;
- was one of the first of his time to drain pus from wounds, avoiding infections;
- coined the term “triage” to decide which soldiers needed immediate treatment and those whose treatment could be done later, or was hopeless. Prior to this, treatment was first given to those of higher rank or nationality;
- was among the first to use positive pressure breathing to treat people with chest wounds;
- developed one of the first ambulance services in which horse-drawn wagons (called “flying ambulances”) swiftly carried wounded soldiers from the battlefield to base hospitals (a forerunner of modern MASH units);
- organized training for the ambulance crews of drivers, corpsmen and litter bearers;
- instructed his doctors to treat enemy soldiers with the same dignity and compassion they gave to their own forces.

Inadvertently, Larrey did contribute to defeat in Russia. He noticed that soldiers who were closest to the fire were the first who were most likely to die from the cold. When frozen hands were thawed during fast warming, frost-bitten cells burst and were destroyed. He also told the soldiers to rub snow on their frozen hands, which removed the skin and would lead to infection and eventual death. However, during the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, The Duke of Wellington was so impressed when he saw Larrey treating both French and English soldiers on the battlefield, that he ordered his soldiers not to fire in Larrey's direction “to give the brave man time to gather up the wounded.”

In his travels, Larrey initiated, organized and built military hospitals in Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Palestine. He also found time to publish articles about typhus, bubonic plague, leprosy and trachoma. His writings are still regarded as valuable sources of surgical and medical knowledge and have been translated into all modern languages. Between 1800 and 1840 at least 28 books or articles were published. A bronze statue of Baron Larrey, sculpted in 1843, stands in the courtyard outside the military hospital in Val-de-Grace, Paris, France. In addition, the Dominique-Jean Larrey Award is the North Atlantic Alliance's (NATO) highest medical honour, bestowed annually by the Chiefs of Military Medical Service (COMEDS). Canadian medical personnel have received it in past years.

-Reg Lowrie



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RCAF ACTIVE AND FORMER AIRWOMEN - RCAF AIRWOMEN'S REUNION

The 14th RCAF Airwomens' Reunion is scheduled to take place at the Marriott Hotel
100 Kent Street, Ottawa, June 7,8 and 9, 2019

Further details on entertainment and excursions will be announced when available.

If you have ever been out to the Wing for lunch on the 4th Friday of most months of the year, you certainly would have noticed a long table set up in the ballroom, around which about twenty or so ladies are meeting to talk and laugh about the good old days and their good new days as well. These are all former members of the WDs - the RCAF's Womens Division that proudly served their county in peace and war. There are many similar groups of former serving airwomen across Canada. The London Airwomens group meets for lunch on the 4th Friday of the month at the 427 (London) Wing of the RCAF Association. The address is 2155 Crumlin Road, just north of the airport entrance, telephone 519-455-0430.

If you know of any serving or former airwomen, please tell them to email Marilyn Chalk at almar1@sympatico.ca. In addition, for former members who have regular get-togethers, meetings and luncheons, the Executive would be pleased to post that information in their newsletter so that ladies in your community can find you. It also lets airwomen travelling in your area know where they can meet up with your group. Any emails received by the 20th of the month can go into the next newsletter.

There are ladies out there who do not have email addresses so we could send them the newsletter. However, if they were to go to the website at atrcf_airwomen@yahoo.com they could read it online. The Airwomens group publishes its newsletter at: www.rcafairwomen.ca. If you know of someone who has access to a computer through their family or the local library, the newsletter can be read on line.

CELEBRATING RCAFA 94th ANNIVERSARY and 427 (London) Wing's 2018 Fund Raising Drive



We have made significant renovations, and hope to do more, which is why we have embarked on a building fund campaign. We have raised over \$3,700 so far, but hope to raise \$20,000 to make much-needed improvements.

Donations may be made by cash, cheque or credit card.



In this short documentary, Fred Davis introduces us to Canadian Air Force operations in Zweibrucken, West Germany. Follow Green Section as they perform drills and explain what it takes to be a fighter pilot. Part of the Perspective series. https://www.nfb.ca/film/fighter_wing/

Kit Shop:

We still have a few golf shirts with the RCAF Association crest and 427 Wing on them, as well as a very few winter jackets, wool with leather sleeves, and fall rain jackets (small only).

We can also order items from the Regalia catalogue at airforce.ca and from Labusch Skywar. at skywear.com. We still have a number of T-shirts, hats and mugs depicting different aircraft.”



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On landing, the stewardess said, “Please be sure to take all of your belongings.. If you’re going to leave anything, please make sure it’s something we’d like to have.”

“There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways outof this airplane.”

“Your seats cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.”



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“The older the fiddler, the sweeter the tune.”

~English Proverb

LONDON LINK SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

**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.

Looking forward to hearing from you and sharing your photos, stories etc with our members.

(For good reproduction at reasonable size, photos should be fairly high resolution)

Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life? Aviation combined all the elements I loved. There was science in each curve of an airfoil, in each angle between strut and wire, in the gap of a spark plug or the color of the exhaust flame. There was freedom in the unlimited horizon, on the open fields where one landed. A pilot was surrounded by beauty of earth and sky. He brushed treetops with the birds, leapt valleys and rivers, explored the cloud canyons he had gazed at as a child. Adventure lay in each puff of wind.

Charles Lindbergh



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Good Advice before a Baaaad Day

This article came right off the internet – supposedly from a corporate attorney who lost his wallet and suffered a lot of grief as a result. In any case, it sounds like good advice, because with your identity, thieves can open new bank accounts, order cell phones, take out a mortgage on your property and buy cars or furniture. So



(1) Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "Photo ID is required."

(2) When you write a cheque to pay on your credit card account, do not put the complete account number on the Memo line on the bottom left

hand side. Just put down the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the numbers and anyone else who holds your cheque won't know the full numbers and won't have access to your account.

(3) Put your work phone number on your cheques instead of your home number. And put your PO box number (if you have one) instead of your home address. If you don't have a PO box use your work address. Never have your SIN number printed or written on your cheque.

(4) Place all your credit cards and other important cards on a photocopy machine and print both sides of the cards. Then don't forget take the cards off the photocopier when you finish. Keep the photocopy in a safe place and update the copy when the cards or numbers change. You can also make a copy of your passport and carry a copy of your cards and your passport with you when you travel anywhere.

(5) Photocopy or keep a printed record of toll-free numbers of the creditors if they do not appear on your printouts. That will save you a lot of time when you want to inform others of your loss.

Now the author tells us what happened to him when he checked on his credit card:

Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from Department of Motor Vehicles to change my driving record information online, and more .

Here's some important information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or a friend:

(1) cancel your credit cards immediately. You will have the toll-free numbers and your card numbers handy so you will know where to find them.


(2) File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your cards or wallet were stolen. This proves to your credit providers that you were diligent, and is the first step toward an investigation, should that prove necessary.



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(3) Immediately call the three national credit reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Insurance (Service Canada) fraud line number. This will stop an application for credit over the internet in your name. The number is 1-800- 206-7218.

(4) Some other service agencies to contact are:

a) Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: 1-888-495-8501

(b) Equifax: 1-800-465-7166

(c) Experian: 1-888-397-3742

(d) Trans Union: 1-877-525-3823

(5) If your driver's licence is lost, stolen or damaged, contact a ServiceOntario Centre and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Call Centre at 416-235-2999 or 1-800-387-3445

Note that these numbers may change from time to time. Making an alert means that any company that checks your credit will know your information was stolen. They will have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

**London Amateur Radio Club
Winter Field Day 2018 – in the great out-
doors at the 427 Wing**

The London Amateur Radio Club participated in this year's Winter Field Day, facing rain, wind, mud and glorious sunshine all within a 24 hour period from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon on January 27/28.

The purpose of the contest was to make as many contacts with other ham stations during the period and

practice operating in emergency conditions.

This year with the help of the 31 Signal Regiment, we were operating three stations, two outside on the west parking lot and one inside the west building.

Using the on-site generator and one supplied from the Signal Regiment, the teams managed to make over 200 contacts all across Canada and the U.S (including Hawaii), as well as locations in Europe and South America.

A variety of antennas were set up, demonstrating the ability to operate the HF radios in an emergency situation and temporary deployment. This exercise is the main purpose of Winter Field Day and the Summer Field Day held in June.

Plans can change and problems can arise during the set-up and operation phase of the contest. This time was no exception, but learning from these experiences only strengthens our planning and skills.

No event would be complete without an abundance of great food and snacks. Our thanks to the wing for use of their kitchen facilities and to LARC members for their donations and participation. A special thanks to the 31 Signal Regiment for use of their equipment, shelter and assistance.

New members welcome – leave us a message at 519-455-0430

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– Leonardo da Vinci,



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Options and Outcomes: A WD's Story by "Nevadia"

I am now 84 years old. I loved being in the Air Force and never found any discrimination from male counterparts. However, that may have been because I was in the Medical field. Although I was a low rank we were well respected by other personnel, back in the 50's.

I was 17 when I joined and went through the basic training at St. Jean P.Q. I was at Aylmer, Clinton, Lachine and then Goose Bay. The day I walked into the Office at Goose Bay and said I would like to apply for leave to get married in Cornwall Ontario, the P/O on duty said that I could not stay in the Service married and would be given an honourable discharge. As my only other choice was "Don't get married" I left the service. I remember feeling angry and frustrated at the time - my career might have been a long one.

I also remember a friend who did get married and fought back. I think it was about a year later that the marriage rule was changed. When she got married her husband was 20 and they could not receive the marriage allowance till he was 21. She not only fought the marriage law, she applied for marriage allowance since she was 22. But her husband turned 21 before she got through all the red tape - then they received the marriage allowance.

Well, she did win the right to stay in the forces. Guess I should have fought back but in those days I was pretty naive, young, inexperienced, stupid, whatever. I just said OK and signed whatever papers they handed me.

I also remember two girls being released when I was at St. Jean's in Basic Training. I asked another girl why they left and she told me that they were lesbians. I just said oh. I didn't know what that was so I tried to look it up in my little medical dictionary to see if it was a disease. Later I found where it said "Female Homosexual" and I didn't know what homosexual was either. When I did find out, the friends that told me laughed.

Looking back, growing up in Northern Saskatchewan in a very protective family, in a very small town and a very small school/ high school had its good and bad points. After that I took advantage of every educational opportunity available to me - Day courses and Night courses at the Colleges and Universities wherever I lived. All my life. Even took a Course last year and received a certificate in Food Handling at the age of 83. And I'm not finished yet. I am fortunate to have my health. I have been an active volunteer over the years from Army Cadets to Seniors. I coached Curling for many years and finally received a life membership for my efforts in 2006. Now I'm too old to curl. Curled my last game at 83. (Now I'm afraid I'll fall).

I'm President of an Art Club, on the Council at the Church, Vice President of the Golden Age Club (Constitution and by law officer), and on the board for the Local food Bank. I convened the Art Show at the Cavalcade of Colours for the Onaping Falls Area. I play music at one local home for the aged and participate in a monthly local music Jam group. Never a dull moment.

When I look back it has been a full life even though I was not allowed to stay in the air force. The women now are so fortunate and I'm very happy for them. Times have changed for the better. Good for us. "Nevadia" is a pseudonym for a current retired member of the RCAF's Womens Division. Her story appeared in a recent issue of the RCAF Airwomen Newsletter. Both gave their permission to reprint.

Wing joins Heritage Fair in "Celebrating the Women of London"

The annual Heritage Fairs organized by the City of London's very active Heritage Committee provide organizations such as our Wing to raise our image and make ourselves better known to the people of London. This year's Heritage Fair - like the popular Doors Open London - was another opportunity that the Wing Executive decided was not to be missed.

Every Heritage Fair has a challenging theme. This year's: "Celebrating the Women of London" theme brought about two dozen or more groups to spread themselves behind display tables along the main corridor of the London Central Library. In our display, the Wing made a slight addition to the theme, advertising it as "Celebrating the (Air) Women of London" to bring some well-deserved recognition to women of London, past and present, serving our city and our country in peacetime and war.

Stories and photographs from the past were taken from the archives of the Library and old newspapers and from an incredible book titled "First In - Last Out," by Glad Bryce, which is about women from across Canada who served in the Womens Division of the RCAF. The book also highlights the work of women who served in industry, both here in London as well as from their homes, and in various other roles during the Second World War. The personal stories of two WDs from London, Joan Hawes and Edie Luther, were also part of our display.

However, the highlight of our presentation celebrating "Women of London" was the support that came from two other local sources - Air Cadet Squadron # 862 from Lambeth, and advertising materials donated by the local RCAF Recruiting Centre at Citi Plaza. Both put a clear emphasis on how women of London are still serving our country. The front page of this Newsletter shows this very well - you will see photos of 862 Squadron's Commanding Officer, Captain Susan Greystone, with no less than eight female volunteer air cadets. These ladies were the centre of attention from the 500 to 600 people who stopped to ask them questions about themselves and the benefits that are available to both sexes, including a university education, through the Air Cadet Program. Our sincere thanks to them and to everyone who participated in or enjoyed this year's Heritage Fair.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**94th Anniversary of the Founding
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*427 (London) Wing is pleased
to offer a special Anniversary
Lunch Friday April 06, 2018*

Tickets \$20.00 per person.

Ticket cut-off date March 28th.

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Friday, April 6

The Wing celebrates the 94th Anniversary of the RCAF!
Watch for details on our Special Lunch!

Friday, April 27

427 will be holding a Nominations Meeting to choose our executive for the years 2018-2019. Your chance to exercise your democratic right to volunteer and to vote! If you want to stand for office or nominate another member for office, be sure to let our secretary know.

Friday, May 18

is the last day to book your seat for the tour of the Ontario Police College, the Rush Creek Wines Tour and Tasting and a first-class buffet meal at the Wayside Dining Lounge in Talbotville. Go to page 12 for more information on this terrific tour!

Shine Up Your Clubs!

No, we haven't got a firm date yet, that depends on the weather-person. But Golf will resume at the Wing in the very near future, watch for the announcement and the first spring Robin!



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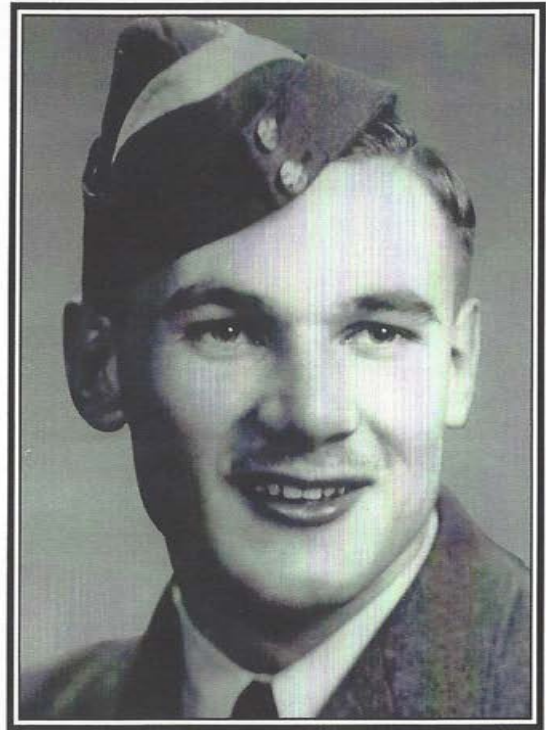
Courage is the price that Life exacts for
granting peace.
The soul that knows it not Knows no release
from little things:
Knows not the livid loneliness of fear,
Nor mountain heights where bitter joy can hear
The sounds of wings.
How can life grant us boon of living,
compensate
For dull gray ugliness and pregnant hate
Unless we dare The soul's dominion?
Each time we make a choice, we pay
With courage to behold the restless day,
And count it fair.

By Amelia Earhart

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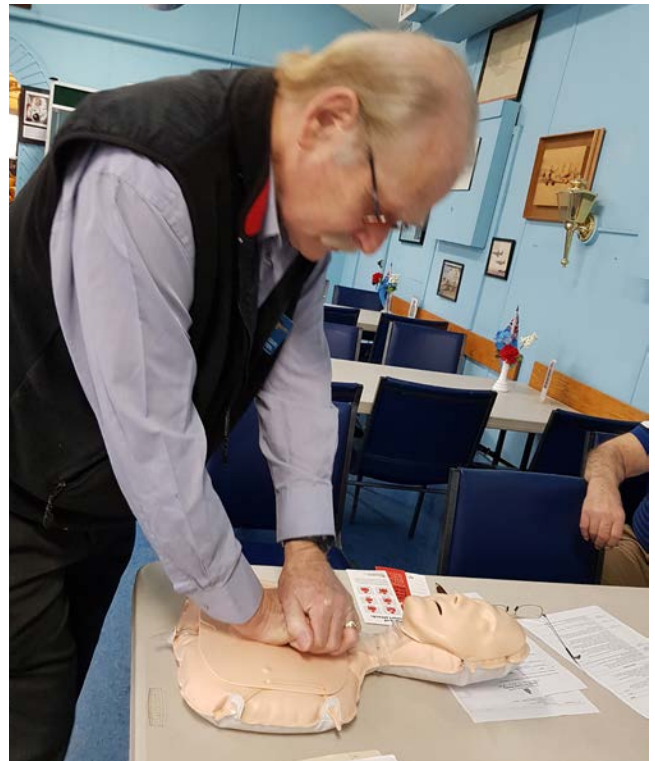
Wing members get some heart facts about heart disease

Cheryl Pereira and Denise Love from London Heart and Stroke brought food for thought at Friday lunch

About two dozen or more Wing members who remained after lunch at the General Meeting on Friday, February 23 were able to learn a great deal about heart attack, stroke and how to react if they are nearby when such an emergency occurs.

Denise Love and Cheryl Pereira from the London Heart and Stroke Foundation had the rapt attention of their audience during their one-hour address, which included a slide presentation of how plaque and blood clots in the major arteries of the heart can cause severe distress and death if not treated immediately. Their informative presentation also included educational material and slides listing the risk factors, signs and symptoms, prevention and post-event information.

All of Friday's presentation was aimed at promoting healthy living, and brought forth many questions from the audience. Some members even took part in a "hands-on" application of CPR, a lifesaving technique used in many emergencies as when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. Among the practical information offered was how to use a defibrillator, as many of these have or are being installed in public areas where large crowds often gather.



PILOTS WANTED

(Reprinted from Skies Magazine, December 2017)

This past year was one of many challenges for Canada's aviation and aerospace industries, but also one of many triumphs.

Among the challenges: companies are beginning to feel the effects of the global pilot shortage, as well as a shortage of maintenance personnel.

Uncertainty about the future of Bombardier's C Series continues to hang over thousands of Canadians who contribute parts and labour to the program. A petition from Boeing could see duties of 292.21 per cent levied on C Series sold in the United States.

That dispute prompted Canada's federal government to scrap plans to buy new Super Hornet fighter jets from Boeing to fix a capability gap in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), opting instead to buy legacy Hornets from the Royal Australian Air Force.

It has been a year of many highs and lows, but also one with cause for celebration.

On the positive side: Canada's aviation industry played an essential role in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Confederation, delighting audiences with performances across the country.

The pilot shortage is also a time of remarkable opportunities for young aviators, and the C Series dispute is far from over. Government and industry leaders are digging in for a fight.

Many of these issues were top-of-mind for our readers, as this list of our 10 most-read stories of the year confirms. Our thanks for your support throughout 2017, and best wishes for the year ahead.



It's been projected that Canada will need thousands of new pilots and maintenance workers over the next few years.
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MELVILLE HYMERS

Born on April 19, 1918 in Hymers Village near Thunder Bay, Ontario,

I am 99 years old. I expect to break the 100 mark, but if not, so what?

I was born in a little place called Hymers Village near the Lakehead (Thunder Bay). I had seven sisters and was born after six of them. It wasn't a good place to be, not really; it was a matter of Father and I against all my sisters and Mother. Mother couldn't stand the frost in Ontario, so we moved to British Columbia. Dad and I moved up to the homestead property north of Kamloops where we cleared land and grew hay and whatnot. When I there I was about 9 or 10 years old. My father was a bushman. He knew how to cut timber; he worked with timber a lot. Before my mother married, she was a teacher and as far as I know, she taught in a little place called Devlin up near the Manitoba border. That's all I can tell you about it. I had a picture of the school with all the children but I broke in half.

I wouldn't say my childhood was unhappy, but you really had to look after yourself and do what you were told. I remember one thing: my father was a great hunter and one day, he and I packed a lunch and went out to a moose wallow. That's where all the moose come at night to feed and drink and all that. We slept on the ground all night hoping a moose would come out so dad could get it with his rifle. None of them ever showed up. It was a long night! I was about 8 or 9 years old at the time. I didn't spend a lot of time with my sisters; they were living in Kamloops and Vancouver while my dad and I stayed at the homestead to clear the land.

I didn't get further than 10 years of schooling before I left. I liked some of school. I remember playing badminton when class was out. The last school I went to was a little town on Vancouver Island called Coombs. That was just before I went up to Clearwater to clear the land. Eventually we had about a dozen new people moving, settling and clearing the land in Clearwater. We built a little schoolhouse about the size of this room and half a dozen school kids went there. I helped them build the darned thing, but never studied there.

There weren't many people my age around as I was growing up, but I'll tell you a little story. For a time, when I was up on the homestead, there was another fellow about my age there. George and I used to ski around a lot. One day, we heard there was going to be a dance down by the railway, so we buckled on our skis and skied down there for some fun. We met at the school and waited there beside the great big box stove until midnight. The girls never showed up and it was 30 degrees below zero!

Well anyway, at midnight George and I decided we would ski home. Unfortunately, unbeknownst to us a neighbor of ours had walked 20 miles down to the railway the day before to come to the dance. This meant that when we left, he wanted to head off back with us. So, we had to walk with him,

not ski. We walked and walked and walked until we were about half way there, and then he totally played out. He just couldn't go any further. We knew there was a trappers inn close by, so we sort of broke into it. If we hadn't been able to do that, I don't know what would have happened. The fellow that owned the cabin was a mad a blazes. The cabin was on the edge of a precipice and the Clearwater River ran thru it. My goodness, you should have seen the drop in the land there. It was wonderful, it really was.

Dad had a Ford Roadster that he drove back and forth on the mountain roads. We didn't drive around in it very much though because the roads really were horrible. Instead we would drive to Kamloops, hop on a boxcar and take a run down to Kelowna. We would pick up some gunnysacks full of apples and get back on the boxcar and go home. I didn't learn how to drive a car until I was 27. I learned right here in St. Thomas and the first car I bought was Ford Sedan.

There was a little dog on the homestead called Patty. I called him something else. It was an Irish name but I can't remember what it was. But when a friend asked to borrow him to go hunting, he called him Patty and it stuck. It was a lot easier to say. In the middle of January, with a foot of snow over everything, I woke up one night to a wolf howling. There was a timber wolf out in the middle of our field! And poor little Patty, he was barking in the barn, and he couldn't stop barking. He just stayed there all night long, barking and howling at us. Finally, we went out there and took the wolf of the map. It was a pretty interesting night, I'll tell you.

I got away from the homestead when I was about 25; that was it. I'd had enough. We lived on deer meat for two or three years as we couldn't find any thing else. Well there was fish of course, lots of fish and birds. But deer meat was the prime unit, that was what we ate as I was growing up. Oh boy, what we did for a living... work, work, work. It was during the depression and there was no money. My dad lived to be 82 - he was hard as could be, his muscles were just solid. When I left with my dad for the homestead, I was a dammed fool. There was so much to learn in life besides just chopping wood. After just 10 years of school, I never had any more education until I got into the war. I wish I had never gone to the homestead with my dad. I should have stayed in school. But you do things on the spur of the moment! My sisters worked in Vancouver. Two of them got to work in the Piggly Wiggly store in the bake shop.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE MAY=JUNE ISSUE

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 LARC	2 Lunch	3 LVRC
4	5	6 RAA	7	8 WT	9 WEC Lunch	10
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April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3 RAA	4	5 LARC	6 Lunch 94 th RCAF Anniv. \$20.00	7
8	9	10 MAC	11 BCC	12 WT	13 Lunch	14 WT's all day event
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29	30					

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