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**RCAF 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 427 (London) Wing held a roast beef dinner in honour of the 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCAF. The Royal Canadian Air Force is responsible for all aircraft operations of the Canadian Forces, enforcing the security of Canada's airspace and providing aircraft to support the missions of the Navy and the Army. The RCAF is a partner with the United States Air Force in protecting continental airspace under North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). The RCAF also provides all primary air resources to the National Search and Rescue Program. The Canadian Air Force was granted royal sanction in 1924 by King George V.



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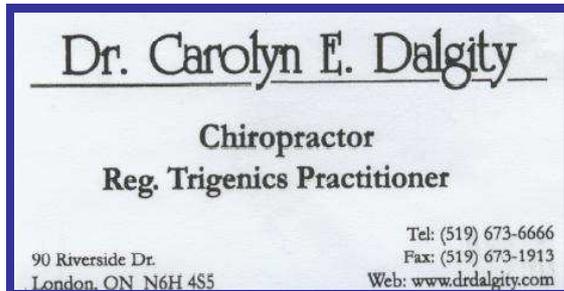
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**Message from the President**, by Rene McKinnon

There will be a few new faces around the Wing. These women are from the Women's Division (WD) of the RCAF from the WWII. They will be at the Wing every fourth Friday and will assist in the kitchen with the lunch. Apart from that, I find myself in an unenviable position. I always wait until I proof-read the edition before sending in my article; I just don't want to rewrite what others have already put to paper. Yet again, the other Wing members have stolen my thunder. I would like to reiterate my thanks to all those who are regular and/or part-time contributors to the newsletter. It wouldn't be the same without you all.



**Per Ardua**, by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Reg Lownie, CD

If you haven't been out to the Wing lately, I have to tell you that things have changed. As Sherlock Holmes reputedly shouted to a sleepy Dr. Watson, "Come, Watson! The game's afoot!" 427 Wing's "game" actually started about a year ago when members of the Wing Executive decided to make up a business plan to chart the future of a Wing that had big problems. A list of pluses and minuses was drawn up and discussed, but the summer came and went with only minor progress.

In the fall, however, professional help was sought. A survey of the Wing Executive and the Wing Membership was carried out and then the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to survival were presented. From that, a clear blueprint was created and delivered and, by November 2012, the Wing was presented with a simple message: "Change or Die!"

Change began with the formation of five Executive Sub-Committees: Building, Financial, Membership, Public Relations/Communications and Entertainment. From data collected and by a request to the Wing membership, a list of suggestions and actions was created for each sub-committee. In addition, individuals who were already involved in some Wing programs were encouraged to continue and to expand their activities.

Since the beginning of this year, the following positive changes have occurred. We have reached out into the local community by taking membership in two organizations: PILLAR and the Argyle Business Improvement Association. The PILLAR non-profit network provides support to other non-profit groups to help them achieve their goals by promoting volunteerism, professional development, networking opportunities and information sharing. Through PILLAR, the Wing has obtained the services of a young couple recently arrived from Columbia who now help in several ways with general duties, as well as doing computer projects at home; along with them are two young women who are welcome additions to our kitchen staff as food service assistance volunteers. Also the Wing has partnered with the Argyle Seniors Advocacy Group to advertise Wing events and to promote the Wing facilities for rental. Some Wing Executive Members have attended the Argyle Group breakfasts and monthly meetings to meet several business owners operating in London's east end, and, some of their members have come out to enjoy our Friday lunches.

Speaking of Friday lunches, a greater variety of meals and delicious desserts are bringing many more

diners to the Wing, who find they are staying on after lunch as free movies and popcorn are becoming a regular feature. Many thanks to our generous members who continue to donate coffee, tea, meat, fruit and other foodstuffs that keep kitchen expenses down and profits higher. There also has been a welcome increase in entertainment events – yard sales, craft and bake sales, afternoon and evening dances with light suppers provided along with our well-attended chilli cook-off and the super 89<sup>th</sup> RCAF Anniversary celebration. Of course, we couldn't miss participating in the annual "Doors Open London" event in the fall. Also continuing are the Wednesday afternoon Euchre and Cribbage card games, darts and billiards and golf which will be starting again soon. Several members take advantage of our arrangement with the Royal London Military Institute to take part in their tours offering dinner and a musical event package at reasonable cost. We welcome any entertainment suggestions you might have that would help us to attract more members and guests.

If you haven't visited our website at [www.427wing.com](http://www.427wing.com) yet, you are in for a pleasant surprise. It has been revised, updated and soon will be made even more eye-catching in the near future. It will be designed to attract and hold peoples' attention with an appeal to both our retirees and to the wider community. Also you may have noticed the positive changes to our "Link" newsletter, which is being more widely distributed. We are also experimenting with free and low-cost advertising in some local tabloids and media. We need to do more to promote the Wing, such as the fact that three of our members were awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, that the Wing supports and/or co-supports no less than seven Air Cadet squadrons in and around the London area, that some of our members are deeply involved in helping the air cadets to rebuild and fly a 1947 Aeronca aircraft, that the Wing has been invited to take part in creating a new park at the airport entrance and will be contributing to improvements planned for the Veterans Memorial Parkway. When we look three to five years into the future, there is a proposal to convert part of the Wing building into an aviation museum which London sorely needs, given the significant history of civilian and military aviation our city has experienced. Our museum will be dedicated to the presentation and preservation of that history. To that end, some Wing members have begun the necessary research and are asking for donations of any items which are in keeping with the theme of aviation. It is a promising time for our 427 Wing.

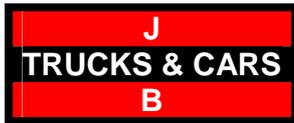
Finally, things are slowly improving financially as money trickles in from such initiatives as book sales, the "farewell to the penny" collection, sales of regalia and other aviation-related items at the Wing and at model aircraft shows in and around London, the addition of a credit/debit card machine for lunch tickets and bar sales, our first annual fundraising event to which members and guests have contributed liberally, the rentals and, of course, the annual membership fees. We have also begun the process of applying for grants for some projects that are still in the planning stages. But as our treasurer once described it, "the financial picture is just like an escalator – it goes up and down." With your help, "up" will be the only way it will go. Here's two small ways to help – buy a ticket to a Wing event even if you don't plan to go or just make a small donation from time to time. It's your Wing too!!

**Last Post:** It is with our deepest sympathy and condolences that we take this opportunity to inform you of the passing of:  
26 March, 2013 Arthur (Art) Parker



**Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.**

**The Happy Gang** – There is a need for a person to move kitchen pots on Thursdays (9:30 – 11:00) and Fridays (10:30 – 12:30.) Also, help is needed in the kitchen for Friday lunches from 10:30 to 1:00. This includes making coffee, setting up self-serve tables, serving lunches and clean up. No cooking or dishwashing required. For info or to volunteer, please look at the Happy Gang sign-up sheet at the entrance to the kitchen. Donated items such as coffee, tea, dessert, meat, fruit, vegetable, bread and cheese are always welcome to help make lunches a success.



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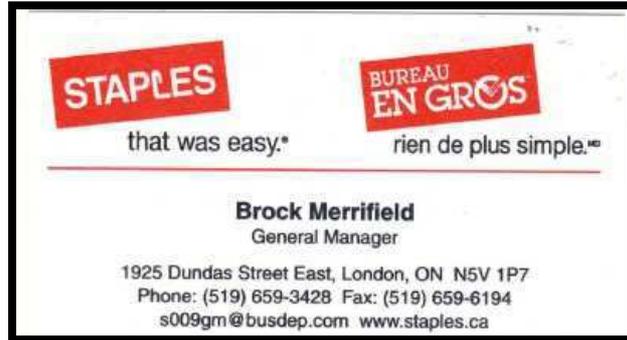
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### **Tokens from the Treasurer**, by Chuck Hardy, CD

Okay folks, you have all just won tickets to see the Blue Jays play baseball. If that got your attention, keep reading, because we need your attention to other urgent Wing matters.

We are pleased to report a profit for March 2013 of just under \$400.00. Many members may be unaware of the campaign to raise funds for several improvements at 427 (London) Wing. Please consider donating what you can. Elsewhere in this edition you will see the cost of membership dues. Please do not wait until June to renew. We depend on early renewals to make ends meet.

The 89<sup>th</sup> birthday of the RCAF was very successful with Flo and the Executive receiving compliments on the fine roast beef luncheon. After expenses, the Wing made close to \$850.00 profit. The next main event, at my time of writing this article, is the April 20<sup>th</sup> dinner, entertainment and games. Of course, this will have taken place by the time you are reading this edition of the London Link.

Expenses, which include water, sewer and hydro, continue to increase. Insurance is also going up by about \$30.00 a month in late April. Contributing to the need to raise membership dues was the AFAC need to increase the amount we must send them for Regular and Dual Memberships. You will see that we had to also raise Associate dues as well. If you are asking yourselves if renewing as an Associate is still a good option, the answer remains "Yes." More of your money goes into your local Wing when you take out an Associate membership.

In this issue, we would like to thank Judy Grunwald for her devoted service over the years in managing the web-site. Hilda and Frank Smeltzer get a big round of applause for looking after our wellness members so well. A nod also goes out to Lynda Holmes for her work on the entertainment committee. We appeal to members to help the Wing by volunteering on our Entertainment and/or our Wellness Committees. With Judy, Hilda and Frank gone, we have many spots to fill.



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**My Two Cents' Worth**, by London Link editor, Tammy Newman, CD

While I was in the Military, I was known as the "Recycle Nazi." This moniker seemed to follow me from location to location. All in all, this was certainly NOT a bad nickname and I was somewhat proud of it. What I tried, and still try, to do is educate others on our responsibility to use the three R's of the environment – reduce, reuse and recycle. I used to put a piece of cardboard that covered 90% of the garbage can and, on it, I wrote things like... if this is a pop can, use the blue bin that is just outside the door OR if this is the brown bag that your lunch came in, take it home and use it again tomorrow. I used to put tape over the light switches and, attached, was a note that said – do you really need to have this light on? My co-workers laughed at me BUT... they started doing what I suggested.

By throwing away food and drink cans, bottles, jars and much more instead of recycling them, we are running out of space. Don't buy things you don't need or items that come in wasteful packaging or cannot be recycled. Follow the three R's whenever you can.

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**Never Mess with a Ranger** – A battalion of marines were on a beach doing a workout when the CO of the battalion looked up and saw a lone army ranger standing at attention at the top of a hill. The CO was curious so he sent a marine up to see what was going on. As the marine approached, the ranger sprinted into the woods and the marine followed. Yelling and screaming could be heard coming from the woods; seconds later, the Ranger stepped out and stood back at attention. The CO was still curious so he sent a squad up to investigate. The ranger ran into the woods and, after some yelling and screaming, came back out and stood at attention again. Now the CO was angry so he sent an entire Platoon up to the top of the hill. The ranger ran into the woods. He emerged moments later after some more yelling and screaming, with no sign of the marines anywhere. The CO had had enough; he sent the entire battalion of marines charging up the hill. The ranger ran into the woods. More yelling and screaming and this time some gunfire. Finally a terribly wounded marine crawled out of the woods and reported back to the CO. The CO asked "Do you mean to tell me that one ranger destroyed an entire battalion of marines?" The reply... "No Sir, it was a trick, there were two of them."

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**The Times, They are a' Changing**, in part by 447 (Hamilton) Wing Drift editor, Ron Carr and 427 (London) Wing's Sam Newman, CD

As you all know, our Wing is struggling financially and it is a serious situation. There is good reason to be concerned that we may not survive. If it were not for the efforts of a very small handful of dedicated individuals, we might not have lasted as long as we have. Due to the efforts of our Wing Executive Committee, as well as their diligence and passion, the Wing is pretty well maintained. Finances are managed tightly and every effort is made to increase revenue and control our expenses.

My hat is off to all the members for electing responsible and dedicated people to their positions. While our events, entertainment and fundraising don't take place as often as we would like, we are JUST getting by. Of course, this is not our main problem.

What we don't have and desperately need is sufficient support from our membership in terms of participation and commitment. We have members on our rolls that have not had a meal, purchased a drink or attended a fundraising event in months or maybe years! We have members who haven't been in the Wing for a long, long, time. Our General Meetings are garnering half dozen members, at most, over the number of Executive Committee members in attendance. With almost two hundred members listed, this lack of interest and support is slowly killing us.

Nobody expects, in these times, to get something for nothing. While always welcomed, we rarely solicit donations, but rather strive to offer value which members will happily support by buying a meal or a drink, bringing friends for a visit and encouraging others to join or visit.

Without the patrons, we can't offer more entertainment on a regular basis. The girls in the kitchen offer excellent food in a clean and friendly environment. We offer bright, spacious premises, with the finest and incomparable ambience in the city, for clubs and social gatherings. All we ask is for you to meet us halfway and come to the Wing! Attend the monthly meetings and help us to make them more relevant and meaningful. Afterwards, stick around for awhile and enjoy conversation, a drink or a free movie. Consider letting your name stand for one of the nominations or simply offer your time occasionally to help with our events. Try and visit the Wing a couple of times a month. It is, after all, YOUR club. Better participate and support it OR risk losing it and watch it close!



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**Edward Vernon Rickenbacker** (October 8, 1890 – July 23, 1973) was an American fighter ace in WW1 and Medal of Honour recipient. With twenty-six aerial victories, he was America's most successful fighter ace in the war. He was also a race car driver and automotive designer, a government consultant in military matters and a pioneer in air transportation, particularly as the long-time head of Eastern Air Lines.

**Early Life** – He was born Edward Rickenbacher (without a middle name) in Columbus, Ohio to German-speaking Swiss immigrants. From childhood, he loved machines and experimented with them, encouraged by his father's words: "A machine has to have a purpose." In what was to become one of the defining characteristics of Rickenbacker's life, he nearly died many times in events ranging from an early run-in with a horse-drawn carriage to a botched tonsillectomy to airplane crashes. His first near death experience occurred when he was in the "Horsehead Gang." He lived near a mine and they decided to ride a cart down the slope. It tipped over and almost crushed them.

According to Rickenbacker's autobiography, his schooling ended in grade seven after the accidental death of his father on August 26, 1904. However, according to "Eddie Rickenbacker: An American Hero in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" by W. David Lewis, his father died after an altercation with another man in Columbus. Rickenbacker found jobs to help support the family but, driven by an intense admiration for machines, Rickenbacker taught himself as much as he could and enrolled in a correspondence course in engineering. He aggressively pursued any chance of involvement with automobiles. Rickenbacker went to work at the Columbus Buggy Company, eventually becoming a salesman.

Rickenbacker became well known as a race car driver, competing in the Indianapolis 500 four times before WWI and earning the nickname "Fast Eddie." Rickenbacker joined the Maxwell Race Team in 1915 after leaving Peugeot. After the Maxwell team disbanded that same year, he joined the Prest-O-Lite team as manager and continued to race improved Maxwells for Prest-O-Lite. More to come in the next few issues!

**Telephone Etiquette** – Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new Colonel was sitting at his desk when an Airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the Colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the Airman to enter and then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, Sir." Feeling as though he had impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?" "Nothing important, Sir," the Airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your phone."

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**Annual Reviews**, by Sam Newman, CD, London Regional Director, ACLC/OPC

These dates are the tentatively scheduled dates for the upcoming Air Cadet Annual Reviews. 427 (London) Wing Members and guests are invited to attend any and all inspections. More information will be delivered as the time gets closer. At this early date, one can presume there may be some changes with this schedule along the way. Updates will be published accordingly.

- Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May – **614 Forest City Squadron** – at Diamond A/C Industries Inc – Reviewing Officer (RO) is RAdm Andrew Smith – Time: 1300
- Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May – **3 Striker Squadron, Strathroy** – at Gemini Centre in Strathroy – RO is Laurie Hayman, Chief of Police in Strathroy – Time: 1300
- Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June – **27 City of London Squadron** – at Carling Heights Optimist Club – RO and Time are to be announced (TBA)
- Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June – **741 Elgin Squadron, St Thomas** – at St Thomas Arena – RO is LCol Lawrence Hatfield – Time: 1300
- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June – **599 Marc Garneau Squadron** – at Gabriel Dumont H.S. – Time: 1900
- Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – **201 Dorchester Squadron** – at Dorchester Arena/CC – RO and Time: TBA
- Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – **862 Lambeth Squadron** – at Diamond A/C Industries Inc – RO is LCol MacMillan – Time: TBA



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**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. This money contributes toward fundraising for the Aeronca Chief rebuilding. For more information, 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 Project will continue for a number of years;
- The Air Cadet League of Canada has approved the sponsorship of this project to enhance skills in Aviation Technology and Maintenance;
- 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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### May and June Special Events

- **Talk** – Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Talk by Pablo Calcaterra on the subject of the Vulcan Bomber
- **Hockey** – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Maple Leaf 99'ers Hockey Game from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Pub Night** (funded by 201 Dorchester SSC) – Music, dancing and trivia on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Held at 427 (London) Wing. Tickets are \$10.00. For more info, email [hoopertam@yahoo.com](mailto:hoopertam@yahoo.com)
- **ASW– Air Show Weekend** – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June – 427 (London) Wing will be selling Regalia items at the [Great Lakes International Air Show](#) in St. Thomas.
- **Yard, Craft and Bake Sale** (to be held indoors at 427 (London) Wing)
  - Time: Saturday, 8 June, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Rental use of table to sell crafts: \$20.00, flat rate.
  - If you have items to donate for sale, please bring them to the Wing after the middle of May.
  - Donated baked goods would be appreciated and they, too, will be sold at the sale.
  - Any questions – contact Diana Cuthbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP at [tdcuthbert@rogers.com](mailto:tdcuthbert@rogers.com) or at 519-455-1126
- **Decoration Sunday** – June 9<sup>th</sup> – We will be visiting the war graves. Details to follow.

May 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Cards	<b>2</b> WT	<b>3</b> Lunch Talk	<b>4</b> LVRC
<b>5</b> 201 Hockey	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RAA	<b>8</b> Cards BCC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lunch WEC Pub	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> MAC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> RC	<b>17</b> Lunch	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Lunch WD AGM	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> FO	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Lunch FM	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>

June 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> RAA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> WT	<b>7</b> Lunch WEC	<b>8</b> Yard Sale
<b>9</b> Decoration Sunday	<b>10</b> 201	<b>11</b> MAC	<b>12</b> BCC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Lunch FM	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> FO Golf Tourney	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Lunch FM	<b>22</b> LFC Reunion
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> WD BBQ ASW	<b>29 + 30</b> ASW

- **BBQ** – last lunch before summer break
- **BCC** – British Car Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **FM** – Friday movies after lunch
- **FO** – Fanshawe Optimist's Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **LFC** – London Flying Club Reunion from 10:30 to 3:30, \$12 per person, includes cost of lunch
- **LVRC** – London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **MAC** – Model Aircraft Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **RAA** – Recreational Aircraft Association meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **RC** – Retired Commissionaires, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Tuesdays – Golf** – Starting at 9:00 a.m. at Crumlin Creek Golf Course on Crumlin Side Road. If you are interested, come out and join us or leave a message at 427 Wing. Green fees – \$10.00 plus HST; Power Cart – \$10.00 plus HST; Pull Carts are available.
- **WT** – Wood Turners meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **201** – Rental by 201 Squadron, Dorchester, SSC
- **Future event notice:** Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Battle of Britain Dinner

**Heritage and History**, by David Smith

From April to September this year, there will be engine run-ups done on the Lancaster bomber that is located at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, Alberta, one hour south of Calgary along Highway #2. A West Jet plane leaves London International Airport at 0700 most mornings destined for Calgary, so it is possible to be in Nanton by noon. Another point of interest two hours further on the route is Waterton Lakes National Park, tucked away in the south-western corner of AB.

- For more info: [www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/event\\_merlinrunups.html](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/event_merlinrunups.html)
- For Bomber Command newsletters: [www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/newsletters/current.pdf](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/newsletters/current.pdf)
- For Waterton Park information: <http://www.watertonpark.com/>

Date	Time	Special Event, if any
* Engine run-ups are subject to the aircraft being serviceable and other factors. *		
* Please confirm by visiting the website immediately prior to the date. *		
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dams Raid
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dams Raid
Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 a.m.	
Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 p.m.	
Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	
Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	
Monday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Nanton Parade Day
Saturday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Salute to the Royal Canadian Legion
Saturday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 p.m.	Salute to the Royal Canadian Legion
Saturday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Last Engine Run of the Year
Saturday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Last Engine Run of the Year



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**Membership Update**, by Cathy Newman

I'm sorry to inform you that there has been a change in the Dues for 2013/2014. We have been forced by economics and the increase of dues at National level to increase our yearly rate. The Regular dues are now \$75.00, an increase of \$10.00 and the Associate dues are now \$55.00, an increase of \$10.00. Dual dues are now \$135.00, where spouses are each entitled to Regular Membership. This is an increase of \$30.00. In the last increase by the AFAC Association, 427 Wing absorbed the increase to the Dual members. As we all know, Wing expenses continue to climb. As a result, it is necessary to increase the dues for all categories of members. We encourage members to renew their memberships as soon as possible and not wait until June. This helps your Wing stay open. Please make cheques payable to:

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Payments can be made in cash at the Friday lunches (until June 21<sup>st</sup>) or on Wednesday afternoons (until May 8<sup>th</sup>.) Another option is to pay using the new debit / credit card terminal in person or by

phoning the Wing at (519) 455-0430 and providing your card details. If you wish more information regarding the increase, please feel free to contact me by email or phone (details on page two.)



If you are receiving a pension as a result of your employment with the Federal government – military, RCMP or public service – the FSNA has something for you. Call 519-439-3762 or visit our website at [www.fsnalondon.com](http://www.fsnalondon.com) It's that easy.

### **Rules of Dating a Drill Instructor's Daughter**

**Rule One:** If you pull into my driveway and honk you'd better be delivering a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.

**Rule Two:** You do not touch my daughter in front of me. You may glance at her, so long as you do not peer at anything below her neck. If you cannot keep your eyes or hands off of my daughter's body, I will remove them.

**Rule Three:** I am aware that it is considered fashionable for boys of your age to wear their trousers so loosely that they appear to be falling off their hips. Please don't take this as an insult, but you and all of your friends are complete idiots. Still, I want to be fair and open minded about this issue, so I propose this compromise: You may come to the door with your underwear showing and your pants ten sizes too big, and I will not object. However, in order to ensure that your clothes do not, in fact, come off during the course of your date with my daughter, I will take my electric nail gun and fasten your trousers securely in place to your waist.

**Rule Four:** I'm sure you've been told that in today's world, sex without utilizing a "barrier method" of some kind can kill you. Let me elaborate, when it comes to sex, I am the barrier, and I will kill you.

**Rule Five:** It is usually understood that in order for us to get to know each other, we should talk about sports, politics and other issues of the day. Please do not do this. The only information I require from you is an indication of when you expect to have my daughter safely back at my house and the only word I need from you on this subject is "early."

**Rule Six:** I have no doubt you are a popular fellow, with many opportunities to date other girls. This is fine with me as long as it is okay with my daughter. Otherwise, once you have gone out with my little girl, you will continue to date no one but her until she is finished with you. If you make her cry, I will make you cry.

**Rule Seven:** As you stand in my front hallway, waiting for my daughter to appear, and more than an hour goes by, do not sigh and fidget. If you want to be on time for the movie, you should not be dating. My daughter is putting on her make-up, a process that can take longer than painting the Golden Gate Bridge. Instead of just standing there, why don't you do something useful, like changing the oil in my car?

**Rule Eight:** The following places are not appropriate for a date with my daughter: Places where there are beds, sofas or anything softer than a wooden stool. Places where there are no parents, policemen or nuns within eyesight. Places where there is darkness. Places where there is dancing, holding hands or happiness. Places where the ambient temperature is warm enough to induce my daughter to wear shorts, tank tops, midriff T-shirts or anything other than overalls, a sweater and a goose down parka – zipped up to her throat. Movies with a strong romantic or sexual theme are to be avoided; movies that feature chain saws are okay. Hockey games are okay. Old folk's homes are better.

**Rule Nine:** Do not lie to me. On issues relating to my daughter, I am the all-knowing, merciless god of your universe. If I ask you where you are going and with whom, you have one chance to tell me the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I have a shotgun, a shovel and five acres behind the

house. Do not trifle with me.

**Rule Ten:** Be afraid. Be very afraid. It takes very little for me to mistake the sound of your car in the driveway for a chopper coming in over a rice paddy near Hanoi. When my Agent Orange starts acting up, the voices in my head frequently tell me to clean the guns as I wait for you to bring my daughter home. As soon as you pull into the driveway, you should exit your car with both hands in plain sight. Speak the perimeter password, announce in a clear voice that you have brought my daughter home safely and early and then return to your car – there is no need for you to come inside. The camouflaged face at the window is mine.



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**Diana's Details**, by Diana Cuthbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

We are saying good-bye to Lynda who was head of the Entertainment Committee. We all want to thank her for her hard work on the Chilli Cook-Off and on the RCAF 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch, as well as setting up the April 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling. Well done, Lynda.

In May we are holding a Candlelight Service in honour of LAC Spooner on or near the anniversary of his death on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1943. We are in the midst of setting up the exact day.

There will be a Golf Tournament on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. It will be a nine-hole fun tournament for Members, other Wings and friends. It will start at 10:00 a.m. at the Golfland course just south of the Wing. A BBQ will follow at the Wing with prizes. Since the golf course is just getting up and running at the time of this printing, we haven't nailed down the cost yet. Nine holes cost \$11.75, plus \$5 if you want a cart (plus HST). Subject to change, golf, a BBQ and prizes will be roughly \$28 per person. If you want to just come for the BBQ at 1:00 p.m. it will be \$10.

**Speaking the Same Language** – The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building." The Army will post guards around the place. The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors. The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters. The Air Force will take out a five-year lease with an option to buy.

**Aircraft Bombing** – "To throw bombs from an airplane will do as much damage as throwing bags of flour. It will be my pleasure to stand on the bridge of any ship while it is attacked by airplanes." – Newton Baker, US Minister of Defence (1921)

**Morse Code** – "He must have lost his mind if he believes in this idea himself!" – said by Senator Oliver Hampton Smith, (1842) after having seen a demonstration of Morse's new invention.

**Orville Wright** – "No flying machine will ever fly from New York to Paris!"