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Wing member Pete Schussler with the Quilt of Valour over his shoulder. The other photo is the quilt displaying some of the pattern. Pete was an Honored Veteran at the Veterans Classic last Friday. He was one of four Honored Veterans to receive this Quilt at the event.



Veterans Classic cadet colour parade, October 19, 2018

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- 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

This link I would like to draw your attention to several items.

This year's Remembrance Day, a week from this Thursday, is special in that it is the 100th anniversary since the armistice was declared at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918. Although the 427 Wing is not marching as a unit in the parade, it would be nice to have as many members as possible attend the service at the new Cenotaph in Victoria Park across from City Hall. Attendance at this event provides us with an opportunity to fulfill the promise that was made to those who served that we would remember them. We can then gather at Centennial Hall afterwards for a coffee and some snacks.

Friday November 23rd is our annual Christmas Lunch and I look forward to having an excellent turn-out for fellowship, good food, and an early start to this year's holiday season.

Following the lunch on the 23rd is a general meeting of the Wing. These meetings are important in that your executive has an opportunity to present their plans for the organization and to answer any questions you may have about those plans.

As I mentioned in my last remarks, we have entered a period in our history when we need to make some rather large decisions regarding the future of our Wing Association. Your opinions matter a great deal but we won't know what they are unless you are there to express them. If at all possible please make an effort to attend after the lunch.

– Barry Sandler, President



Notes from the Secretary:

Hello to all of our Wing members!

As of October 1, 2018, Chuck Hardy has turned all the duties and responsibilities of Wing Secretary over to me. My name is Charlene O'Donnell, and now I am very happy to be a new member of 427 (London) Wing, and eager and willing to learn all that I can about the organization and the duties of the secretary.

Although I have limited experience as a secretary, I have served in the past as treasurer, quilt show chairperson and on the program committee for the London Friendship Quilters Guild - a group I have been a member of for almost 20 years. I am retired from The Bank of Nova Scotia where I worked in various positions during my 29 year career. Most recently, I spent the summer working in the General Store gift shop at the Fanshawe Pioneer Village. I like to keep busy and enjoy learning new things.

I hope I can adequately take Chuck's place as secretary. Please contact me if you have any questions or requests and I will do my best to help you.

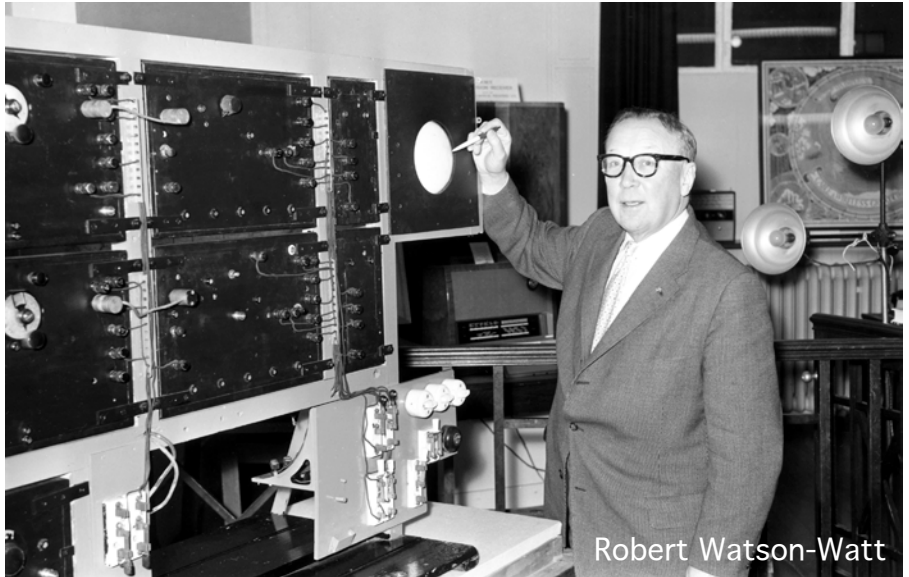
On another note I would like to remind all that November 23rd is the annual Christmas dinner and General Meeting. I look forward to meeting everyone at that time.

– Charlene O'Donnell

Per Ardua by Reg Lownie

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

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



The second day of the Battle of Britain, August 14, 1940, found RAF Flight Lieutenant J. R. Nicholson from No. 249 Squadron, patrolling the skies over south-west England when his Hurricane was attacked by a German ME109. Nicholson's aircraft caught fire yet he managed to shoot his attacker down.

With his aircraft aflame, terrible burns all over his body and hands burned to the controls, he managed to wrench himself free and bale out. As a second ME109 closed in on the helpless Nicholson, he had the presence of mind to go limp, pretending he was dead, and he survived. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, the only one to be awarded to a pilot during the Battle of Britain.

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

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

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



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Famous Runway Model on Display at Wing

427 (London) Wing will shortly be the proud owner of a restored model of a Sopwith F-1, more popularly known as the Sopwith Camel, the most famous British bi-wing aircraft of World War One.

The model was donated to the Wing after it had suffered some serious damage that required restoration before it would be acceptable for display. Some RCAF Association members from other Wings who had learned of the damage stepped up to offer help. This group frequently works on model aircraft as their hobby and interest. They include members from 429 (Georgina) Wing in Orillia, 441 (Barrie) Wing, and three members who do volunteer restoration work with the National Air Force Museum in Trenton.

The bulk of the restoration took place at the Edenvale Airport, west of Barrie, and the restoration crew was headed up by Ted Russell, now residing in Perth. More than two years work has gone into the project. Our 427 (London) Wing members who have been involved include our interim museum curator Howard Johnston, Sam Newman and Rene McKinnon.

Amazingly, the costs of the project amounted to little more than \$522.06, which will cover most of the purchase of wood, glue, paint, fabric and decals, and these costs have been covered by a donation from a 427 Wing member, who wishes to remain anonymous. More than 225 hours of labour have been donated by the volunteers. To show our gratitude the Wing has invited these gentlemen to join us as our guests at a Friday lunch, tentatively set for **Friday, November 16th**. The Sopwith Camel is scheduled to arrive on the previous day and will be uncrated and hung from the ceiling of the Ballroom for display.

On Friday, our members will have the opportunity to mingle with and speak to all those involved in the restoration, and to show our deep appreciation to our new friends for their efforts on our behalf.

Call to Duty by Reg Lownie

Several years ago, a wooden propeller was donated to the Wing, one of thousands manufactured and fitted onto Anson aircraft back in 1939-1944. The Anson was used for pilot training here at RCAF Station London, under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP). These Anson-trained pilots later flew in the Battle of Britain and in the war against Nazi Germany, so our propeller became a valid symbol of the struggle for freedom, and a welcome and fitting addition to the Wing's Museum.

Until a few years ago, the Museum had only a few artifacts, such as the propeller, a transmitter from the London Control Tower, and a radio receiver from a Lancaster bomber. There was no space or place to exhibit our large and heavy propeller. In fact, it had to be stored at the back of the stage in the Ballroom, waiting for our Museum to find space to display it.

Unfortunately, that day may never come. Last September 28th, at a Wing General Meeting (GM) attended by only 18 out of a possible 148 members, a motion was made and passed to sell the propeller for \$1200 to a bar/restaurant owner in downtown London. It was a very rushed decision, as no effort had been made to find other buyers, and nobody had checked to see what the value of a propeller like this, in mint condition, could be worth. After a little research, it turned out that this propeller certainly could be worth much more than the price that was offered.

In addition, there were objections raised that the propeller was of greater value to the Wing Museum because of its connection to the events of 1939-1944 at RCAF Station London, the BCATP, the Battle of Britain, the Ansons that flew from this airport – including the one that carried LAC Spooner to his heroic death, and even the relationship between 420 Squadron, the "Snowy Owl" squadron adopted by city of London, Ontario in 1943.

Several Wing members are attempting to stop the sale of the propeller. They asked and the Wing Executive Committee agreed that a motion to rescind (revoke) the original motion would be presented at the next GM on Friday, November 23. If the motion to rescind is approved by 2/3 of the members present, then it will be followed by a second vote to determine the fate of this valuable propeller. The General Meeting on November 23 is important. Make it your duty to attend.

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NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Joanne Banyard, Paul Hart, Al Horton, Brad Keeler, Mike Meade,
Jack Pettit, Al Szawara and Marilyn Turner.



DECEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Pat Clarke, Len Fallowfield, Larry Fox, John Funston, Peter Garland, Howard Johnston,
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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.
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Woodturners Turn Out Tops for Tots by *Reg Lownie*

This Christmas, the gifts provided by the Thames Valley Woodturners Guild to the Children's Health Foundation will be bringing many happy moments to many young patients at the London Health Sciences Centre, and beyond.

The Guild members, who hold monthly meetings at the 427 Wing building, responded to their "President's Summer Turning Challenge" over the past summer months, to create 230 wooden spinning tops that were then presented to the Children's Health Foundation in mid-October. The Health Foundation will pass the tops to the Children's Hospital and to the Thames Valley Children's Centre.

The Foundation has very strict guidelines for the kinds of toys that are acceptable for young children, and gave their approval for the child-proof toys prior to the two month project. For the project, the Guild set the following guidelines: one piece; minimum 1.75" diameter; no sharp points or edges; sanded to 400 grit; coloured with water-based markers only; no finish except for carnauba wax; and to avoid wood from nut-producing trees.

From their website at: <http://www.thamesvalleywoodturners.com>, you get a good idea of how interesting and widespread woodturning has become. The Thames Valley Woodturners Guild is associated with more than eleven similar groups, including woodturners in Ontario and several other provinces across Canada, and throughout the United States with the American Association of Woodturners.

Here in London, the monthly meetings that have taken place for more than twenty years, include demonstrations that are both instructional and interactive with the audience. On their website you can find photos of many kinds of beautiful wooden objects, some of which are for sale by their creators, or you can attend the all day sessions where the Guild plays host to a professional woodturner. Contact the Guild through their website or meet individual woodturners and view their exhibits at woodshows which are advertised in the Guild newsletter.



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Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Pension cheques: December 21

2019 Payment Dates to be reported

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Phone number is (519) 452-1379.

If you enjoy playing card games such as euchre, you and or your friends will want to come out to the Wing on Tuesday afternoons at 1:15 for 8 games for only \$2.00. Coffee and a snack are donated each week. Don't miss out on the best peanut butter cookies in London, caringly baked by Bernice.

You will see elsewhere in this edition of the Link details on the annual Christmas luncheon being held this year on Friday November 23rd. Reserve your ticket early.

The Link is once again posted on the Wing website. Please check it out.

Enjoy the festive season everyone,

Chuck



We are saddened to announce that member Doug Kerr passed away on October 22, 2018. He and his wife Grace enjoyed Friday lunches and other Wing events. Members may wish to make a donation in memory of Doug to a charity of their choice.

Chuck Hardy, Membership Chairperson

New ID card coming to Veterans

A new Identification Card (ID) for Canadian veterans was proclaimed recently in a joint announcement by the Ministers of Defence and Veterans Affairs. The new ID card for Canadian veterans will replace the discontinued Service Record Card and allow them to be recognized for the service they have given.

All Canadian Armed Forces members who completed basic training and were honourably released are eligible to receive the card. Beginning in December, veterans released between April 1, 2016 and September 2018 can apply for the card. Next summer, all eligible veterans released before February 2016 can apply for a card. The old Record of Service Card was only available to veterans with 10 years or more of service and was discontinued in 2016.

In their joint announcement, Veterans Affairs Minister Seamus O'Regan and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said the government was delivering on a 2012 recommendation made by the Veterans Ombudsman Guy Parent.

The new card carries the veteran's name, picture, military Service Number, rank upon release from the military, record of service dates and the labeling "NDI 75" and "VETERAN." It also has a Canadian Armed Forces banner. Previous Certificate of Service cards also added any decorations, notice of honourable release, birth date, weight and height, colour of hair and eyes, and date of issue.

O'Regan said over the next year the government will challenge the private sector to see what benefit they can offer to veterans, now that there is a uniform ID card. The government hasn't yet established partnerships with private companies to ensure benefits for card-holding veterans. But in the United States, for example, cell phone companies offer discounts for veterans.

"The Veteran's Service Card is more than just a piece of plastic in your wallet. It is a tangible recognition of your service, service to this country, and a true connection to the Canadian Armed Forces community years after you have hung up your uniform," Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said.

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A bouncing bomb at Nanton, Alberta

By John Chalmers

“We have the only Lancaster in the world equipped with a bouncing bomb!” said Dan Fox, vice-president of the Nanton Lancaster Society, which operates the Bomber Command Museum of Canada, at Nanton, Alberta.

Mr. Fox was referring to the museum’s replica bouncing bomb, or “Upkeep” as the original was called—the type carried by Lancaster bombers of RAF 617 Squadron in the famous Dambusters raids of May 1943. The special bombs were spun backwards before being dropped at very low level. They then bounced across the water and sank against the wall of the dams that were attacked in Germany’s Ruhr Valley on May 16-17, 1943. Once they had settled to a specific depth, they exploded against the dam walls.

Designed by museum volunteer and board member, Ben Schwartz, the bomb was built by Tecumseh Industries Ltd. in the nearby town of High River, Alberta. Weighing 960 pounds (435 kilograms), the bomb was built for the museum’s commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Dambusters raid. The cost of the bomb was supported by Shere Fraser and her mother, - Doris Fraser, the widow of Canadian bomb aimer Flight Sergeant John Fraser, who flew with 617 Squadron in the Dambusters raid. His aircraft was shot down, but Flight Sergeant Fraser was able to bail out and was captured as a prisoner of war.



On August 24-25, 2018, at the Bomber Command Museum, special events were held to honour the Canadians who flew with the Royal Air Force on the famous bombing raid. Of 133 air crew members who served in the Dambusters raid, 30 were Canadians. And of the 53 airmen killed in action in the raid, 14 were Canadians in the RCAF.

The museum’s Lancaster, FM159, known as the Bazalgette Lancaster, honours Squadron Leader Ian Bazalgette of Calgary, Alberta. He was Calgary’s only recipient of the Victoria Cross in the Second World War. He received the award posthumously, as he was killed in action as a pilot of a Lancaster. However, during 2018, the museum’s Lancaster bears the markings of AJ-M, one of 617 Squadron’s Lancasters on which Canadians flew in “Operation Chastise” to attack the river dams.

In attendance over the weekend were 40 members of 15 families of RCAF aircrew who flew with 617 Squadron. Among them were 14 members of the family of the late Air Commodore Johnny Fauquier who took a reduction in rank to Group Captain to carry out operations and serve as commanding officer of 617 Squadron after the Dambusters raid. Air Commodore Fauquier flew at least 93 combat missions, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three times received the Distinguished Service Order.

A highlight of special events at the museum is always a daytime and night run-up of the Lancaster’s four Merlin V-12 engines. This year, just as was done 75 years ago, the mighty Lancaster had a unique bouncing bomb spinning beneath its belly. With the “Upkeep” bouncing bomb in place, the Lancaster of the Bomber Command Museum of Canada brought to mind the night bombing runs of Canadians during the Second World War.

John Chalmers is historian for Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame and membership secretary for the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. Read more at <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca>

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11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	13 EUCHRE 1:15 MAC	14 BCC	15 FLAG MEETING	16 LUNCH Ticket cut off for Xmas Lunch	17
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December 2018						
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WING CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 15 – 31

January 01: Levee January 11: WEC, First Friday Lunch for 2019

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