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RCAF 100th Anniversary Luncheon
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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.

THE LONDON LINK - PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Six editions each year beginning with the Jul/Aug edition.

Articles of interest to all readers including items about all components of the military both of a historic and more recent nature; articles written by Air Cadets of all Squadrons; regular Board articles; items from all readers as space allows.

To promote the Wing to the wider and diverse population with the aim of attracting new members and/or seeking volunteers who may not wish to join as members.

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD REPORT

Welcome to Spring at the 427 (London) Wing.

The profile of the Wing continues to rise with our very successful 100th Anniversary luncheon on Friday April 5th. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Our Membership has grown now to over 150 members. Our rental for outside events has increased. The new 7 days per week 427 Wing Cafe is working well with Tom and Angelo as well as our Wing Manager Joe DiPietro. The gardens and the Spooner walkway are rejuvenated. We continue to look for assistance in writing successful grant applications. The latest is CHIP and is aimed towards completing the 427 Wing as a Museum.

The Board of Directors meetings have been moved to Saturday mornings at 11am for the summer – next on May 11th. General Meetings are now set for Friday evenings in order to foster greater attendance – next on May 24th. Lunches continue every Friday at 11:30am. Several of us will be attending the Ontario AGM in Trenton on the May long weekend. We will report back to members on May 24th. We have several events, including the successful Airport Open House on April 25th and the following:

Frank, Rene, and Sam will be present with a display at the JAM open house on May 4th.

May 2nd Airport Board meeting.

May 28th Elevate Aviation – about 50 people, 36 students plus volunteers. Wing member Tammy Newman will be one of the 4 speakers during this event. May 25th “Join the Club” at London Public Library. Lee attending representing LARC and 427 Wing.

June 7th Women in Aviation – Laura Briscoe - more to come.

June 8th 614 Air Cadet Squadron annual parade will be catered by the 427 Wing Café. Steve and Frank to attend Clinton Radar event June 8th. Joint event - Airport, SORM, JAM and 427 Wing at the Wing

June 18 Event with RCAF Colonel (retired) Jackie Book, former RCAF Pilot (4 tours in Afghanistan) as Speaker. June 22/23 LARC Field Day.

Please attend as many of these as possible to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

In closing I would like to salute, and thank Chuck Hardy for his 17 years of service to the 427 Wing and his many contributions in several capacities to the Board of Directors.

Jim Donnelly



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January 27, February 24, March 29, April 26, May 29, June 28, July 27, August 29, September 27,
October 27, November 28, December 20, 2024

GST / HST CREDIT: January 5, April 5, July 5, October 4

ONTARIO TRILLIUM: The 10th every month, except November which will be on November 8.,

VETERAN DISABILITY CREDIT: January 30, February 28, March 27, April 29, May 30, June 27, July 30,
August 29, September 26, October 30, November 28, December 23

CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Ontario Group of the RCAF Association to be held in Trenton, Ontario from the 17 to 19th of May 2024.

Dear Fellow Member, Like all non-profit associations, the Ontario Group of the RCAF Association looks forward to our general meeting. We do so, because we look forward to seeing you, our members. We write to you, to seek your active participation in shaping your association, as we move toward the 75th anniversary of the RCAF Association in 2025, while this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of Canada's Air Force. Participating in the affairs of your association is not difficult, nor does it require much of your time. Rather, all we ask is for you to be aware of what other members are thinking and for you to weigh in with your ideas, where you feel the need. We are a diverse organisation - not all of us have served in the air force, for example. Some of our members devote themselves toward important community supporting activities. Others also give of themselves to help local cadet squadrons, devoting countless hours, days, weeks, months and years to young Canadians who one day may pursue an aerospace career - civilian or military - for the betterment of Canada. And, still others contribute a great deal to our efforts to advocate in support of their country's air force.

Our General Meeting this year takes place in Trenton, Ontario. Events will be held at 413 (Air Force City) Wing, Trenton. 230 North Murray Street, Trenton On. We are pleased to confirm the support of a group of dedicated volunteers from the local RCAF Association 413 Wing, Trenton will be ready to host the province. The Ramada by Wyndham Trenton will be the host hotel, with all major activities happening at 413 Wing. The Ramada is just minutes from 413 Wing and the 401.

When considering the decision to join us in Trenton, please keep in mind the need to elect one or more members of the Group Board of Directors. Electing fellow members to their association's board is perhaps the single most important decision or vote bestowed upon members like you. Members of the RCAF Association may nominate and elect any other member who agrees to the nomination; any member of the RCAF Association may step forward on their own, in the absence of a nomination. We have room for nine elected board members, and an additional three appointees. Currently, there are at least 4 vacancies on the board of directors. Thank you for considering joining us in Trenton.

Please Note: **1.** Only Regular members in good standing qualify as delegates. Wing Presidents, certain Group executive members, and past presidents constitute Accredited Delegates. All other Regular members in good standing, unless acting as proxy, constitute Fraternal delegates.

Members-at-Large are Regular members. Only Regular members may vote at the General Meeting. Regular members affiliated with a Wing are expected to vote

on General Meeting issues at a meeting of their Wing, before sending their delegate to vote on their behalf at the meeting of the Association. When it comes to Wings, Regular members leverage the Wing's charter as the voting trust, and the duly elected Wing's delegate(s) (1 delegate for every 50 members or part thereof), most often the President, is the trustee in question, for the purposes of conveying the majority opinion of the Wing's members at the appropriate time at the general meeting.

2. Members and delegates are not obligated to attend all events. The Opening Ceremonies and Chairs dinner on Friday night and the Gala Banquet on Saturday night The banquet on Saturday night are included in your registration. Anyone, especially Accredited delegates, wishing to attend the Business Sessions is/are required to pay the participation fee, which covers breakfast, mid-morning coffee break, lunch and mid-afternoon coffee break.

3. Registration fees must be paid in advance. We cannot accept any registrations or amendments after May 1st, 2024. Payments will not be accepted at the door. All costs are per person. Registrants must use separate registration forms. If you require an additional form, you may photocopy it locally, or print another form, by visiting: our 413 Wing Facebook page <https://www.413wing.com>

4. Wings unable to send a delegate are encouraged to employ a proxy form (to be found on the 413 web and facebook pages), and have their Regional Vice-president, other regional president and/or Group President carry their proxy to the meeting, on behalf of their Wing members. We will be celebrating 100 years, but looking forward to the future. Come join the celebration of Wing's and Our Group, the RCAF and the wonderful work we do! We hope to see you all on May 17th, 2024 in May!

Judy Rorabeck, Chair
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2024 AGM Committee



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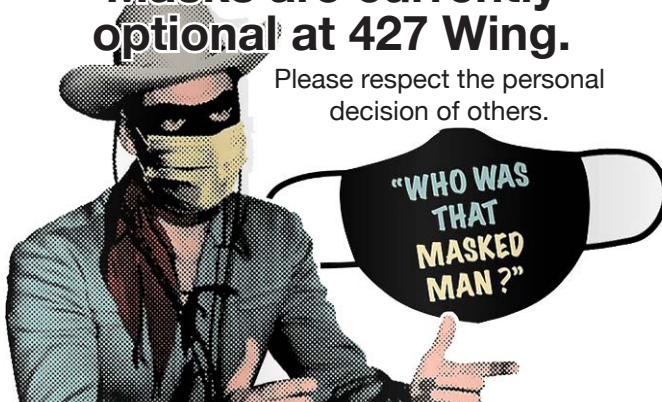
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"WHO WAS THAT MASKED MAN?"

RCAF 100th Anniversary Luncheon Speech by Sam Newman

Good afternoon and Welcome to All in attendance!

I realize that not all of you are Members of this AIR FORCE Wing or veterans of the Royal Canadian Air Force or even Canadian Military Veterans. I'm sure, though, that you can imagine the satisfaction for those that do frequent 427 (London) Wing to see so many supporters for the RCAF Association world out here. Thank you all for helping us celebrate this significant occasion, the Centennial of the RCAF.

100 years is a long time! The RCAF has indeed had its share of excitement over all these years. At one time right after the war, Canada had the 3rd largest AIR FORCE in the world. And OH YES, the 4th largest NAVY. Many of those surviving the pains of war returned home having developed life-long friendships. For many, they needed the continued support of their comrades. That's why, in the space of a few years, our Association was formed and why it quickly became popular, right across the country. Our own building, here in London, was a former Men's Dry Canteen building. It first served the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) students of 1939.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME since the early 1920s, when the RCAF first took its baby steps. It's also been a LONG HAUL for those associated with our Air Force since then as well. Now, in 2024, we stand at a serious and reflective point of our Air Force history. Current and emerging threats clearly showcase the changing character of conflict. Enemy engagement from the world over is today's reality. Regrettably, our adversaries are seizing the initiative in all domains. In this environment, we do not have the luxury of operating the same way as we have done in the past. Our leaders recognize the fact that both our capacity and our capabilities are below where we want them to be. For the sake of our collective security and defense, we need a clear and achievable path forward. The strategies for our Air Force of the future will have to include modernization in all fields of our endeavors, introduction of new and up-to-the-moment technical equipment and upgrading and replacing of a considerable portion of our capabilities. RCAF families, over the years, have given exceptional dedication and unwavering support. It follows that, being a Veteran's Association, we are determined to support all these upcoming strategies. We, as members, must review and renew our commitment to value the people who will invest their lives in the RCAF.

I reach out to all our members of 427 (London) Wing, of the RCAF Association and pass along these words of hope and concern. Please do not take your membership in our Association, lightly. Together we must build up our RCAF that Canada will need to organize and operate an agile, integrated, and inclusive Air and Space Operation - one that can be relied upon to protect our country.

We'll all be asked to actively participate and financially support further improvements in both our Active Force and our Association in the days to come, during this exciting, chal-

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lenging, and critical chapter of the RCAF. We owe this to all Canadians; especially to our aspiring men and women who will take up the challenge. Do be sure you're ready and on board to support this Wing's efforts in the days to come.

HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVERYONE! Together, with all our support, our Air Force will succeed.





BIRTHDAY BRATS

MAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Harry Beukeboom, Greg Burnard, Joan Clark,
David Ledyit, Hazil Malone, Kevin McLeod,
Tom Pillon, David Ostler, Laura Briscoe, Liyuan Shi,
David Smith, Cathy Burgar and Grace Howell.

JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Nadine Abi Raad, Bob Biddle, John Bray, Mark Chivers,
Ruth Dahl, Mike Desjardins, P. Lloyd, Tammy Newman,
Sam Newman, Les Prosser, Terry Rushton,
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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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Membership Committee Report for March and April 2024

by Chuck Hardy, Cathy Newman and Terry Rushton

We welcome new members who joined the Wing since January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. They are: Joshua Austin, Glenn Avola, Amanda Baggaley, Bob Bidle, Doug Boshnick, John Bray, Laura Briscoe, Paul Brooks, Rick Brown, Cathy Burgar, Ross Burgar, Neil Casey, Mark Chivers, David Clementi, Tony Drawmer, Angelo Economopoulo, David Ferreira, Joree Forero, Nathan From, Tom Garavellos, Matt Geddes, Tom Hart, Rodney Harwood, Alison Headland, Maya Hirschman, Grace Howell, David Ledyit, Dave Lohse, Adam Lowes, Rob Marjerrison, John Mc Norgan, Dave Mills, David Ostler, John Paradis, Janet Pole, Veronica Solis-Oba, Corrif Van Amelsfort, Archie Van de Velde, and Doris Weir.

Total membership as of April 30, 2024, is 149. The goal is to reach 200 members by the end of 2024. Let us all put on our recruiting hats and help the Wing reach this aim and beyond.

If you move, change your email address, please let a member of the committee know, so that we can keep the records current.

Best regards to all readers of the London Link.

After 7 years of being the Membership Chairperson, I am stepping down as of June 30, 2024. Cathy Newman and Terry Rushton kept me focused on the many Membership tasks. Many thanks to you both. Having served as Secretary off and on also since 2007, I will resign that position on May 16, 2024.



It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with so many Wing members over the years. All the very best to every member of 427 (London) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

Sincerely, Chuck Hardy



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427 (London) Wing, RCAFA
MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING MARCH 22, 2024, At 1:00 pm
START TIME: 1:00 p.m.


Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jim Donnelly at 1:00 pm

No	Topic	Sponsor and Details	Action
1	Previous Minutes	Minutes of September 22, 2023. Moved by Secretary Chuck Hardy. Seconded by Mike Watts.	Carried
2	Financial Report	With Treasurer Scott Lyons away, Chuck Hardy reported that the current balance in the chequing account is \$5,300.00.	
3	Chairperson	<p>Jim Donnelly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Main points of recent Board meetings: Airport grant not approved. Seniors Community Grant due Mar 28th. Display at the Central Library. b. Wing Cafe increase in customers gives the Wing more exposure and revenue. c. Funding needs: ballroom floor, washroom renovations, cataloguing of artifacts and landscaping of grounds. d. Details on ongoing projects were provided. e. Upcoming: April 3rd students tour the Wing. Camera Club with Doris Weir participating. April 5th 100th Anniversary of the RCAF lunch – Prime Rib \$30.00 sign up in advance. April 7th BBQ and Open House. f. April 20th Play “Snapshot” in Shedden at 2:00 pm bus tour sign up. g. April 25th Airport Open House 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. h. May 4th JAM Open House with the Wing and SORM participation. i. May 17-19 Ontario Group AGM in Trenton. j. May 28th Elevate Aviation student for presentation. k. June 7th Girls in Aviation – Laura Briscoe. l. June 18th or 20th – Joint event with Airport, Wing, JAM and SORM. m. June 21 and 22 – LARC Field Days outside. n. A new membership category was discussed. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting. o. A trailer on the north side for storage was discussed. p. Speakers at lunches, trips to museums and Knights hockey tickets for the playoffs were other topics discussed. q. Wellness: get well cards sent and calls made by the Wellness Committee. Hilda spoke of the cost of parking at hospitals. It was decided that the Wing will pay parking fees. 	
	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Next Meeting & Adjournment</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Friday May 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Adjournment: Time: 1:55 pm</p> <p>Next Board Meeting Friday April 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm</p> <p>Attendance per sign in sheet.</p>	

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3 LUNCH	4 JAM- Radar - Wing event at JAM
5	6	7	8 BCC	9 WT	10 LUNCH Ian rental	11 BOD 11am
	13	14 MAC, REMN- OV11	15	16	17 LUNCH Ontario Group AGM	18 Ontario Group AGM
19 Ontario Group AGM	20 VICTORIA DAY	21	22	23	24 LUNCH General Meeting 7pm	25 BOD 11am
26	27	28 Elevate Aviation (students and speakers)	29	30	31 LUNCH Aviation Event at Airport	1 <small>© Calendar-12.com</small>

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 LUNCH Girls in Avia- tion	8 Ian rental Clinton Radar Event BOD 11 am
9	10	11 MAC, REMN- OV11	12 BBC	13 WT	14 LUNCH	15
	17	18 Joint event Wing, Air- port, SORM, JAM	19	20	21 LUNCH	22 LARC Field Day BOD 11 am
23 LARC Field Day	24	25	26	27	28 LUNCH	29
30	WING CAFE OPEN 7AM TO 7PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK Take out is available.					6 <small>© Calendar-12.com</small>

AGM: Annual General Meeting
 BCC: British Car Club
 GM: General Meeting
 LVRC: London Vintage Radio Club
 RAA: Recreational Aircraft Association

WD: The Women's Division
 LARC: London Amateur Radio Club
 DFC: Diamond Flight Centre
 WT: Woodturners