

# ***ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION***



***783 (CALGARY) WING***

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*As elected at the Annual General Meeting held June 28, 2012.*

*Non-elected positions are signified by prefix (eg. <sup>N</sup> Past Presidents Chair)*

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## WING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### President's Report

#### *May 28th Wing Meeting*

On April 25th, 1st Vice Dave Watson and myself carried the flags representing 783 Wing at the Anzac Parade. Thank you Dave for participating. A good crowd was on hand including his Honor Lt Governor Don Ethyll.

On May 3rd I represented 783 Wing at the opening of the 100th Anniversary Display for the Royal Flying Corp at the Museum. As well, the occasion also marked the 3rd anniversary of the Air Force Museum of Alberta. Congratulations to the museum members and executive for your dedication and commitment in preserving the History of our Air Force.

On May 11th and 12th the AB Group AGM took place at 784 Wing in Cold Lake. A special thank you to Dave Watson, Barb Mann and Brian Lewis for being the delegates, joining myself as Wing President and Anna Lewis as Membership Chair.

Amongst the report given, we heard from LCol Luc Sabourin who gave a very good report on very busy times at Cold Lake with all the activities going on around the world along with their normal training. We regret to say this was Luc's last report as he has been transferred to 17 Wing Winnipeg. A replacement has been named but it escapes me at this time.

A lunch was the yearly awards presentation which you will hear from later. Also during lunch Grant Whitson gave an outstanding report about the 100th Anniversary of the RFC, well done Grant.

Alberta group announced and supported the slate of Officers for the NEC; Terry Chester as President, Greg Spradbrow at 1st Vice, Alex Richards as 2nd Vice. For Alberta Group, the elected officers are; Robert Roe President, Robert Clarke VP South, Val Melvin VO North and Kenn Nixon as Treasurer. Group Honorary President is L/Col Ret'd Bill Werney.

Wing Memberships as of the AGM are;

700 Edmonton	100 Regular	0 Life	W.C. 100
702 Lethbridge	68 Regular	5 Life	W.C. 73
703 Red Deer	49 Regular	1 Life	W.C. 50
783 Calgary	131 Regular	6 Life	W.C. 137
784 Cold Lake	184 Regular	0 Life	W.C. 184

Things are heating up in Ottawa as the NEC deals with the new Non-For-Profit Act and the various Wings and Groups deal with the proposed changes. The AGM in Hamilton will prove to be very interesting to say it politely. One proposed change to the Constitution is the provision for only 1 group to represent the 3 Prairies Provinces. Obviously this will be strongly opposed by the delegates from Alberta Group. More information will follow I am certain.

Thank you again to our Hosts at 784 Cold Lake for a very enjoyable AGM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Keith Mann*

## 783 Wing Awards

Swearing in of New Members (during the Wing Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 – missed)



Keith Mann    Doug Eaglesham    Muriel Mymko    Edith McMinn    Lois Maxwell

Swearing in of New Members (during the Wing Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2012)



Keith Mann    Shirley Danzel



Doris MacCulloch    Keith

Swearing in of New Members (during the Wing Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012)



Dave Watson    Lorna Salter



Dave Watson    Kent Anderson



Dave Watson    Charlene MacLean

**Service Awards for Wing Members (presented on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012)**



**Dave Watson Eric Steffenson (25yr)**



**Dave Watson Phil Ricaro (20yr)**



**Eleanor Berlin (25yr) Dave Watson**



**Dave Watson Bob Clarke (25yr)**



**Dave Watson Helen Hill (25yr)**



**Dave Watson Bob Lilja (25yr)**



**Dave Watson Peggy McAllister (25yr)**



**Dave Watson Verne McKeague (30yr)**



**Dave Watson Grant Winston (25yr)**

**Alberta Group Awards (presented at the Alberta Group AGM on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012)****RJ Roe     Betty Watson****RJ Roe     Dave Watson**

Both Betty and Dave received the “Bar to the Sidehill Gouger” Award.

**Alberta Group Awards (presented at the 783 Wing Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2012)****Lois Maxwell     Keith Mann****Bob Clarke (for Sue)     Keith Mann**

Lois received the “Sidehill Gouger” Award and Bob accepted the “Bar to the Sidehill Gouger” Award on behalf of his wife, Sue.

**Alberta Group Awards (presented at the 783 Wing Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012)****R J Roe     Joanna Howard     Dave Watson****Dave Watson     David Downs     R J Roe**

Joanna received the “Peter Allen Memorial Award” and David, the “Sidehill Gouger” Award.

## Cadet Liaison

Randy Fisher is away at Gimli for the Summer. The Members were thanked for their attendance at the Annual Ceremonial Review.

## Casino

*June 25th, 2012*

No report submitted. Still awaiting latest Casino funding.

*Peggy McAllister – Casino Chairman*

## Membership

As of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with one adjustment

Regular Members:	131
Life Members:	6
Total Members:	137

3 New Members:

Duane Durieux	MAL Transfer	Lorna Salter	New Join
Maj. M.J. Ricketts	MAL Transfer		

1 Member Passed Away:

Howie Allison	See the Last Post section of this newsletter
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As a "Welcome to the 783 Wing", every new member was sent a copy of our quarterly newsletter. This gets them acquainted with the activities that we currently are doing with our local wing.

***Moved? New Phone or Email? Know someone who wants to join as a member?***

Contact Anna Lewis:

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Email:	bandalewis@shaw.ca

*Anna Lewis, Membership*

## 783 Wing Executive Election

Here is your new Executive Team:



Left to Right: Kenn Nixon, Lois Maxwell, Betty Watson, Bill Cook, Eleanor Berlin, Dave Watson, Don Matthews, Bob Clarke, Pat Sulek, Anna Lewis (*hidden*), Edith McMinn, Art Hill, Peggy McAllister, Thom Gordon, Brian Lewis, Keith Mann (*missing*)

## Other Business

### Public Relations

No report.

*Brian Lewis*

### Military Museum Report

May 5th will mark the third anniversary of the Air Force Museum with the 100th anniversary of the Royal Flying Corps and a few new displays. Grant mentioned the visit to the museum of Vice Admiral Madison and how Edith McMinn showed him her display and how he was impressed and will return.

See <http://www.RCAF.museum>

Don Matthews updated the members on the latest developments of the Air Force Museum. As of the AGM on 31 May, Don has been elected to Chair of the Society. There are ongoing improvements and new displays being planned. Don announced that there is significant positive progress in the development of the new portion of the museum that will house the CF 18 and CF 104. He has received a report that indicates that the project will be less complex than some of the other alternates and likely much less expensive. This means that the Society can go out and start approaching Corporate Calgary and Alberta for financial support. It is anticipated that the amount of support will be less than one million dollars. The museum has been fortunate to have received grants and donations of \$750,000 in support of existing projects.

Don thanked the Wing for its continued support, particularly the Golf Tournament and the development of the new website and virtual tour. He emphasized the importance of the website to the success of raising the profile of the Museum through Canada and the World.

*Col. (Ret'd) Don Matthews*

### 285 Legion Liaison

Pat reminds everyone that this legion has an active and entertaining calendar that is advertised in the lobby. Events include the following:

- Meat draws 3:30 pm Saturdays
- Friday Night buffets – 4:30 – 7:30 pm

*It has been my pleasure to be the Legion Liaison for Horton Road Legion on behalf of the 783 Wing. I gave monthly information on upcoming events at the legion, so that our Wing members may participate in their special events. The legion has been very supportive of the 783 Wing for many years, and we call it our home, and we as wing members should also support the Horton Road Legion in any way.*

*Respectfully submitted*

*Pat Sulek*

*Legion Liaison*

**Special Events**

Pat received word from Lorne Fleming our missionary in the Philippines, who suggest that some of the members might like to visit the new Mormon Tabernacle in Calgary. Pat suggested we could visit the Tabernacle followed by a short visit to the new Devonian Gardens downtown. Then we could have a simple lunch at Mewata Armouries with a visit to perhaps the Glenbow Museum in the afternoon. Refer to the Special Events and Tours section for details.

Pat also reported that the Telus Science Centre rates for seniors is \$12.50 and \$5.00 for parking for those who might be interested in an outing in the city.

**TRIPS AND TOURS 2011**

*All 3 of our 2011 tours were attended by members of our wing, family members, and invited guests. By all reports all three of these tours were a great success.*

*June 25, 2011 – “The Good Old Days Tour” visited the Rocky Mountain Museum and Markerville Creamery and Museum.*

*Sept 24, 2011 – “Lunch Tour” visited the Saskatoon Farm.*

*Nov 26, 2011 – “Rose Bud Theatre Tour” for Brunch and “the Gift of the Magi”.*

*Hopefully we can continue these tours in the future, as I feel they are very important for our deserving fellow Wing members for socializing with each other, family and friends, and seeing new and exciting venues in a safe environment.*

*Respectfully submitted*

*Pat Sulek,*

*Director of Tours*

**Remembrance Day**

Pat updated the preparations for the Remembrance Day Service. There will be a poster and essay competition with the theme ‘What Remembrance Day Means to Me’.

**Colonel Belcher Highlights**

- FOBC has received confirmation of a Casino at Deerfoot in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2012.
- The **new** FOCB website is now online at <http://focbs.ca>. Check it out.
- Col Belcher will be initiating paid parking shortly. Volunteers are free. Also those on business and visitors will have tickets validated.
- Col Belcher no longer has a waiting list. Peacekeepers are encouraged to come and have a look for Assisted Living and Long-Term Care needs.
- New FOCB members are encouraged to join. Contact Pat

*Pat Sulek*

*Director for the AFAC to FOCB*

## NOTICES

### ***Wing Member Illness***

Eleanor Berlin requests notification of any wing member who are ill so that she can send them a card from the Wing. Phone: 403-244-8217

### ***Save your Stamps!***

Please save your used stamps for Marion Mascaro, to be donated to the Alberta Cancer Society. You can bring them to the monthly meeting or send them to:

#783 (Calgary) Wing, c/o 100 Rosevale Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2K 1N5

### ***Wing Members: Send us your Baby Pictures!***

Sue Clarke is searching for Baby Pictures of each Wing Member for this year's Christmas Party. She is planning a game for the Party and needs each of you to bring a baby picture of yourself to the Wing Meeting on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

Put your name on the back of your picture and give it to Bob Clarke at the meeting or email them to him at [clarkerb@telus.net](mailto:clarkerb@telus.net) (remember to include your name)

*"Christmas may be the furthest thing from your mind but some things have to be planned well in advance, it will be a lot of fun. Thank you," Sue Clarke*

### **Air Force Museum Society of Alberta – Volunteers needed**

The Air Force Museum of Alberta (AFMSA) website is [www.airforcemuseumalberta.ca](http://www.airforcemuseumalberta.ca). The Museum needs Tour Guides. Consider volunteering. Contact Kenn Nixon for more information.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**General Wing Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month.**

No meetings will be held in July, August or December.

Meetings are at 1930 hrs at the #285 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, on Horton Road.

Members may enjoy dinner at #285 Legion before Wing meetings. Last call for the kitchen is around 18:15 hrs.

All members are encouraged to attend Wing Meetings to find out what's going on and have input into the Wing decisions and activities. Summer dress attire is from May 1 to Sept 30.

**August 25, 2012**

**Race the Base Challenge**

08:00 – 18:00 at 4 Wing, Cold Lake

**August 26, 2012**

**VIP Gliding Day**

Netook Gliding Centre

Contact Joanna Howard at 403-556-2874

**September 16, 2012**

**Battle of Britain Parade & Commemoration**

1:30 pm with Reception to follow

Military Museum, 4520 Crowchild Tr SW

Contact Kenn Nixon for details

**September 24, 2012**

✓ **783 Wing Meeting**

First one of the season - Welcome back everyone

7:30 pm at 285 Legion - Horton Road

**October 20, 2012**

**Tabernacle & Devonian Gardens Tour**

Meet at Horton Road Legion

Dinner and Frivolity to follow at the Legion

**November 11, 2012**

**Remembrance Day Service**

Mewata Armory

**November 16, 2012**

**Christmas Banquet**

Blackfoot Inn, Heritage Room

*DATE MISSING? WRONG INFORMATION? LET US KNOW!*

*WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AHEAD, SO ALL DATES (EVEN A YEAR IN ADVANCE) ARE MOST WELCOME.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURS

### Upcoming Events and Tours



#### **NOTICE – DATE CHANGE FOR MORMON TABERNACLE TOUR**

**Sat, October 20**

**Tabernacle & Devonian Gardens**

**Bus Tour**

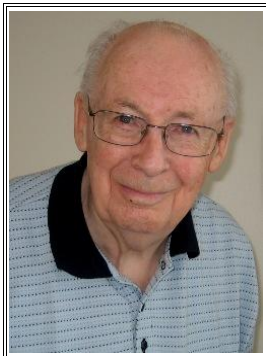
This tour is tentatively booked to leave the Horton Road Legion at 10:00am, tour the Tabernacle in NW Calgary, go downtown to smell the flowers at the newly opened Devonian Gardens and then head back to the Horton Road Legion for a late lunch with fun, frivolity, meat draws, etc. courtesy of the legion members.

**EMAIL PAT at [psulek@shaw.ca](mailto:psulek@shaw.ca) to reserve your seat now or share ideas and comments.**

*Stay tuned for future events*

## THE LAST POST

**ALLISON, J. Howard “Howie”**



*October 6, 1926 – May 30, 2012*

Howie Allison, beloved husband of Dorothy “Terry” Allison of Calgary, passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the age of 85 years. He is survived by his loving wife Terry; daughter Cheryl; son Rob (Chris); three grandchildren, Lori, Ryan and Connor; brother Edison; and sister Leora; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Howie was a soft-spoken and kind-hearted gentleman. He was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, having been stationed in Canada, Sardinia and Germany. He then had a long career as an accountant in Ottawa and Calgary. In his leisure time, he enjoyed tinkering in his workshop, golfing, curling and playing cards. He was a wonderful friend to many. Above all, he was devoted to providing for the happiness of his family.

Howie was a cherished Royal Canadian Air Force Association member since 1977 and will be missed by all at 783 Wing.

In living memory of Howie Allison, a tree will be planted at Big Hill Springs Park in Cochrane.

*Thom Gordon*

Obituary content courtesy of <http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com> and <http://www.findagrave.com>

## RECIPE SWAP

### LAYERED CHICKEN TORTILLA

FAST, EASY AND DELICIOUS. GARNISH WITH SLICES OF CANTALOUPE AND HONEYDEW - ADD A GREEN SALAD AND OLE! DINNER FOR 6.

3 CUPS COOKED SHREDDED CHICKEN	750 mL
1 CUP GRATED CHEDDAR CHEESE	250 mL
1/2 CUP SLICED GREEN ONIONS	125 mL
2 CUPS FAT-FREE SOUR CREAM	500 mL
4 OZ. CAN DICED GREEN CHILIES, DRAINED	113 mL
3/4 TSP. CUMIN	4 mL
12 OZ. JAR SALSA, MEDIUM HEAT	341 mL
8, 8" (20 cm) FLOUR TORTILLAS	
1/2 CUP GRATED CHEDDAR CHEESE	125 mL

*Can replace with mixed vegetables*



PREHEAT OVEN TO 400°F (200°C). IN LARGE BOWL STIR TOGETHER CHICKEN, CHEESE, GREEN ONIONS, SOUR CREAM, CHILIES AND CUMIN. POUR 1 CUP (250 mL) SALSA INTO A 10" (25 cm) PIE PLATE. LAY 1 TORTILLA IN SALSA, COATING 1 SIDE. PLACE TORTILLA, SALSA SIDE DOWN, IN A 9" (23 cm) SPRING FORM PAN OR 2-QUART (2 L) ROUND CASSEROLE. SPREAD 1/2 CUP (125 mL) CHICKEN MIXTURE ON TOP OF TORTILLA. REPEAT WITH 3 MORE LAYERS OF TORTILLAS AND CHICKEN. SPREAD WITH 1/2 CUP (125 mL) SALSA. CONTINUE LAYERING TORTILLAS AND CHICKEN MIXTURE, ENDING WITH TORTILLA. TOP WITH THE SALSA LEFT OVER FROM DIPPING THE TORTILLAS. SPRINKLE ON THE CHEESE. BAKE FOR 35-40 MINUTES. LET STAND 10 MINUTES AND CUT INTO WEDGES. SERVE WITH ADDITIONAL SALSA.

Submitted by Anna Lewis

## COMEDY CORNER

### Quotes on Age and Wisdom:

*"An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her."* -- Agatha Christie

*"Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy person has no time to form."* -- Andre Maurois

*"He has a profound respect for old age. Especially when it's bottled."* -- Gene Fowler

*"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything till noon. That's when it's time for my nap."* -- Bob Hope

*"None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm."* -- Henry David Thoreau

*"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."* -- Albert Einstein

*"Never underestimate the power of human stupidity"* -- Robert Heinlien

*"Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often."* -- Mark Twain

*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."* -- Winston Churchill

*"All dreams can come true — if we have the courage to pursue them."* -- Walt Disney

*"As long as your going to be thinking anyway, think big."* -- Donald Trump

*"It's only when the tide goes out that you discover who's been swimming naked."* -- Warren Buffett

*"The shrewd guess, the fertile hypothesis, the courageous leap to a tentative conclusion - these are the most valuable coins of the thinker at work. But in most schools guessing is heavily penalized and is associated somehow with laziness."* -- Jerome Bruner

*"Informed decision-making comes from a long tradition of guessing and then blaming others for inadequate results."* -- Scott Adams

*"Don't keep a man guessing too long - he's sure to find the answer somewhere else."* -- Mae West

*"I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog too!"* -- Wicked Witch of OZ West

### Lost

The pilot was sitting in his seat and pulled out a .38 revolver. He placed it on top of the instrument panel, and then asked the navigator, "Do you know what I use this for?"

The navigator replied timidly, "No, what's it for?"

The pilot responded, "I use this on navigators who get me lost!"

The navigator proceeded to pull out a .45 and place it on his chart table.

The pilot asked, "What's that for?"

"To be honest sir," the navigator replied, "I'll know we're lost before you will."

## High Priority

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing, because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked". Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two, behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down.

"Ah", the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded Seven-Engine approach".

## Merry Go Round

An A320 Air France is making an auto-approach. At 200', the computer decided to make a go-around for no apparent reason and no command from the crew.

Here is what we heard on the TWR freq:

Air France: "London from Air France 1234, It's going around!"

London TWR: "Air France 1234, report intentions."

Air France: "Well ... to go with it sir!"

## Maintain Separation when Holding

Heard over Tower Radio at Bagotville.

First voice: "Roger, I'm holding at 3,000 feet over Bagot Beacon."

Second voice: "You can't be doing that. I'm holding over Bagot Beacon at 3,000 feet."

Long pause.

First voice: "You idiot. You're my copilot."



## OTHER NEWS



### British Consulate-General Office opens in Calgary

The British High Commission has announced the opening of a British Consulate-General office in Calgary. The announcement was made by British Prime Minister David Cameron last September and the new Consul-General took up his duties as of June 25th, 2012.

This upgrade from the former Trade and Investment Office to Consulate-General is indicative of the deep and enduring relationship between the U.K. and Canada, and will serve to strengthen business ties between the two nations.



The new Consulate-General is Mr. Tony Kay, who will reside in Calgary. "Being the first Consul-General in Calgary is a huge privilege" he said. Mr. Kay's previous posting was as the U.K.'s Consular Regional Director for the Middle East, based in Oman since 2009.

Mr. Kay has been formally invited to attend the Wing's Battle of Britain Parade on September 16th, 2012 at The Military Museums and to lay a wreath on behalf of the British High Commission. He has not yet formally accepted the invitation.

### Former 781 Air Cadet Graduates RMC with First Class Distinction

Jared Michael Gordon, son of Thom and Lorie Gordon is shown being awarded an Aeronautical



Engineering Degree with First Class Distinction by Rt Hon Peter Mackay, Canada's Minister of Defence at the 2012 Graduation Ceremony at RMC Kingston Ontario on May 17, 2012. The Royal Military College Graduating Class of 2012 had the distinction of being the largest one to ever graduate from that institution.

Jared was a former 781 Air Cadet who obtained both his Glider and Power pilot licenses through the program. He also distinguished himself as an accomplished Piper with the 781 Pipe Band, continuing to help lead the RMC Pipe Band as well. He continues his Aeronautical Engineering training with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Borden and will be working with Canada's Fighter Jets.

## July 7, 1012 – Salute to the Warren Twins

### *Bomber Command Museum of Canada*

Identical twins Bruce and Douglas Warren were born in Nanton in 1922. Joining the Royal Canadian Air Force at age 18, they completed their elementary flying training at #5 EFTS at High River. During this training they often flew over their hometown of Nanton.

As part of No. 165 Squadron they flew Spitfire fighters on three sorties in support of the Canadian Army at Dieppe, sharing in the destruction of a DO217 bomber.

During 1944, the twins served as Spitfire pilots with No. 66 Squadron where Bruce was "A" Flight Commander and Douglas was "B" Flight Commander. They both had the nickname "Duke" and were known as "Duke Mk I" and "Duke Mk II." Having identical twins as flight commanders on the same squadron was a unique situation. The majority of the pilots could not tell the twins apart but this was no problem as they assumed whoever was giving them orders knew which flight they were commanding.



Their former CO recalled, "As pilots they had the right mixture of determination, discretion, and dash to be successful and formidable...They both had inquiring minds and little patience with tradition-bound methods or ways of thought. . . They represented the new world at its best. And each, with an impartiality and detachment which was sometimes puzzling, called the other "Duke."

In March, 1945 the identical twins were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by King George VI, who remarked, "I don't believe I have ever done this before."

The Bomber Command Museum in Nanton honoured the legendary WW II Spitfire pilots with events including Lancaster Engine start-ups, Flypasts and dedication of the Warren Memorial Garden in front of their CF-100 Jet.

Courtesy of <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca>

## Air Cadet League of Canada Elects New National President

OTTAWA, ON. - The Air Cadet League of Canada recently elected Mr. Ken Higgins, former 1st Vice President of the Air Cadet League, to the position of National President at their Annual General Meeting held this year in Burlington, Ontario. Mr. Higgins, on accepting the appointment, stated that "It is a great honor for me to have been elected as National President at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. I look forward to the year ahead knowing that I can draw on the knowledge and experience of fellow members of the Executive Committee, Governors, Provincial and Territorial Committee

Chairs, the Advisory Board, Honorary Members and the small but hard working staff at the National Office. I also look forward to a productive working relationship with the Directorate of Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers."

Ken Higgins started with the Air Cadet program in 1972 as a civilian instructor with a Richmond BC Squadron teaching the qualifying ground school course for Flying/Gliding scholarship candidates. In 1974 he became an officer in the CIL serving as Training Officer and then four years as Commanding Officer before retiring in 1984. In 1985 he became a member of the BC Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada serving two terms as Provincial Chairperson. In 2006 he was elected as a National Governor and in 2008 as a Vice President and 1st Vice President in 2011. Mr. Higgins was also a member of the Vancouver Police Department for thirty years serving in a number of positions which included; a secondment as an Inspector to the BC Police Commission, Superintendent in charge of Strategic Planning and Deputy Chief Constable - Operations. He is a life member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a non-profit organization which operates in partnership with the Department of National Defense in support of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. It is estimated that in one way or another 500,000 Canadians are involved in the Air Cadet program today.

*Courtesy of Mark Williams*



## Other Photos

June 2, 2012 – RCAFA 783 Wing Financial Audit



Here is your 783 Wing Audit Team hard at work. Any volunteers to join us next year?

July 18, 2012 – AFMSA Golf Tournament

The following members volunteered to represent the Wing at this years event:

Brandon Lewis, Brian Lewis, Evelyn Saunders, Anna Lewis



Keith has a solution when he puts one in the rough! ... Fore!

**July 7, 2012 – 783 Wing Stampede Barbecue**

Once again, a host of 783 Wing Members, Family and Friends gathered in the Spielman's back yard for an incredible breakfast event. Thanks to all who helped with set up, cooking and ensuring that the weather cooperated!



This is what you get when you offer  
eggs, beans and BACON!

More Stamping Action



And still more bright Stampede morning action



**May 11, 2012 – Alberta Group AGM Elections**

Here is your new Alberta Group Executive



Left to Right: Bob Clarke (VP S), Bill Werny (Hon Pres), Gilles McDermott (IPP), R J Roe (Pres), Bev Spielman (Secr), Valerie Melvin (VP N) and missing is Ken Nixon (Treas).

**Letter from the Editor**

*Greetings to all.*

I apologize for the severely delayed summer Newsletter. The best laid plans went awry when July began with a flurry of Stampede and Fund-raising events! Between volunteering and planning functions, I was kept on a dead run all month. I had hoped that August would provide some respite but, alas, the hits kept coming. The good news is that there was more content to work with.

Finally this past weekend, I was able to meet with Brian and Anna to exchange photos and caption material to go with it. Special thanks to everyone who contributed material and content. I had hoped that the weather would cooperate and be miserable, wet and cold but, aside from a few fast and furious afternoon storms, it has been hard to sit down and concentrate on bringing it all together.

I trust that the summer has been as enjoyable and productive for everyone else. We collected over \$12,000 for our mission trip to Uganda next month and Lorie and I even managed to complete our ambitious stoning efforts here at our Acreage. I look forward to swapping summer adventures with you all at the meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Stay safe and may the winds keep you aloft.

*Cheers, Thom Gordon*  
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