

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



783 (CALGARY) WING

July 2013 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting - Monday, September 23rd, 2013, at 7 pm

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As elected at the Annual General Meeting held June 24, 2013.

Non-elected positions are signified by prefix (eg. ^N Past Presidents Chair)

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WING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

June 24th, 2013 Wing Meeting (followed by the 2013 Annual AGM)

- Next Meeting - September 23rd, 2013, at 7 pm
- 2013 AGM - Monday, June 23rd, 2014 following the monthly meeting

Correspondence

- We received a reminder of the 4th annual Air Force Museum Society of Alberta Golf Tournament. The form was available for any who would like to participate.
- 952 "Westjet" RCAC Squadron Sponsoring Committee sent a lovely note thanking 783 Wing for our donation and for attending their annual review.

Treasurer's Report

Kenn Nixon's financial report was presented and accepted.

President's Report

President Dave reported that the past month had been a busy time for many of the members and himself, attending the various Cadet ACRs which seem to come all together and in some cases, simultaneously. However, it is a proud time for the Cadets to finish their season and to demonstrate to parents and the public the skills they have learned and practiced the past year. The Squadrons appreciate the attendance of parents, sponsoring committees and our Wing members at these functions and I extend my thanks to all you who participate so actively in supporting Cadet functions.

Committee Reports

Membership

We have 134 regular members and 5 life members, for a total of 139. Anna reports that most of the membership renewals have been paid. We lost a long time member of 783 Wing - Ethel Fox, who passed away June 12, 2013.

A membership drive is underway to increase our membership - over 80 letters have been sent out to MAL's.

Past President's

Bev Spielman reported that confidential nominations for national awards had been forwarded to the NEC for their consideration to choose winners. Her report is attached.

Casino

Peggy asked for volunteers for the 783 Wing Casino - 17/18 Nov, 2013 at the Deerfoot Inn. She gave a detailed outline regarding the ways in which Casino funds may be used. There is an education class concerning this subject coming up and should be applied for before the Sept, 2013 meeting. The president thanked Peggy for all her work organizing our Casinos.

Sick and Welfare

Anna has sent cards to: Gordon Kelso - Loss of his wife Jean; John Fox - loss of his wife Ethel; Wes Given - broken leg; Dot Deines - broken wrist and Arthur Hutchings who just got out of hospital. Thank you Anna for looking after this important job.

Public Relations

Brian Lewis reported that he had attended the 577 RCAC Sqn ACR at Grande Prairie which was his own Air Cadet Squadron as a lad. He was impressed with the review and in particular with the band performance.

He also reviewed the purpose of the 'Dream Machine', a glider simulator to give gliding Cadets familiarization with the principles of glider operations.

Cadet Liaison

Peggy asked if anyone could host more cadets for the International Cadet Exchange program, Aug 2nd to 4th. Pat Sulek reported the Cadet Squadrons were very thankful for Wing member's attendance at their ACR's.

Military Museum

Don Mathews, Chairman of the Board of the Air Force Museum Society of Alberta chaired their recent AGM. Kenn gave a report on the happenings/ For example:

- The Museum is in the process of preparing a Cold War display
- The CF104 and CF18 displays are awaiting structures to house both of them
- The outdoor display of the CF5 has received a much needed new paint job.

Entertainment

No report.

Special Events

No report but see SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURS for new developments.

285 Legion Liaison

Pat reminded us that special events are posted at the front entrance and the Legion office can be called to inquire.

Other Business

Name Tags

New Wing name tags were passed out to those who had placed an order.

Stampede Breakfast

See Photos

Battle of Britain Preparations

A meeting was held on June 10th. Kenn reports that guests should be seated at 1:45 p.m. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15th at the Military Museums. A movie, "Battle of Britain", will be shown.

Steve MacDonnell will co-chair the event and the Reverend Eric Haffenden, who has acted as our Chaplain on many previous occasions, will be invited as a special guest. Our Chaplain this year will be from 604 Legion. Invited guests are Dave Rodney, the Mayor, and the British Consul.

783 will provide funding for this event with some help from Veterans Affairs.

Remembrance Day Preparations

Pat reported invitations are being taken care of by Anna. There will be no essay or poster contest this year due to lack of interest and the busy schedule of our cadets.

We will have large display posters this year. With financial help expected from Veteran's Affairs, Pat moved that 783 Wing provide up to \$4,000 to cover expenses. Seconded by Lorne Fleming. Motion carried.

Donation for Flood Relief

783 Wing will donate \$5,000 to the Red Cross for help with the Flood Crisis in Alberta.

National AGM

The national AGM will be held in Saskatoon on 18th, 19th and 20th of October, 2013. This will be discussed at our next Regular Meeting in September.

783 AGM – Audit Report

The Auditors affirmed that the books, accounts and records of the Secretary, up to and including March 31st, 2013, were examined and found to be complete, correct and in good order.

The President thanked the Auditors (Barb Mann, Anna Lewis and Thom Gordon) for their work.

783 AGM – Elections

The new Board members of 783 (Calgary) Wing for 2013/2014 are as follows:

Past President	Keith Mann
President	Dave Watson
First Vice President	Pat Sulek
Second Vice president	Randy Fisher
Secretary	Betty Watson
Treasurer	Kenn Nixon

Appointed Directors for 2013/2014 are:

Sergeant-at-Arms	Arthur Hill
Membership Chair	Anna Lewis
Newsletter Editor	Thom Gordon
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The Air Cadet Liaison and Legion Liaison Chair have not yet been assigned.

NOTICES

Wing Members in need of Encouragement

If you know of any wing members who are sick or need encouragement, let us know. We can send them a card from the Wing or visit with them.



Call Edith McMinn at **(403) 242-2417**

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

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

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Volunteers needed

285 Legion Liaison

783 Wing urgently needs a volunteer to act as Liaison to 285 Legion. We need a keen individual who can keep the Wing updated on Legion events and functions. 285 Legion – Horton Road graciously provides us with meeting and display space. Contact Dave Watson or Pat Sulek if you can help!



Air Force Museum Society of Alberta

The Museum needs Tour Guides. Consider volunteering. Contact Kenn Nixon or airforce.museum.ab@gmail.com for more information.

The AFMSA website is <http://rcmf.museum/>

Calgary Military Family Resource Centre

The CMRFC is always looking for volunteers to help support the families of active service members in the area. They need help with Activities, Events, Workshops and their Keeping in Touch program. For details on volunteering with the MFRC, email audra.demolitor@calgarymfrc.ca, sign up online at www.familyforce.ca or call the MFRC Office at (403) 410-2320 extension 3590.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



General Wing Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm!

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

Meetings are at 1900 hrs at the #285 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, at 9202 Horton Road SW. 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.

July 20/21, 2013

Lethbridge Air Show

Join with 702 Wing to attend this awesome event.

August 11, 2013

UN Peacekeepers Parade

11:00 am at Peacekeepers Park, Calgary

September 15, 2013

Battle of Britain

Parade starts at 2:00 pm

Military Museum, 4520 Crowchild Tr SW

September 23, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Horton Road Legion at 7 pm.

November 30, 2013

Rosebud Theatre Tour

It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Play. See below.

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

Sat, Nov 30, 2013

Rosebud Theatre Tour

Join us for this 783 Tour. We will travel by bus to Rosebud. Lunch will be served, followed by the play: "It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Play". The bus will depart from Horton Road Legion.

Call Pat Sulek as soon as possible for reservations at 403-238-7311.

LAST POST

FOX, Ethel Catherine (nee: Oyler)

Born - May 17, 1920 at Crossfield, AB

Passed Away - June 12, 2013 at Calgary, AB

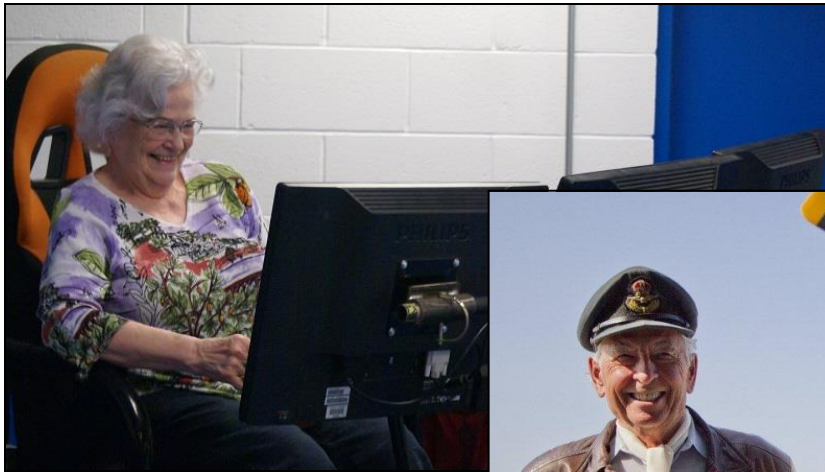


Ethel was born to Gordon and Annie Oyler and grew up with her two brothers and four sisters. Ethel moved around throughout the Alberta area before heading east to Toronto, where she met her husband John. They eventually settled in Calgary in 1948. Ethel is survived by her husband of 68 years, John; her daughter Jacquie and son Don (Kacy); grandchildren: Michael, Mark, Timothy, Kelly and Devon; as well as three sisters: Marguerite Clifford, Vonda Wale and Barbara Latta and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Gordon and Annie; brothers John and William, and sisters Laura and Alice.

A Funeral Service was held on June 17, 2013 in the Chapel of Eden Brook Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ethel's name directly to the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary (No. 201, 222 - 58 Avenue S.W., Calgary, AB T2H 2S3). Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.edenbrookcemetery.ca.

She will be missed by all at 783 Wing.

EVENTS AND PHOTOS



Edith McMinn at the controls of the Dreamflyer at the Tattoo held at Max Bell Arenas on May 4th



Flight Lieutenant (Ret'd) Herb Spear in front of Mustang

May 24, 2013 – Herb Spear receives Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal



Herb Spear with Provincial Chairman Kevin Robinson and National Governor Darlene LaRoche

Flight Lieutenant (Retired) Herb Spear, Honourary Governor of the Air Cadet League of Canada and WW II veteran received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on May 24th at the WestJet Campus, Calgary.

Herb Spear. If one were to describe him in a short sentence one could say, “Herb is an airman's airman”. On Friday the 24th of June, before 500 of his WestJet co-workers, Herb was presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The medal recognizes his “significant contribution to the Air Cadet League of Canada”. Flight Lieutenant (retired) Herb Spear is an Honourary Governor of the Air Cadet League (ACL) of Canada and a full-time WestJetter. As an Honourary Governor he and WestJet has lent invaluable support to the League's National Effective Speaking Competition. WestJet flies, free of charge, every provincial cadet winner and his or her escort to the National Effective Speaking Competition held during the ACL's annual general meeting. This year the national competition is in Charlottetown, PEI.

In 1941 at 17 years old Herb donned the uniform of the fledgling Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Two years later he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, trained as a fighter pilot and was presented his wings in August 1944. He continued to serve his country during the waning years of the war. He then served with 403 fighter-Bomber (Auxilliary) Squadron at RCAF Station Calgary. In September of 1952, 403 Squadron received the title, “City of Calgary”. Since then he has flown everything from a P51 Mustang to a C45 Expediter and Boeing 737. Herb has never lost his love of flight.

The Air Cadet League members present to honour Mr. Spear were Keith Mann, National Vice-President, Darlene LaRoche, National Governor, Kevin Robinson, Chairman Alberta Provincial Committee and Public Relations Director, Stan Monkman. Captain Randy Fisher, Area Cadet Officer was also in attendance.

Herb was originally presented QDJM during an Air Cadet League ceremony in April of this year by Darlene LaRoche and Keith Mann. But because Herb is also a full time WestJetter it was felt that Herb's WestJet family should be given the opportunity to celebrate with him. WestJet CEO Greg Saretsky and several hundred WestJetters were on hand to witness the presentation. Herb and his partner, Rene Dussome remain very active with the ACL and will again be attending the national competition in PEI.

Courtesy of Stan Monkman, Alberta Provincial Committee (Press Release)

July 6, 2013 – 783 Wing Stampede Breakfast

The annual 783 Wing Stampede Breakfast was held at the Spielman Ranch again this year with many Wing members in attendance. As usual, both the food and camaraderie were excellent.







July 7, 2013 – Calgary Stampede (Hell or High Water)

The Calgary Stampede went on despite the devastating that hit Calgary and Area



CFCWO West, Anna Lewis, Chief of Defense Staff Tom Lawson and Capt. Julie Sun
Enjoying the Military Exhibits at the 2013 Calgary Stampede (Century 2 begins)

RECIPE SWAP

Roasted Rosemary Carrot Fries

Serve these grown-up fries at your next barbecue along with tzatziki dipping sauce. They also taste great as a snack.



INGREDIENTS

- 4 – 6 medium carrots
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil or coconut oil bowl and pour in.
- 2 tsp (10 ml) dried rosemary or 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh rosemary
- dash of sea salt

DIRECTIONS

- Pre-heat the oven to 400°F (200°C).
- Slice the carrots into fries. In a bowl, toss with sea salt and rosemary to coat.
- Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, turning occasionally, until tender.
- Remove from the oven and enjoy.



Makes 4 servings.

Courtesy of TriFit.com

COMEDY CORNER

Fresh off the Farm

What magazine makes cows stampede to the newsstand?

Cows-mopolitan!

What does a cow make when the sun comes out?

A shadow.

Painful Solution

There was a midget down in Texas who complained to his buddy that his testicles ached almost all the time. As he was always complaining about his problem, his friend suggested that he go to the doctor see what could be done to relieve the problem.

The midget took his advice, went to the doctor. The doctor told him to drop his pants and he would have a look. The doc put one finger under the guy's left testicle and told him to turn his head and cough, the usual method to check for hernia.

"Aha!" mumbled the doc as he put his finger under the right testicle, he asked the midget to cough again. "Ahhha!!" said the doctor and reached for his surgical scissors. Snip, snip, snip, snip, snip, snip on the right side then snip, snip, snip, snip, snip, snip on the left side. The midget was so scared he was afraid to look, but noted with amazement that the snipping did not hurt. The Doctor then told the midget to pull up his pants see if they still ached. The midget was absolutely delighted as he walked around the doc's office and discovered his testicles were no longer aching.

"Gee, what did you do Doc?" he asked. The doc replied, "I cut two inches off the tops of your cowboy boots."

Finish Line

A man sat quietly reading his morning paper one Sunday morning. Suddenly, he is knocked almost senseless by his wife, who stands behind him holding a frying pan in hand.

Man: "What was that for?"

Wife: "Why do you have a piece of paper in your pocket with "Daisy" written on it?"

Man: "Oh honey, don't you remember two weeks ago when I went to the horse races? Daisy was the name of the horse I bet on."

The wife was satisfied, and apologized for bonking him.

Three days later he is again sitting, reading the paper when once again he is bonked on the head.

Man: "What's that for this time?"

Wife: "Your horse called."

Stampede Wisdom

"Stampede makes everything awkward. Like when my doctor wears a 10 gallon hat and chaps for my pap smear..."
– Samantha Chande

"A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care." – Pat Parelli

"Horse sense is the thing a horse has, which keeps it from betting on people." – W. C. Fields

"How do you catch a loose horse? Make a noise like a carrot." – British Cavalry joke

"Who among us has not as a child asked Santa Clause to bring us a pony on Christmas day?"

"A dog looks up to a man, a cat looks down on a man, but a patient horse looks a man in the eye and sees him as an equal."

"A bad day riding is better than a good day fishing."

"Trust your neighbor... But brand your cattle."

"Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction."

"If you climb in the saddle, be ready for the ride."

"There are only two things you'll see on the back of a bull. A fly and a fool."

"Don't squat with yer spurs on".

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

"Never smack a man who's chewin' tobacco."

"Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back."

"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink", is an old saying that is not exactly true, because anybody that's ever been around horses would know if the horse didn't want to go to water then it wouldn't.

"My new horse was sold to me as a real gentleman to ride. He is. When we have to go over a fence, he insists on ... ladies first."

Stampede Pickup Lines:

"My pancakes aren't the only thing you'll flip over."

"Did you just come from Big T's BBQ stand? Because baby, you are smokin' and saucy!"

"Let's go to the BMO and buy a blender 'cause I'd wanna get mixed up with you."

"I sat in the cold since 4 AM to watch the parade, but when you went by it was totally worth it."

Letter from the Editor

Greetings to all.

The last month has been crazier than any of us could have imagined. Disaster struck but Calgary rose to the challenge. Despite being declared a disaster zone, the Calgary Stampede went on. There is still work to do but the worst is behind us.

Summer may have started with a vengeance but there is hope everywhere you look. We need to pray for those affected and help where we can. The military and emergency services folks can be proud of the spectacular job they have done to help.

Cheers, Thom Gordon

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