

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



783 (CALGARY) WING

July 2014 NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting – Monday, September 22nd, 2014 at 7 pm

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As elected at the Annual General Meeting held June 23rd, 2014.

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

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EXTRACTS FROM WING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

From June 23rd, 2014 Wing Meeting at Horton Road Legion

Main Reports

President's Report

President Dave and Betty attended three Calgary Air Cadet ACRs in May/June. They were impressive, including two relatively new bands. All the Squadrons were pleased to receive us and we wished them well for an enjoyable summer.

Correspondence

Betty read a letter from 83 Juno Beach Air Cadet Squadron thanking us for our donation, attendance of our members and the RCAFA Roundel flag.

Treasurer's Report

Kenn Nixon presented the current Reports. He continues looking into the use of AGLC funds regarding seniors groups.

Committee Reports

Membership

Anna reported 132 Regular members and 6 Life members for a total of 138. She urged everyone to purchase or renew their membership at the annual Stampede Breakfast.

Past President's

Bev reported the Past Presidents met three times over the year and tasks from the President and Wing members were completed. Award Selections for both Group and National were forwarded to the Awards committees. Bev thanked Dave and his Executive for a job well done and welcomed the incoming Executive. The 10 Past Presidents are active and available at any time for assistance and or advice.

Casino

Peggy said that AGLC timing and cost changes effective July 2nd should have very little impact.

Sick and Welfare

Edith sent 11 Birthday cards in June and a Get Well card to John McGee in Lethbridge.

Public Relations

Brian Lewis discussed and highly recommended the 702 Wing Lobsterfest and Casino to everyone. The Dreamflyer was available at the Spielman breakfast to allow everyone to try their hand at piloting a glider.

Cadet Liaison

Brian reported the VIP annual gliding event is planned for Sunday August 31st at Netook.

AFMSA - Military Museum

Mike Ricketts reported the Cold War display and hangars for the CF-86 Sabre, CF-104 Starfighter and the CF-18 Hornet should be ready for official opening later this Summer.

Special Events – Battle of Britain

Steve indicated that there will be a Committee meeting the 1st week in September for the Battle of Britain ceremony to be held at the Military Museums on Sunday, 21st September, 1:30 for 2:00 p.m. and the Guest Speaker will be Tony Kay, the British Consul based in Calgary.

Other Business**National AGM Attendance**

A motion was passed to provide up to \$1500 each for the President and the First Vice President to attend the National AGM being held in Ottawa.

Bob Clarke is attempting to get proxy votes allowed so every member will have a vote.

Bagotville RCAF Mess Dinner Photo

Grant Whitson loaned 783 Wing a colour photo of a recent RCAF Mess Dinner in Bagotville to be placed in our display case. Colonel Menard (Commander of 3 Wing) presented Grant with the photo with a huge Roundel flag as a backdrop for the dinner. The flag, given to Colonel Menard by Grant, used to fly over 3 SFTS Calgary.

We thank Grant for his superb work to ensure the sites used by the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan are not forgotten by future generations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Wing Meetings are 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 1815 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 17, 2014

UN Peacekeepers Parade

11:30 am at Peacekeepers Park, Calgary (full Regalia)

August 20, 2014

Air Force Museum Golf Tournament

10:30 am for registration at Silverwings Links Golf Course

See <http://RCAF.museum> or call 403-410-2340 ext 2660

September 21, 2014

Battle of Britain

1:30 pm at the Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Tr SW

September 22, 2014

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Starts at 7:00 pm at the Horton Road Legion

November 11, 2014

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

10:00 am at the Mewata Armouries

November 22, 2014

Rosebud Theatre Tour

Meet at 9:00 am at the Horton Road Legion

SOMETHING NEW TO REPORT? DATE MISSING? WRONG INFORMATION? LET US KNOW!

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 McMinin 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?

Contact Anna Lewis (Membership):

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Volunteers needed

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://rcaf.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 at audra.demolitor@calgarymfrc.ca, sign up online at www.familyforce.ca or call the MFRC Office at (403) 410-2320 extension 3590.

EVENTS AND PHOTOS

Long Service Awards



Evelyn Saunders – 5 Year Pin



Norma Cooke – 5 Year Pin



Edith McMinn – 5 Year Pin



Lois Maxwell – 5 Year Pin



Thom Gordon – 5 Year Pin



Muriel Mymko – 5 Year Pin



David Downs – 5 Year Pin



Lorne Fleming – 5 Year Pin



Herb Spear – 10 Year Pin



Dot Deines – 15 Year Pin



Gord Kelso – 35 Year Pin

Bev Spielman – 35 Year Pin

783 (Calgary) Wing Member of the Year Trophy



*Congratulations to Pat Sulek for everything she does for 783 Wing throughout the year.
Good job, Pat, holding the extra weight as the trophy expanded to another panel this year!*

783 (Calgary) Wing – Meet your New Officers elected at our 2014 AGM



*Left to Right: Bob Clarke, Edith McMinn, Brian Lewis, Joanna Howard, Thom Gordon, Ron Howard,
Peggy McAllister, Kenn Mann, Pat Sulek, Art Hill, Dave Watson, Lorne Fleming, Anna Lewis*

2014 Executive: Pat Sulek, Randy Fisher, Ron Howard, Kenn Nixon, Anna Lewis, Joanna Howard

2014 Directors: Art Hill, Thom Gordon, Peggy McAllister, Edith McMinn, Brian Lewis, Lorne Fleming

Past President: Dave Watson

AB Group President: Bob Clarke

783 (Calgary) Wing Annual Stampede Breakfast at Spielman's Ranch



Spielman Hospitality



Enjoying Pancakes and Sunshine



*Bob Wade
Addressing the Troops*



*The DreamFlier does a Fly-Past!
(Bev's Neighbour – Talking to the Tower?)*

Home on 3 – Print by Jack Carter

John McGee (94) posing with the print at the 702 Charter Event

Flag Raising Ceremony – Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the RCAF

The Flag Raising Ceremony at Calgary City Hall Plaza on July 24 went off beautifully. 70 cadets and officers from Penhold Cadet Camp were there. Their Advanced Band, Drill and Ceremonial flight (including a full flag party and rifle display) performed beautifully. His Worship the Mayor, Naheed Nenshi, was also in attendance and gave a wonderful speech to the cadets, members, and spectators.



783 Wing had roughly 30 members in attendance, which included members of the Air Crew as well. Art Hill was our banner carrier for the veteran's flight, and did an amazing job keeping the banner from flying away, as a gust of wind would come up from time to time. But the skies were blue and sun shone, CTV and CBC news cameras, along with our own RJ were there taking pictures and recording the event.



Grant Whitson and a cadet from Penhold presented the flag to Calgary's Mayor. The Mayor in turn gave the flag to a City Hall staff member, who was then escorted by Grant and the cadet to raise the flag on the City Hall flagpole.



The Snowbirds flew overhead, thrilling all spectators, veterans, and cadets alike. Their fly-past was somewhat delayed as a result of difficulties on the runway, but it was well worth the wait.

Bob Clarke, Group President, PP Chair Bev Spielman and IPP Dave Watson along with many of our members were present to hear our fellow member Ron Guidinger do a terrific job as our MC at this event.



I presented our Wing's Coin to his Worship as a thank you for attending our Ceremony. He seemed genuinely please to receive it (so "coin" him anytime). The cadets were then off to a well-deserved lunch provided by Horton Road Legion, then back home to Penhold Cadet Camp.

Bob Wade, Honourary Group President, did a tremendous amount of hard work behind the scenes to make this all happen. An on-air interview with Bob conducted by 770 radio will provide great PR for the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

I would personally like to thank all 783 Wing members who came out to participate in this wonderful event, and will be speaking to this at our Sept meeting.



Pat Sulek, President 783 Wing (Calgary) RCAFA



RIMPAC 2014 an Unprecedented Success for 409 Squadron

A couple of photos of July 21 AIM7 shoot at RIMPAC Exercise out of Hawaii. They had excellent success rates with their AIM9's and AIM7's thanks to some great work by the combined 409 and 1 AMS maintenance/ops team. 12 missiles in two days with 100% success – unprecedented stats for these types of events!



Comments and Photos courtesy of LCol Dave Moar, Commanding Officer, 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 4 Wing Cold Lake, AB

As a side note, Lt Jared Gordon (formerly 781 Air Cadet and son of members Thom and Lorie Gordon) attended the RIMPAC Exercise with 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron. After graduating in Aeronautical Engineering at RMC, Lt Gordon was assigned to 409 Squadron and is currently ASO for their maintenance group. On July 27th, he was finally able to suit up for his first F-18 flight during the exercise in Hawaii. Congratulations, Jared on a job well done!



Jared Gordon is "Hereby Appointed an Officer" at RMC in 2012

COMEDY CORNER

The Lowdown on Diapers

I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends". Well here is the low down on the whole thing....

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em.

When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire

My wife and I were watching 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' in bed. I asked her, "Do you want to have Sex?"

"No," she answered. I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes..." So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

The Wisdom of Maya Angelou:

"I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."

"I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life."

"I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as "making a life."

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back."

"I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision."

"I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one."

"I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back."

"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Roses & Hanging Baskets

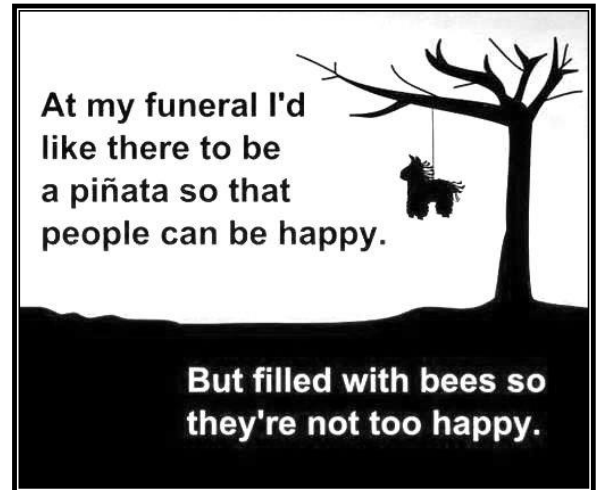
A teenage granddaughter comes downstairs for her date with this see-through blouse on and no bra. Her grandmother just pitched a fit, telling her not to dare go out like that!

The teenager tells her "Loosen up Grams, these are modern times. You gotta let your rose buds show!" And out she goes.

The next day the teenager comes down stairs and the grandmother is sitting there with no top on. The teenager wants to die.

She explains to her grandmother that she has friends coming over and that it is just not appropriate....

The grandmother says, "Loosen up, Sweetie. If you can show off your rose buds, then I can display my hanging baskets".



Highway Report

A beer truck rolled over on the interstate today.

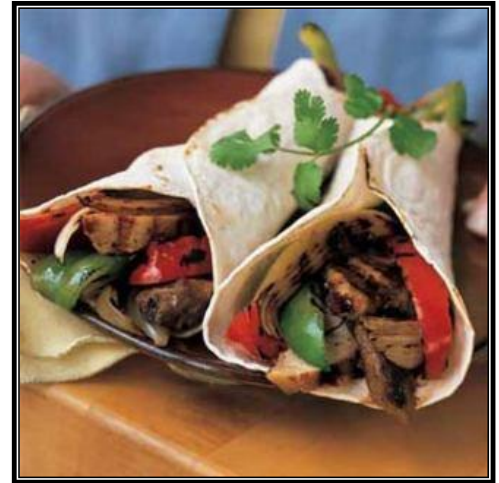
Highway patrol released a statement saying "Alcohol was not involved."

RECIPE SWAP

Crockpot Fajitas

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs boneless sirloin steaks or boneless skinless chicken breast
- 1 large onion cut into 1/2 in strips
- 1 green bell pepper cut into 1/2 in strips
- 1 red bell pepper cut into 1/2 in strips
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar (or reg. vinegar)
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut Steaks or Chicken into strips (not too thin!)
2. Place onion and pepper strips in bottom of crock-pot. Place meat on top.
3. Mix water, vinegar, lime juice, and spices and pour over meat/pepper mixture.
4. Cook covered on low for 6-8 hours
5. Place on warmed tortilla, top with lettuce and cheese.
You could also top with sour cream, guacamole, pico de gallo, or cilantro.
6. Serve with Spanish rice and enjoy!

Courtesy of Randy Fisher

Letter from the Editor

Greetings to all.

Stampede is finally done and things have slowed down a bit. I actually had time to work on the newsletter thanks to a broken toe (ouch!). Apparently the bedroom is a very dangerous place. Hmmm, should I be wearing steel-toed boots to bed? This semi-tragic event did give me a chance to actually sit down for a while and now I can blame any newsletter "faux pas" on the pain and/or medication. Is that what you call a "win-win"?

RJ was able to provide photos for the RCAF 90th Celebration at City Hall that I was able to squeeze in. Also, special thanks to Joanna Howard for some great comedy contributions and another yummy crockpot recipe contribution from Randy. Yes, Randy, you are the crockpot master!

Have a great summer everyone and I'll see you all in September.

Per Ardua Ad Astra, Thom Gordon