

702 RCAF WING



Vapour Trails

Fall 2015



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President's Report



The summer is already gone, and although a bit too hot for my liking, we have had a good year so far. Our major events, Charter Night, Lobster Fest and the Corn Roast were well attended and enjoyed by all. At the Charter Night we announced the appointment of Gordon Brown as our Honorary President—a well-deserved recognition of his continued contribution to the Wing. We also elected Mayor Spearman and Reeve Hickey as Honorary Members. These two appointments recognize the partnership that we enjoy with the City and County in the support of the Air Cadets of 11 Squadron RCAC. The Lobster Fest was attended by about 400 people, a near capacity crowd, and made short work of 851 lobster. All went well thanks to the efforts of the volunteer crew.

We are hopeful that again this year we will have a C17 Globemaster of 429 Squadron present to perform a flypast at our Cenotaph on November 11th. It is a little early yet to know whether the City's request will be approved.

However we are fairly sure that again this year we will have a contingent of U.S. Air Cadets (Civil Air Patrol) in Lethbridge to join with Southern Alberta Air Cadets for a joint program. And shortly thereafter it will be Christmas again. Time Flies too quickly.

On balance it has been a good year of "business as usual".

Wayne King
President, 702 Wing

E-mail from 429

Wayne,

We're working the flypast. Unless otherwise tasked, we'll be bringing an aircraft.

I'd recommend that we get a new letter from the mayor that specifies the altitude "as low as 500' above ground". This will allow a more suitable flypast altitude....otherwise it would have to be 1000'.

Can your contacts work this?
Cheers,

Col Bill Church

Commanding Officer 429 Transport Squadron
Royal Canadian Air Force
Canadian Armed Forces

Note

President Wayne has received confirmation from BGen David Lowthian that he will attend our Charter Night as our Guest of Honour. Further detail will be provided in the weeks ahead. I expect that both he and his wife, Nancy will attend.



702 Wing's new sign

702 Wing Membership

Welcome back to all members, I hope that everyone had a great summer.

Membership for 702 Wing is at 84 members.

Welcome to our newest member Ken Anderson, Dean and Kathy Quinn, Nathaniel and Shelly Quinn and Bryana and Josh Hahn.

If anyone knows of potential new members invite them to a meeting or social, it may result in them joining the wing. If you have any ideas of how we can get new members please let us know.

Also if you or any of the wing members are ill please let me know at 403-381-4352 or email bdenhoed@shaw.ca.

Submitted by Barb Den Hoed Membership Chair



Air Cadets

#11 Air Cadets started up again for returning Seniors on September 1 2015 for a planning session. The remainder of the cadets came back Sept 8 and new recruits were welcomed starting on Sept 15. We have approximately 20 new recruits so we are parading 50 cadets.

We had two cadets who went for the Power scholarships, one went to Medicine Hat and one to St Johns Manitoba, both came back with their wings. Approximately 20 cadets went to various camps in Whitehorse, Comox, Cold Lake, and Vernon. They all came back saying what a great time they had.

The seniors were involved in a training day on September 12, in the evening they went to the Great Escape, it is a business where the cadets are placed in a room and they have to try to figure their way out using clues and puzzles. There were two different scenarios, officers were included with each group, the understanding being that they couldn't help, but from what I understand they also had trouble figuring how to get out of the rooms. It was an exercise to help build team work and leadership. We will see during the year if it helps. If you and your family would like to go they have a web site where you can get the information.

September 26 we hosted a fly in breakfast with Lethbridge Sports Flyers. The parents cooked, and the Sports Flyers supplied the food. It was disappointing that we didn't have many people attend, maybe next year it will go better. The parents received five hundred dollars from the Sport Flyers, Later that afternoon biathlon try outs were held and we had a good number of new recruits come out, our team is now set. Their first competition is Nov 7 at the armouries.



September 27 was the welcome back BBQ and this year the Wing members were able to sit back and relax as the parents did the cooking, following the

supper the cadets went back to the armories and participated in games the senior cadets had planned.

October 3 we were scheduled to go gliding but we were weathered out.

October 10 we had a field training exercise down at Popson Park, 38 cadets attended. They learned how to make fires, set up tents, and make shelters. Lunch was MRE's and depending on which cadet you talked to, their opinions were very different on how the food tasted. At the end of the day the cadets were able to roast marshmallows as a special treat supplied by the CO.



October 17th saw our first range day, along with effective speaking.

Oct 24 we were again supposed to go gliding but the glider had been damaged so we now have two dates for gliding in May 2016.

Mark your calendars for HART (Honouring Allies Thru Remembering Together) ceremony Nov 14 at the Armories. #11 and #225 will be hosting approximately 100 civilian air patrol cadets, the US version of air cadets. There should be other Squadrons from Southern Alberta and possibly a band attending, final numbers have not yet been finalized. Hope to see some Wing members out. The ceremonies will be followed by a volleyball competition between the cadets, capped off by a game between the officers.

Parents will be supplying evening snacks, running a canteen and making a bag breakfast for those CAP personnel leaving early on the 15th, if you have the time and are interested in helping with any of these activities please contact Debbie Duncan.

Wing members will also be cooking breakfast for the CAP cadets on Nov 14 and Nov 15, so we are looking for help.

If you have the time please come out and help with any of the ongoing activities.

Florence Look Captain
Commanding Officer #11 RCACS

11 Lethbridge Air Cadet Squadron Parent Association

Your new Parent Committee is:

President: Pam Roy

Vice President 1 & 2: Vacant - Parent for this role should have a cadet who is level 2 or higher.

Secretary: Teena Price

Treasurer: Angela Khurshid

Directors: Kurt Roy, Brian Price, Linda Dagenais

Past President: Lana Unger

Committee Chairs:

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant

Special Events Coordinator: Vacant

PR Coordinator: Kurt Roy

Parent Screening Liaison: Brian Price

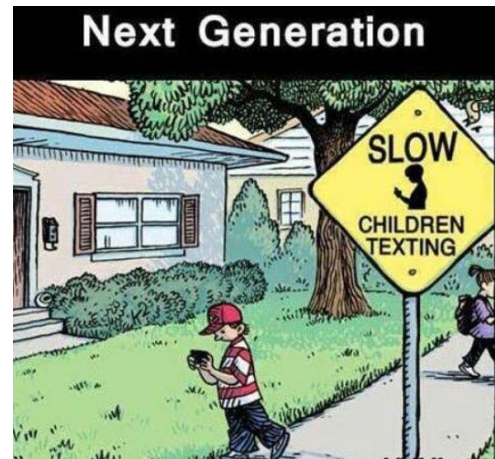
Audit Committee: Linda Dagenais, Lisa Eirich, Francis Jones, and Teena Price.

Fundraising Information

We are currently fundraising with Coco Brooks. Orders are due on November 10th and will be delivered on November 24th. Coco Brooks carries pizzas, cookie dough, and various meat products such as stuffed chicken breasts, Bison, Beef and more. There are also many new additions like frozen fruit and a nice selection of gluten free items.

Other fundraising before Christmas will be Epicure and Purdy's Chocolates. Epicure is a spice trio, Cheese Chive and Bacon, Lemon Dilly and 3 Onion Dip Mix. \$20 is the cost for the trio and a recipe brochure, with \$5 for each trio going back to the organization.

Thanks,
Pam Roy



Upcoming Events for 702 Wing

November:

November 10th Meet and greet with 429
Time to be announced

November 11th After Remembrance Day
Ceremony

November 12th General Meeting at 7:30 PM

November 29th Christmas Decorating
That is Sunday at 2PM

December 5th Wing Christmas Potluck
Wing supplies the turkey and ham
Time 5PM for 6PM Dinner

NO General MEETING

January **NO General MEETING**

January 16th Bowling/Potluck
Time: 1PM to 4 PM
Potluck 5PM for 6PM
Cost: \$9.50 for Cadet and Kids
And \$10.50 for Adults

February:

February 13th Valentine Social TBA

March:

March 19th St Patrick Social TBA

April 23 Charter night and Alberta Group
AGM

May28 Lobster Fest