President’s Message

This year has been a little busier than normal, with our social activities and the TGIFs. In addition we have prepared nominations to Ontario Group and National for their consideration. We have nominated Capt Steve Mullins for the Meritorious Services Award. He was recognized with the Award of Merit a couple of years ago. We have also nominated our Newsletter “Time Flies” and its editor Mark Lawson for the Wing Bulletin Award. However, there is some ongoing discuss. In addition we have nominated 6 of our members for The Queen’s Jubilee Medal, some through the National AFAC committee and others through the Sault Ste. Marie Selection committee.

I recently attended the Western Region Vice Presidents Meeting in Sarnia. The Region has 6 Wings with 5 being in attendance. It is nice to meet our sister wings and find out what they are doing to help their members. A number of them are holding the normal socials and some have Friday night events, similar in nature to our TGIFs. One wing, however, is having problems with numbers and attendance. It may be that we will lose another wing; as they will be holding a vote to return their charter, in the near future. They have the same enrolment that we do, but not the attendance and support.

We are always looking for new and improved ways to serve and meet your needs. It is however up to you to communicate your desires to us.

You should also be aware of some upcoming changes in the structure of the Association. If you read the most recent issue of Air Force Magazine you will have noted Terry Chester’s comments on the possible future structure of our Association. As National President he is responsible for outlining a position and/or options for the future. It will be up to us as Wings and members to voice our opinions and concerns. One thing you should not do, however, is to mail your annual dues to National. The Wing is your Chain of Command for this service. We will collect the dues and forward on the appropriate amount and retain the Wings portion. You will be hearing more on this topic.

Have a safe and good summer. Gunta and I along with the Hoopers and the Fells will be off to Normandy in June. Gunta and I will then continue on to Ireland and visit with an old friend of Gunta’s in England.
SPITFIRE: A Complete Fighting History

About this Book

The Spitfire was the most famous aircraft ever to serve in the Royal Air Force. It was unsurpassed as an air superiority fighter for most of the nine years following its first flight, and remained in front line service for a further nine years after that. In this book, Author Alfred Price has made an objective analysis of the Spitfire legend.

Illustrated throughout with numerous B/W photographs

This edition combines two books first published in 1974 and 1985 under the titles "Spitfire at War" and Spitfire at War 2"

"Four stars out of five! This book presents a comprehensive record of the Spitfire's career in the Second World War." --- Brotherhood Books. org

Should you be interested in borrowing this book or have a title that other wing members would be interested in reading, please forward the information to 2nd Vice Jim Browne. He is coordinating the virtual loaning library and will ensure you are able to receive the titles you would like to read.

There are many titles available. subjik1@shaw.ca
432 Wing members attended a recent funding announcement and official ‘sod turning’ of the CL-415 flight training device, to be located at the Sault Ste. Marie Airport.

Construction is slated to be completed by November, 2012.
155 Borden Gray, G.C.
Squadron Air Cadets
parade each Wednesday
night at 1830 hrs at the
SSM Armoury on Pine
Street. Youth aged 12-18
are encouraged to come
out and experience all that
cadets has to offer.

Contact the Squadron of-
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more information or visit
www.cadets.ca

G r u m p y ’ s  K o r n e r . . .

I have been following the e-mail conversation between Mark and John, over the electronic
and hard copy of versions of “TIME FLIES”. How the old guard in our association like
hard copy to digest the contents for judgement in the Bulletin Award. The cost for paper
and ink runs into quite a few dollars for smaller wings, whereas e-mail communication
used by our electronically attuned (I luv that phrase) younger members is much easier.

This process reminds me of applying for #1, a passport #2, a driver’s license, if you have
held either of these documents for 60 years why on earth do we have to prove each time,
who we are. Surely just an up dated photograph would do, send it along with your money
saving a whole lot of hassle. The same with a death certificate, a nice portrait of you lying
in the coffin would suffice.

Summer is coming, I think.
Did you know ...

On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain and its British North American colonies in what is known today as Central and Eastern Canada. It took the combined efforts of English and French-speaking Canadian militias, Aboriginal Canadians and British military forces to succeed in defeating the American invasion over the course of more than three years.

The War of 1812 produced a long list of Canadian heroes and heroines, including Sir Isaac Brock, Tecumseh, Charles-Michel de Salaberry and Laura Secord (right), who helped defend what was to become our country in a time of crisis.

Peace negotiations led to the signing of the Treaty of Ghent on December 24, 1814, which reconfirmed the borders to those held by both sides before the conflict. The end of the War laid the foundation for Confederation, and Canada’s ultimate emergence as an independent nation in North America. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

Time Flies Publication Schedule

~ 15 March 2012
~ 1 May 2012 (late...sorry)
~ 1 September 2012
~ 1 November 2012

Key dates for upcoming Wing events...mark your calendars:

2012 Battle of Britain Dinner: 15 Sep 2012
2012 Christmas Dinner: 1 Dec 2012

Contact Sue Browne 705-946-1291

Don’t forget to watch for our monthly TGIF events at the armoury.... great food for only a ‘fiver’! Next one will be in the fall of 2012.

What is this? Hint: It used to belong to Wardair

Name that plane....

Last edition we gave you this to figure out...which is the CT-155 Hawk. Canada uses this aircraft as a fast jet trainer.

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Recent happenings in pictures...

All aboard the bus to Salzberger Hof Restaurant

Pre-dinner mix and mingle in private dining room

A bit of pre-meal Wing Business as John Hooper calls for nominations for new Wing Executive members

A lovely meal including schnitzel, rouladin, and black forest cake...

The view from the dining room...a nice view of Batchawana Bay
The Wing is a not-for-profit organization composed of aviation-minded citizens established to remind Canadians of their country’s rich aeronautical tradition and history; to support Canada’s Air Force and to support and encourage the civil aviation component in this country.

The wing provides a forum for serving and former participants in military and civil aviation; Sponsors and encourages aeronautics in all its forms and branches; Supports 155 “Borden Gray, G.C.” Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, and works closely with the Air Cadet League of Canada; Maintains unity of purpose and effort among serving and former participants in military and civil aviation; Preserves and perpetuates the glorious traditions of Canada’s Air Force past and present, and all who have served, or are currently serving in it.

Per Ardua ad Astra

Names and Faces—Your Wing Reps

Wing President—LCol Clyde Healey, CD2
Past President—John Hooper
1st Vice-President—Capt. Steve Mullins, CD
2nd Vice-President- 2Lt. Jim Browne
Treasurer—Major (Ret’d) Bruce Harten, CD
Secretary/Editor Time Flies - Capt. Mark Lawson, CD
Ceremonial - Alan Fell, CD
Membership—Capt. Ken Floyd
Sick/Visiting—Norma Dalrymple
Air Cadet Liaison- Wm (Bill) Govett
Air Force Liaison—Vacant
Phone Conveners—Mary Ann McComiskey, Darlene Govett
Social Committee—Susan Browne
Regalia—Andrea Garson
Wing Padre—Rev. Phil Miller

Wing Meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month, in the Boardroom of Branch 25, Royal Canadian Legion starting at 1930 hrs.

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