



Royal Canadian Air Force Association

RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing

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1. RCAF Mission Statement:

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a national aerospace and community service organization that commemorates the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada's air forces since its inception; advocates for a proficient and well equipped air force; and, supports the Royal Canadian Air Cadet programme.

2. Last Flight:



Tom Carney

December 7th, 1923 – Glasgow, Scotland
August 5th, 2019 – Barrie, ON, Canada

It is with profound sadness that the Wing announced that Tom Carney passed away in his 95th year. He was an active member of our Wing as its immediate past Vice-President and Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee until June of this year. He always had an opinion about what the Wing was doing or how he saw it being accomplished, which was appreciated. Tom was a Second World War veteran, who was proud to tell of his involvement during that war, and was to have been our guest speaker in September to talk about the Battle of Britain. His speech was given as a tribute to him by his son, Tom Jr.

Last Canadian Battle of Britain pilot “slips the surly bonds of earth”



Squadron Leader (retired) John Stewart Hart passed away on June 18, 2019, less than three months before his 103rd birthday. He was Canada's last surviving Battle of Britain pilot.

On the 3rd Sunday of each September, members of the RCAF, as well as the RAF and other air forces that fought in the Battle of Britain, pause to remember the pilots and ground crew, such as John, who risked everything during the summer of 1940 to fend off the German Luftwaffe. Their valour and their sacrifices prevented Hitler's planned invasion of Great Britain. John Hart was born in Sackville, New Brunswick, on September 11, 1916, and learned to fly at the Halifax Flying Club in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In January 1939, he joined the RAF on a short service commission and,

in 1940, arrived at No. 7 Operational Training Unit in England, where the 24-year-old quickly found himself flying Westland Lysanders.

John Hart was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on June 22, 1945, while serving with 112 Squadron. His citation reads: "This officer has participated in a large number of varied sorties, including many attacks on heavily defended targets such as road and rail bridges, gun positions, strong points and mechanical transport. Throughout he has displayed skillful leadership, great determination and devotion to duty. In April 1945, Squadron Leader Hart took part in an armed reconnaissance during which eleven locomotives were successfully attacked. Some days later Squadron Leader Hart participated in another sortie during which a number of locomotives and trucks were most effectively attacked. This officer has invariably displayed the greatest keenness and has set a fine example to all."

3. The 79th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain:

Members of 441 (Huronian) Wing marked the 79th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain with flag raisings at 16 Wing Borden and at City Hall in Barrie, as well as, at one of finest RCAF parades in recent memory at 16 Wing Borden. Allister 'Mac' MacDonald was honoured at the parade's march past, where he, Col Pascal Godbout, and HLT-Gen Richard Rohmer took the salute as the four flights marched off the parade.



441 Wing members Rob, Andy, Randolph, Les, Bill, Lorraine, Tom, Jean Maurice, Peter and Murray at Battle of Britain Flag Raising in Barrie, 10 Sept 2019.



March off – HLT-Gen Rohmer, Col Godbout and Allister MacDonal take the salute for the Battle of Britain parade, 16 Wing Borden, 15 Sept 2019

The Few

Time passé, generations come and go; Full 50 years can melt into a day.
But we will not be able to repay the timeless debt we will forever owe.
The sky their battlefield, a dazzling blue; its airy silence shattered by the noise
Of fighters flown by men, no longer boys; whose youth passed in a day – the gallant FEW.
These old young men, exhausted, by battle spent; whose will to stay alert, to live, to fight,
Held them unfaltering in their fearsome flight; above the blossoming summer fields of Kent.
They fought their fear, they kept their courage still; the friends they lost must be no more than
names,
They put from mind the blood and death and flames; and dreamed, in hope, of life, as young
men will.
The years flow on, September passes by; and sometimes, in these tranquil golden days,
My memory glimpses still the drifting haze of fading vapour trails across the sky.

Audrey Grealy (1989)

4. Gathering of the Classics:

Several members of our Wing helped organize and run the 31st Annual Edenvale Classic Aircraft Foundation (ECAF) '2019 Gathering of the Classics'. They were Murray Conley, Les Ball, Jane and Bob Coxon, and Sandy and Cooky Ellis. Cooky Ellis is also the Treasurer of the ECAF. In addition, there were a numerous other members of the Wing who manned a booth near the full size mock-up of the CF-105 Avro Arrow. We had videos about the Arrow as well as many reference books for people to browse through. We also had Sam Newman from 427 (London) Wing assist us in our efforts to recruit new members at the event. Andy Galton and Wally Capsticks helped with the cleaning and restoration of the Arrow. Andy also helped to put together the Zenair plane.



5. Honouring AC2 Stanley Peacock on 13 October, 2019:

On Sunday, 13 October, 2019, Royal Canadian (Air) Cadet AC2 Stanley Peacock will be honoured at a wreath laying ceremony at his grave in St. James' Anglican Cemetery, 320 Coldwater Rd West, Orillia. AC2 Peacock died at age 16 on 13 Oct, 1943, when the Fairmile PT boat that he was helping to build for the RCN exploded. He was thrown through the hatch and landed in the water nearby. Unfortunately, he did not survive the accident.

The ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. and the public is welcome to attend. For details contact Ray Raaflaub or Bill Sergeant.

5. Guest Speakers:

The following guest speakers are planned for our upcoming meetings:

08 Oct – Rita McCort – Speaking about her father's role during Operation Market Garden, the failed Allied attempt to break through German lines at Arnhem.

07 Nov – HCol Jennifer Armstrong-Lehman – Speaking about her role as HCol of CFB Borden.

01 Dec – Christmas Social – Speaker TBD.

April 2020 – Art Cameron will speak about his days flying the CF-104 Starfighter.

June 2020 – Joep Diening will speak about the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

Andrea Khanjin has said that she would be willing to speak to the Wing.

BGen (ret'd) Paul Argue could be approached to speak about the Federal Employees Assoc.

LCol (ret'd) Newsome is living in the Penetang area and wish to speak to the club or join us. Joep will talk with him.

If you, or someone you know, would like to talk about a subject that would be of interest to our members, please speak with one of our Directors.

6. Key Dates for the 441 (Huron) Wing Calendar:

- 28 Sep – Stayner Historical Society are holding a Ceremony at the Stayner Cenotaph. Memorial Banners depicting local Veterans are to be unveiled. A Reception to follow at the Stayner RCL Branch.
- 08 Oct – Wing Meeting at the Legion
- 13 Oct – Memorial Service – St. James Anglican Cemetery, Orillia in memory of RC(Air) Cadet AC2 Stanley Peacock, who died on 13 Oct, 1942.
- 15 Oct – Veterans' Salute – Free big band concert at RCL# 147 Barrie. 7 – 9 pm.
- 03 Nov – The Stayner RCL Branch Remembrance Service will be at Wasaga Beach at 2:00 PM. at the municipal Town Hall. Form up at the OPP Station at 13:30 hrs. Reception following at Wasaga Stars arena.
- 04 Nov – The Barrie Scout Remembrance Service is to be held at 06:30 PM. Location TBD.
- 06 Nov – 8th Annual Superior Home Health Care Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon at the Mapleview Community Church, 300 Mapleview Drive West, 1130 – 1400 hrs. Registration Required. Please contact Sarah or Suzi before Oct 25, 2019 as seating is limited. 705-722-3376.
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Barrie and other towns
- 11 Nov – RCL/Rotary Veterans Dinner, Wasaga Beach, 18:00 hr at the Wasaga RecPlex.
- 12 Nov – Wing Meeting at the Legion
- 01 Dec – 441 (Huron) Wing Christmas Social at the Base Borden Air Annex
- 15-17 May, 2020 – 71th Annual Ontario Group Convention in Cornwall

7. Review of Proposed Budget Savings for our Accounting and Auditing:

The Wing is currently paying over \$2,100 for its Accounting and Legal requirements. The proposed budget for FY 2019-2020 is \$2,250. It is felt that the Wing should be able to reduce this amount. Gerry Pepler suggested using the same person who does the books for RCAF Ad Astral Place, John Nixon. John is a Chartered Professional Accountant lives in Midhurst.

Another proposal was put forward by Michael O'Shea. He is willing to help Andrea put all of our financial information into a Financial Accounting software program to make it easier to print reports. He will talk with Andrea so that they can come up with a suitable date to do this.

8. RCAF Anniversary Pins:

Norm Marion briefed the Exec about the RCAF Anniversary pins that have been ordered. The initial order is for 100 pins; the CH-124 Sea King has been selected as the aircraft for this year since it was retired earlier in 2019. Pins should arrive in 4-6 weeks. Price for the pins is to be determined, which may be \$4 to \$5. Next year's aircraft needs to be determined soon to expedite the pins order.

9. Wing Fundraisers:

Les Ball and Michael O'Shea have put forward two fund raising ideas that will bring in some much needed funds for our Wing. The proceeds from the ticket sales will be put towards supporting the two Royal Cdn Air Cadet Squadrons that we support, along with the many

other charitable initiatives we support in this area. We will need all Wing members to support this initiative and sell the tickets.

Les Ball is finalizing the tickets and licencing requirements for the, '\$100.00 a month club' fund raiser. The \$10.00 ticket is good for 12 monthly draws throughout the year, where the winner gets \$100 and the ticket is still valid on the remaining draws. The first draw will be at our Wing meeting in January 2020.

Michael O'Shea has talked with the Kiwanis Club for us to 50% of the funds from the tickets that we sell. The draw for this one is on 1 January, 2020. The tickets are easy to sell (Editor's Note: I sold my first book within an hour of starting to do so – Bill).

The prize is, "**Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World !**". If you could pick anywhere in the world to have supper tonight where would it be? Paris, London, Fiji, Beijing? Well now you have a chance to do that and, at the same time, raise some funds for 441 Wing!

The Kiwanis Club of Barrie is holding their annual draw for Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World. The prize is a \$5,000 travel voucher and \$2,500 to cover hotel, ground transport and a very decadent meal. The second place prize is \$500 and the third prize is \$250. Previous winners have gone to Fiji, Australia, China and across Canada on Via Rail.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or a book of 11 tickets for \$100.00. and half of the money raised from the tickets sold by 441 Wing will be donated back to the Wing by Kiwanis in January. It's a great opportunity to have a great dream vacation and to help us raise needed funds for our charitable works. The winners will be drawn on January 1, 2020.

Tickets can be obtained from Michael O'Shea at the monthly meeting or by calling him at 705-728-1651. Buy a book and use them as stocking stuffers at Christmas!!!

10 Recruiting New Members:

The Wing is looking to setup a membership tent at Celebrate Barrie next year, which takes place on 6 June, 2020. We can register anytime, but the deadline to register is in March. Arin Donnelly is the city's OPI. The tent would need to be manned by Wing members for the event and we will need some literature and other small souvenirs to pass out to people who may be interested in joining the Wing. If you would like to assist with this initiative, please let one of our Directors know.

11. 441 Wing Golf Shirts and / or Jackets:

Michael O'Shea talked about getting bespoke golf shirts for members, which would display the Wing logo and/or the RCAF Association logo. After discussion, Michael is to acquire pricing from Liz Cooper at Loops & Hoops on Innisfil who will come to the 8 October meeting to show us colours and types of shirts and jackets. Note: From subsequent e-mails, she quoted \$35.00 for a shirt similar to the sample from Les Ball with the crest embroidered on either the sleeve or on the front. There would be a one-time setup fee of \$100.00 but we can use it for any number of things we may want such as jackets. She said that the jackets would be about \$60.00.

12. The Only three-engine CF-100 now being restored: by Gord McNulty

An Avro Canada CF-100 Canuck that made history as the only one flown as a test bed with a third engine is proudly being restored by the newly established Quebec Aerospace Museum (QAM) at St. Hubert Airport.

The "trimotor" CF-100 flew about 850 hours in more than 400 flights and was the last CF-100 to fly in the world. "760" was retired on June 28, 1982, after pilot George Greff and flight test engineer Dan Ketelson completed a flight of 1:25 hours. It was then displayed on a pedestal at the entrance to St. Hubert Airport, 10 miles east of Montreal, where it had been based.

In 2011, “760” joined the collection of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. Creation of the QAM in 2018 provided an opportunity to loan the jet to the QAM at St. Hubert for an initial period of four years. It arrived back home, with the major components transported by road, on Nov. 5, 2018.

QAM officials are justifiably excited by the return of the 60-year-old interceptor to its home in St. Hubert. An aircraft with such a rich history makes an ideal first restoration project for the QAM. The fuselage was displayed on the first weekend of June as part of the Aerosalon air show, which attracted 12,000 visitors at St. Hubert.



Pictured here is the CF-100 Mk 5D, originally RCAF 100760, that was loaned to Pratt and Whitney Canada in 1968 for flight tests of the JT15D turbofan engine developed in the early 1970s to power small business jets. The JT15D was mounted in a nacelle on the port underside of the fuselage.

The museum hopes to restore the aircraft to static condition in the configuration it was during the flight tests of the JT15D. It is a big challenge, as the QAM needs to locate and acquire two Orenda 11 engines and the additional P&WC JT15D to make it presentable. As QAM President Gilbert McCauley noted, the CF-100 has long been linked to St. Hubert airport.

“More than 100 examples were based at the airport when it was Montreal’s main air force base,” he noted. “Two air defense squadrons flew from St. Hubert in the 1950s as well as an Electronic Warfare Detachment and a unit that trained RCAF pilots to fly the CF-100. This historic aircraft was a frequent sight over the metropolitan area and Quebec.”

The successful JT15D turbofan family powered several members of the Cessna Citation family, as well as other business jets like the Aerospatiale Corvette, the Beechcraft Beechjet 400, the Mitsubishi Mu300 Diamond and even the Italian SIAI Marchetti S.211 military trainer.

The QAM, established as a non-profit society by Pierre Gillard, Gilbert McCauley and Eric Tremblay, intends to showcase the innovation and achievements of the aerospace industry in Quebec and Canada from its base in St. Hubert.

The QAM will emphasize education programs for schools and cadets to stimulate interest in aeronautics and space among younger generations, and will also work with marginalized and disadvantaged communities to support their reintegration to society.

A permanent aerospace museum facility including an exhibit gallery, education centre and aircraft restoration workshop is a long-term goal of the QAM. Museum leaders will also organize and support aviation events at St. Hubert to engage aviation community stakeholders and the general public.

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14. RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Board of Directors 2019-2020:

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Past President	Bob Coxon	Initiation of New Members
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Director	Murray Conley	Director of Ceremonies
Director	Joep Diening	Wing Web Master
Director	Michael O'Shea	Deputy Treas/Special Projects
Director	Norm Marion	Public Relations / FaceBook
Director	Gerry Pepler	RCAF Ad Astral Board Chair
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Member	Randy Rice	Veterans Groups Liaison
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