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Upcoming Anniversary Planning

A 100th Anniversary planning committee has been created to address two upcoming celebrations next year. Our Wing 75th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the RCAF.

The committee has looked at wide variety of events and memorabilia to recognize these events.

In this edition are more details about the activities focusing on next year, 2024.

Recognition at the Wing!

700 Wing recognizes its members in 2022 -2023

Several awards were awarded to our members for their work within the Wing, Alberta Group and National levels. We are small but mighty group who are dedicated to the successful operation of the 700 Wing. The members have contributed in many ways from maintaining the memorial gardens

in front of the Alberta Aviation Museum to designing our logos for the upcoming anniversaries.

The leadership team takes pride in the accomplishments we have achieved over the last year.



700 Wing Annual AGM 2023



Nick, the BBQ King

I would like to begin with a shout out to the members for making the past twelve months successful and memorable. I especially want to thank those who joined and actively participated in the planning committees for the various events over the past year and highlight those who helped organize the 2023 Annual General Meeting. These events would not be possible without your willingness to roll up your sleeves and pitch in. Bravo Zulu to all! The highlights and noteworthy activities and initiatives during the 2022 – 2023 year are detailed below.

1. In 2022 - 2023, 700 Wing made donations totaling \$33,000 to various organizations supported in our mandate.
2. The 2022 700 Wing stone dedication ceremony at the Alberta Aviation Museum on September 15th, 2022. The ceremony recognized eleven new inductees to our memorial and two current stones were updated. Over seventy people attended with some coming from as far away as Three Hills, Alberta; Trail, British Columbia; and Vancouver, British Columbia. For the first time, the formal portion of the ceremony was held inside the Museum. This decision was well received. The evening's master of ceremonies, **Erwin Loewen**, did an excellent job introducing and reading the biographies of each honoree. Reverend **Ray Olsen** provided the blessing and prayers during the ceremony. After the formal portion of the ceremony was concluded, the guests were escorted to the monument to view the stones. Afterwards, everyone was invited back inside for a reception that featured wine and pastries.
3. There were several 700 Wing recipients of National awards announced at the National Biennial General Meeting in October 2022 in Hamilton, Ontario. These are:
 - a. Vice President's Award to **Sylvia Loewen** to the Association member who has contributed most to the membership campaign during the past year or, cumulatively during the past several years, awarded in 2021, presented in 2022.
 - b. National Member of the Year to **David Jackson**
 - c. National Wing of the Year to 700 Wing
 - d. Life membership to **John Barkemeyer, Lou Morgan, Stan Randall, and Anna Turchet**.
4. The Loris Koch Memorial Walkway and Garden were refurbished as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and a Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative plaque installed. The annuals in the flower beds along the memorial walkway were replaced with perennials. The perennials included roses, both English & wild, symbols of the Crown and Alberta, and poppies, symbols of remembrance. There is an initiative being developed to provide volunteer opportunities for Air Cadets to assist in maintenance of the walkway and garden.
5. Six members of the Wing received the Alberta Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.
6. 700 Wing, with support from the Alberta Aviation Museum, hosted a first-class Remembrance Day ceremony, our first since 2019. The ceremony was excellent with a capacity crowd of well over 500 in attendance. The event received very good publicity for 700 Wing and the Museum.
7. The Wing held a Christmas/Holiday luncheon on December 10th. The first one in a couple of years. The successes of 2022 were celebrated. A good time was had by all.
8. The Wing held a meeting and Charter Luncheon on February 11th, 2023. The DRAFT plan for the RCAF's 100th Anniversary celebration was the main topic of discussion.
9. The Wing held a meeting and St. Patrick's Day function on March 18th, 2023.
10. There were several 700 Wing recipients of Alberta Group awards announced at the Alberta Group AGM in April in Calgary. These are:
 - a. Peter Allen Memorial Shield Award to **Thomas Sand** to the Association member who best displayed the spirit of the Association during the past several years
 - b. Alberta Group Member of the Year to **Nick Nimchuk**
 - c. Side Hill Gouger Bar to **Nick Nimchuk**
 - d. Side Hill Gouger to **Tom Booth, Nanette Booth, Dawna Mercier, Donald Moar, Vern Toews, and Anna Turchet**
11. Recipients of National, Alberta Group and 700 Wing awards were presented at the 700 Wing AGM on June 11th. The 700 Wing Award recipients are:
 - a. Unsung Heroes Award to **Joe Twyman**
 - b. Member of the Year to **Nick Nimchuk**
 - c. 700 Wing Certificate of Merit to **Nanette Booth**



Congratulations to all the recipients. Those who were not present to receive their National, Alberta Group or 700 Wing award the next opportunity will be at the next regular meeting September 9th.

12. Planning for the RCAF's 100th in 2024 is well underway. A Wing RCAF 100th Anniversary Committee has been established and meets monthly. Planned activities include:
- a. RCAF 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner (April 6th)
 - b. RCAF parade in Edmonton (date TBD in June or July)
 - c. An air tour of selected locations in Alberta (TBD) by historic RCAF aircraft (dates TBD in July and/or August)
 - d. A military tattoo (August 16th)
 - e. A Battle of Britain themed dinner theatre (September 14th, 2024)

Planned projects include:

- a. A series of RCAF Aircraft Information Cards of historic and current aircraft
- b. A soft cover book on the history of the RCAF in Alberta;
- c. Specially painted CT-33
- d. Specially labelled coffee, whisky and beer mug with etched glassware and coffee mugs with the logo

Royal Canadian Air Cadet Museum

Work on the Air Cadet displays for the Alberta Aviation Museum and the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, Alberta continues. The printed interpretive panels and the framework for the panels in Nanton are planned to be installed in July 2023.

Design work for the display at the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton is nearing completion. The target date for completion and installation in the Alberta Aviation Museum is August 31st, 2023.

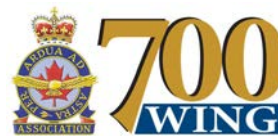
Join Us at the Airshow



700 Wing will be at the Alberta International Air Show this August 5 & 6 at the Villeneuve Airport. Not only will you view the airshow, you will meet the man behind Nick's Kit Shop.



Wing Members Recognized



Nick Nimchuk is recognized for his contribution and dedication to the Wing and Alberta Group:

- 700 Wing Member of the Year
- Alberta Group Member of the Year
- Bar to the Side Hill Gouger Bar



Unsung Heroes Award to:

- **Joe Twyman**



Joe is recognized for his dedicated support of the Memorial Gardens, part of the pathway to the Alberta Aviation Museum.

700 Wing Certificate of Merit and Side Hill Gouger to:

- **Nanette Booth**





700 (CITY of EDMONTON) WING ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAIR'S Message for RCAF Centenary

In the coming year the RCAF will celebrate its 100th anniversary and 700 Wing will celebrate its 75th anniversary. The planned events and projects (mostly around the RCAF Centenary) are listed below. The 700 Wing plan is ambitious and will depend on marketing, the ability to find funding, and the participation of Wing members to help plan and deliver the events and projects. If you wish to assist in the 700 Wing effort to celebrate the RCAF Centenary, please email 700WingRCAFA@gmail.com and put "RCAF Centenary" in the subject line.

- a. RCAF 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner (April 6th)
- b. RCAF parade in Edmonton organized by 4 Wing and/or 408 Squadron (Date TBD in June or July). Additional initiatives associated with this such as civic and provincial declarations of RCAF week are being researched in collaboration with other RCAFA Wings in Alberta Group
- c. An air tour of selected locations (British Commonwealth Air Training Plan airfields TBD) in Alberta by historic and/or current RCAF aircraft during July and/or August. A re-enactment of the "Goldilocks" aerobatic display team is intended as a salute to the RCAF's official and unofficial air demonstration teams over the years
- d. A military tattoo planned on August 16th, 2024

- e. A Battle of Britain themed dinner theatre on September 14th, 2024
- f. RCAF Centenary themed 700 Wing charter event on February 8th, 2025. (700 Wing celebrates its 75 Anniversary on February 14th, 2024)

Planned projects considered include:

- a. Specially painted T-33. 700 Wing has received a donation of Canadair CT-133 Silver Star number 21089 to use in the promotion and fund raising for the 100th Anniversary celebration. A special paint scheme has been designed by our very own Nanette Booth
- b. A series of RCAF Aircraft Information Cards of historic and current aircraft. The cards will include a photograph on one side and information on the aircraft on the back. The plan, if able, is to provide the cards at minimal cost to the public and minimal or ideally no cost to cadets
- c. A soft cover book on the history of the RCAF in Alberta. The plan, if able, is to provide the booklet at minimal cost to the public and minimal or ideally no cost to cadets
- d. Specially labelled coffee, whiskey and beer with etched glassware and mugs with the specially designed logo



CF-100 Canuck

The Avro CF-100 "Canuck" was the largest and most successful aircraft project ever undertaken and completed by the Canadian aviation industry.



The CF-100 Canuck was the first fighter aircraft to be designed and built in large quantities in Canada. Avro Canada started development in 1946 in response to an RCAF requirement for a two seat, all-weather fighter. The CF-100 first flew from Malton (Toronto) in January 1950. Although not quite as fast as smaller contemporary fighters, its excellent climb, fine radar and fire control systems, twin engine reliability and all-weather capability made the CF-100 probably the best all-weather fighter of its time. It entered RCAF service with No. 3 OTU, North Bay, in July 1952 and at its peak equipped nine interceptor squadrons across Canada. In 1956, a further four squadrons were moved to Europe to serve with NATO.

The CF-100 combined massive firepower in the form of guns and rockets with an effective radar fire control system that linked the radar and ballistics to improve accuracy. It could also climb rapidly and had a very long range.

All NORAD fighters in Canada were controlled by the Pinetree and Mid-Canada radar lines. Four squadrons of CF-100s were deployed to Europe to supplement the RCAF's all day-fighter F-86 fleet. At each of the four RCAF Wings in France and Germany, one of the three F-86 squadrons was replaced with a CF-100 squadron.

After the CF-100 was phased out as an interceptor by the CF-101, it was used as an Electronic Warfare (EW) aircraft to provide electronic countermeasures training to NORAD units in Canada and the U.S.

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The CF-100 was retired from service in 1981, having served Canada and the RCAF for 31 years.

It was intended originally that the CF-100 should be replaced with the Avro Canada CF-105 Arrow, but this project was cancelled in 1959. The CF-100 was replaced eventually as an interceptor by the McDonnell CF-101 Voodoo in 1962. The Canadian Forces continued to operate the CF-100 until December 1981, when it was finally phased out. A total of 692 CF-100s, spread over five marks, were produced between 1950 and 1958



Did you know?

Although it was not designed for supersonic speeds, the CF-100 Canuck broke the sound barrier (Mach 1) in a dive performed by Avro test pilot Janusz Zurawski on 18 December 1952.



*Alberta Squadrons who flew the CF-100 Canuck
409, 410, 419, & 440*



CF-100 Mk 5D (18476) former CFB Namao and No. 414 Electronic Warfare (EW) Squadron #100476 painted as No. 440 Squadron RCAF Mk 4B serving in NATO and on display at the Alberta Aviation Museum.

REFLECTION FROM THE PAST

AIR CADET SUPPLEMENT



The 700 Wing had a strong relationship with five squadrons in its early years. At one time it was the only Wing in Canada who sponsored the five air cadet squadrons.

Featured is one of the Squadrons it sponsored in the early days.

Below is an article from the Air Cadet Supplement written by Capt. R.J. Van Streun, in 1980.

699 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets

699 Squadron commenced their activities for the 1979/80 training year with their aircraft marshalling duties at the Abbotsford Air Show. This is the eighth year that they have helped in this capacity and they have always done an excellent job. A great reflection too, on their instructor Mr. John Edroff.

Bush instruction is a big part of the cadet programme and the squadron have held a number of survival camps at Camp Hanneman, northeast of Fort Saskatchewan, as well as a visit to Camp Wright near Athabasca.

Because of the occasional use of the school facilities by the Public School Board, the squadron chose to continue their programme with field trips and sports activities such as swimming at the 700 Wing Pool and a visit to the Edmonton International Airport conducted by Mr. Alex Richards, Director of Air Cadets.

In an attempt to keep the AIR in Air Cadets the squadron was able to fly with 408 and 440/418 squadrons at CFB Edmonton. The flying combined with a tour of the base is always of great interest to the cadets and to those who organized these kind of events goes a special thanks to all. During the year, the squadron took part in inter-squadron sports, a great thing for building up squadron and air cadet morale.

The cadet-parent banquet is always a highlight of the year and some one hundred and fifty cadets, Jetstream

parents, friends and special guests enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing at the Wing. Special guest speaker for the event was a good friend to the cadet movement Lt. Col. (retired) Arthur Potts who captivated the audience with his talk on the purpose of the cadet movement. Numerous cadets were recognized at this event, the details of which were highlighted in the June copy of Jetstream. A special thanks to Ken Oleschuk and staff for their help in making the evening a great success.

Perhaps the biggest military highlight in the cadet year is the annual inspection. This year there were two such events, the annual inspection plus the Cadet Tattoo.

The annual inspection, held at Jasper Place Composite High School, attracted some one hundred and twenty guests, parents and friends amongst whom were several members of 700 Wing, in particular Willy Lamothe and Hazel Dyer. It is good for the cadets to see Wing members supporting the squadron functions.

The squadron will be looking forward in June to carrying out the aircraft marshalling duties at C.F.B. Moose Jaw and once again to the Abbotsford Air Show. This is a first at Moose Jaw. Those "Pink Panthers" are really getting around.

Watch out for them on the ITV show Kids World in mid-September.

I would like to thank the Commanding Officers of No.'s 12, 395, 504 and 570 squadrons for their support and co-operation with 699 in the past year and I wish them all, and our own cadets, a good cadet year for 1980-81.

Have a good summer.
R.J. Van Streun, Capt.



699 Squadron was formed on 19 Nov 1959 as a result of 395 Squadron size being split into two air cadet squadrons.

The Pink Panthers

In the early 1970's, cadets from 699 RCACS were a regular sight at the Abbotsford International Air Show in Abbotsford, British Columbia. The cadets were responsible for marshalling the visiting private aircraft. During the three days of the air show, the cadets marshalled in excess of 800 visiting aircraft. The "dress of the day" was orange United States Air Force surplus flight suits. The orange colour made the cadets highly visible to the pilots as the aircraft were directed to the parking area and marshalled into their parking spots.



Over time, the orange flight suits ceased to be available and the remaining suits deteriorated to the point where they were no longer usable. A supply of Canadian Forces surplus white coveralls were purchased with the intention of dying them orange. The plan almost worked. The dye job fell somewhat short of expectations and while some of the coveralls came out a shade of peach, the vast majority came out pink. All the coveralls appeared very pink in bright sunlight. There was no time to rectify the problem before the cadets departed for Abbotsford, so pink became the new "dress of the day".



It was an easy and natural step to make the association with the Pink Panther character of movie and cartoon fame and so put a positive outlook on the situation. Permission was sought and received from the movie studio who owned the copyright to use the cartoon character as a mascot for Squadron purposes.

Squadron Motto

"Never Settle for Good Enough"
or simply "Never Settle"

700 Wing Members Attend 504 Annual Inspection



Members L to R: Bill Buckham, Keitha Buckham, Joe Twyman, Erwin Loewen, Sylvia Loewen, Bernie Sheppard, Brent Abbott
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Long time member **Anna Turchet** was recognized with two awards:

- Life membership
- Alberta Group - Side Hill Gouger



Long time member **John Barkemeyer** was recognized with:

- Life membership



Peter Allen Memorial Shield Awarded to the Association member who best displayed the spirit of the Association during the past several years.

- Congratulations **Thomas Sand**



Paris Airshow

by David Jackson

June 2023 marked the return of the Salon international de l'aéronautique et de l'espace de Paris-Le Bourget, (known hereafter as "SIAE).

This air show is huge. So huge it takes up a space the size of five Edmonton Expo Centres or more. People from around the world are there to promote, buy and sell aircraft, parts, components, weapons systems, engines, and open or conclude negotiations to sign deals. Governments at the national and sub-national level are there too supporting their businesses and clearing roadblocks to investment.

The Government of Canada through the Hon. François-Philippe Champagne Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada's Mike Mueller, President and CEO hosted an Invest in Canada Pavillion where Canadian businesses could meet with international business. In addition, informative panel sessions and deal signings happened on stage in this pavillion. Due to the size of the industry in their jurisdictions, Ontario and Quebec also had their own pavillions.

Invest Alberta and Calgary Economic Development reps hosted the Alberta Hour in the Canada Pavilion where Alberta Businesses congregated and the Invest Alberta video on aero-



space played. Of note: Nancy Paish, Director of Business Development and Communication for the Red Deer Airport Authority along with Red Deer County Mayor Jim Wood and City of Red Deer Mayor Ken Johnston were present and in no uncertain terms were on the hunt to attract aerospace businesses to Red Deer.

The flying component of the show consists largely of the latest and greatest aircraft for sale. This includes airliners from Boeing and Airbus doing things in the sky airlines don't do with passengers on board. The airspace was incredibly close to Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport with built up areas all around.

The big news from the show was airlines from India buying almost 1,000 aircraft, largely from Jetstream

Airbus, but also from Calgary, Alberta based De Havilland for their DHC-6 Twin Otter Classic 300-G.

The big issue at the show was Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and where to get it. Aircraft operators are looking to reduce engine emissions and are looking for greener cleaner fuels and blends, alternatives to Jet A-1.



As for the future of the RCAF, some equipment was on display. The Canadian Multi-Mission Aircraft Program (CMMA) to replace the CP-140 Aurora has selected the Boeing P-8A Poseidon. Boeing made sure this aircraft was on display at Le Bourget. General Atomics who has been short listed for the MQ-9 Reaper for the RCAF Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) project had a very large booth.

As for Future Fighter Lead in Training (FFLIT), the new training jet for the RCAF, Boeing had the T-7A RedTail simulator on display in their pavillion. The USAF had just taken delivery from Boeing/Saab in St. Louis Mo. and flew on June 28, 2023. No Redtails were on the ground in Paris. Leonardo had their M-235 on the ground. Other potential suppliers had booths.

The French Government had their hospitality on display as well with a huge booth and hospitality suite for their air force and a separate standalone one just for the Patrouille de France, the French aerobatic team.



For those serious about attracting investment or doing business in aerospace, the Paris Air Show is the place to be.



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Wing Executive Members and Calendar



700 Wing Executive 2023 - 2024

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Regalia	David Jackson
Memorial Database	Erwin Loewen

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Calendar 2023-2024

Tentative calendar for planning the upcoming year
700 Wing Calendar for 2023-2024

2023	Date	Event Comments
Friday-Sunday	August 4 - 6	Alberta International Airshow
Saturday	September 9	Regular Meeting - Alberta Aviation Museum
Sunday	September 17	Battle of Britain Parade
Saturday	October 14	Regular Meeting - Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	November 4	Poppy Sales
Thursday	November 9	700 Wing 62nd Anniversary of Incorporation
Saturday	November 11	Remembrance Day - Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	November 18	Regular Meeting (skip a week for Nov 11th)
Saturday	December 9	Christmas Function
2024	Date	Event Comments
Saturday	January 13	Regular Meeting - Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	January 20	Robbie Burns Afternoon - Kipnes Centre (tentative)
Saturday	February 10	Social Event - 1300 (Details TBC) - (Possible Charter Event)
Saturday	February 14	700 Wing 75th Anniversary of Charter
Saturday	February 24	Alberta Group Meeting, Red Deer
Saturday	March 9	Regular Meeting - Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	April 6	RCAF 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner, Details TBC
Saturday	April 13	Social Event - 1300 (Details TBC) (skip a week for Easter)
Saturday	April 20	Alberta Group AGM, Lethbridge
Saturday	May 11	AGM Planning Meeting - 1300 - Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	June 8	Summer Barbeque and AGM - Alberta Aviation Museum

General Meeting start at 2 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Nick's Kit Shop

The Wing is having great success with selling a variety of crest, patches and pins online. [Link](#)

Thanks to Nick Nimchuk for leading this initiative and setting up 'Nick's Kit Shop' through eBay. He has received orders from Great Britain and Australia for some of the product he has. Well done, Nick!

