



# Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.

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### **RAFFLE DRAW WINNER**



Mr. Les Urbanski of Rennie, MB was the winner of the 2001 Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated raffle draw. Mr. Urbanski purchased his ticket from 249 RCACS Beausejour, MB. The prize, a 27 inch flat screen Sony television was presented to Mr. Urbanski (left) by the Raffle Chairman Mr. Dirwyn Hayes in the presence of Mr. Bob Spilchuk of Advance Electronics.

The top selling Squadron was 575 (Terrier) RCACS, Portage La Prairie with 191 (Winnipeg West Rotary) RCACS, Winnipeg as the runner-up. Thank you to all for your efforts and support in making the raffle a success.

### **2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. was held at the Western Canada Aviation Museum on Saturday, September 29, 2001. Twenty five members and Directors of the provincial organization met to review business and approve the operating budget for this the 2001/2002 training year. Mr. Lionel Bourgeois, Vice President of the National Air Cadet League of Canada, represented the President, Mr. Gilles Cuerrier. As well, it was a pleasure to see the large number of senior cadets in attendance. In addition to the conduct of necessary business, awards were presented to Chairpersons of those Sponsoring Committees who were recognized for their extra special involvement in the Manitoba Air Cadet Program this past year. A special recognition certificate was given to Mr. Haddie Coates for his long and dedicated assistance to the Air Cadet Gliding Program. Mr. Bourgeois presented Certificates from the National Committee to 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS Winnipeg, 9 RCACS Neepawa and 170 (St. James Kiwanis) RCACS Winnipeg in recognition of their Sixtieth Anniversaries. The awards were announced for the top cadets at Summer Training programs and trophies will be presented to the recipients at their Squadrons in the near future.

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## **PROVINCIAL AWARDS FOR THE 2000/2001 TRAINING YEAR**

### **SQUADRON AWARDS**

**E.M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award** – Chairperson of the Year  
M. Johnston – 220 (Red River) RCACS Winnipeg

**E. Vopni Award** – Annual Review & Overall Efficiency  
191 (Winnipeg West Rotary) RCACS Winnipeg

**Dorothy Wowk Memorial Award** – Overall Operational Improvement & Good  
Citizenship  
6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS Winnipeg

**Harold Steele Award** – Community Involvement of a Squadron  
182 (GM Stefnufastur) RCACS Gimli

**Captain Young Memorial Award** – Most Proficient Rural Squadron  
182 (GM Stefnufastur) RCACS Gimli

### **TOP CADET AWARDS**

**Fred C. Pink Trophy** – Top Manitoba Cadet – Flying Scholarship  
R. Wiens – 176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS Winnipeg

**A.T. Hansen Trophy** – Top Manitoba Cadet – Gliding Scholarship  
R. McCallum – 170 (St. James Kiwanis) RCACS Winnipeg

**Wilcox Trophy** – Top Manitoba Cadet – Advanced Leadership  
S. Dueck – 573 (141 Legion) RCACS Winnipeg

**Robert Hansen Memorial Award** – Top Manitoba Cadet – Introduction to Leadership  
C. Sherman – 176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS Winnipeg

**Air Canada Trophy** – Top Manitoba Cadet – Technical Training  
A. Dhillon – 170 (St. James Kiwanis) RCACS Winnipeg

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – E.H. (Ed) de Caux, Chairman**

The 2001/2002 Training Year is underway and with the completion of the Annual General Meeting we will be getting on with the business of the day. Congratulations to all annual award recipients.

Thanks for your confidence in me and our new Board. We have good people involved and, in my opinion, we will continue to grow as we have these last few years. We, the Board, are here to serve you, the members, so I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Special thanks are necessary to our past Board Members for their support, in particular

- Ron Pruden – Golden Falcon;
- George Evans – Bingos, Gliding liaison and Air Show coordination;
- Dirwyn Hayes – Raffle;
- Jack Roberts – Effective Speaking Competition and Squadron Liaison;
- Dave Odell – the myriad of things he does,
- Garry Bolton – our retiring Chair deserves an extra large bouquet, despite his busy schedule he saw us through a growing year; and
- All others for their time and efforts.

I have two main goals for the next year -

- Increasing our membership by eliciting the support of ex-cadets and community members to ensure more continuity in coming years; and
- Developing a business plan to map out the next three to five years of operations to enable more long-term planning.

There are other activities in hand. Some of you may be aware that for several years we have been developing a fund, through specifically directed donations, to add to our glider fleet. We have reviewed our gliding program and have concluded that one of the reasons we have not reached our mandated goal, to fly all cadets, is that our aircraft resources are too limited given the operational disruptions forced upon us by weather. An additional glider at Brandon will permit a more efficient operation at that site and add significantly to the number of flights possible when weather does permit us to fly. We are approaching the point where our Gliding Committee can start looking for an additional glider. Subject to cost and DND concurrence, we may be able to make that procurement in the near future.

The national committee is developing a training program for sponsoring groups that explains the League's organization to new members, to some of us older members as well. The intent is to ease the individual into the program and give guidance to the administration demands that we must live with. This program should be available for

presentation to our squadrons in the coming year. We will do this through the Sponsor Liaison Committee.



We have to pay extra attention to ensure that our cadets and members are aware of our roles in this program. We will take some steps in that direction in the coming year. Adding the word Manitoba and the Air Cadet League crest to our aircraft markings is a start. This Newsletter and perhaps a web page will help us to communicate our activities more effectively.

I do look forward to the coming months and hope that with your cooperation the Air Cadet Program in Manitoba will continue to grow and continue to develop the quality cadets that have been our product in the past. We are here for the cadets; without them there is no need for the provincial committee or for sponsors. This organization is all about Air Cadets.

I give a sincere thank you to all the supporters of the Manitoba Air Cadet Program, the members, the sponsors, the military members (regular force and reserve), the parents and all other interested people. Please, continue what you are doing, thank you all.

## **2002 SELECTION BOARDS**

Application documentation for the 2002 Selection Boards has been mailed to the Squadrons from the National Air Cadet League of Canada Office in Ottawa. It is our intention to hold Selection Boards for the 2002 Summer Training Program on February 23 & 24, 2002 at the Western Canada Aviation Museum in Winnipeg. It is most important that all cadets are given the opportunity to apply for summer training, although each Squadron will have to prioritize the applicants that are submitted for the Boards' consideration.

To short-change the process does not help your cadets therefore, please follow all instructions and ensure all documentation is included. It has proven beneficial for cadets who are appearing before the boards to be given some preparation at their Squadron prior to the interviews. Cadets that have not undergone the interview process in some form are at a distinct disadvantage.

