



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. NEWSLETTER



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2008 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

The 2008 Effective Speaking Competition was held in the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg on February 24, 2008. Six cadet speakers from five squadrons participated in the event with a high quality of speeches.

The winning speaker was Flight Corporal Gurkam Dhillon from 170 (St. James) RCACS with Flight Corporal William Halabiski from 170 (St. James) RCACS in second place and Flight Corporal Hannah Tufts from 82 RCACS Brandon in third place. The remaining competitors were Warrant Officer 2 Caitlin Tingey from 263 (Intrepid) RCACS Melita, Flight Corporal Aleesha Lavallee from 303 RCACS The Pas and Flight Corporal Brett Corby from 176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS Winnipeg. Well done to all the participants.



F/Cpl Hannah Tuft, third place, F/Cpl William Halabiski, second place and F/Cpl Gurkam Dhillon First Place



F/Cpl Gurkam Dhillon receiving the Chairmen's Award from Janet Adam. Event Coordinator, for achieving first place in the 2008 Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition.

The subjects for this years competition were:

- A Canadian Who Has Made (is Making) a Difference
- The Heroism of Canadians at Vimy Ridge
- How Air Cadets Has Influenced My Life
- Canada's Contribution in Aerospace
- 100 Years of Powered Flight in Canada

F/Cpl Dhillon will represent Manitoba at the National Effective Speaking Competition at Quebec City on June 20, 2008. Should she be unable to attend then one of the runners up will have the opportunity to represent us.

We send a special thank you to the Judges from the Toastmasters Club; Darren Lewis, Ray Larkins and Ian Spencer who adjudicated the event.

Squadrons interested in participating in next years competition are invited to check out the Youth program offered by the Toastmasters. Information is available on our web site at:

www.aircadetmanitoba.com/optional.html

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GRANT FUNDING REALLOCATION

A DND review of policies and procedures regarding Cadet Program grants, such as the Contingency Grant, Band Grant and Scholarship Grant, revealed that they were not in accordance with Treasury Board financial regulations.

Additionally, the Scholarship Grant did not meet the Cadet Program parameters, nor is there evidence that they affected the retention of senior cadets or caused any increase in enrolment. Accordingly, the decision was made to discontinue the grants as they were and establish a system in which all corps and squadron would each receive a "Budgetary Allocation" in lieu.

The allocation will take into account all former grants, including the scholarship grant, and will provide an opportunity to increase the financial support offered at the squadron level. Working in concert with local sponsors, this will help improve local program delivery – ultimately providing better conditions for the enrolment and retention of cadet members.

Contingency and Band grants for the Training Year 2006-07 have been allocated to squadrons. For future years, Cadet Program Scholarship Grants will no longer be provided by DND. This decision does not affect any program which is sponsored by the Leagues.

The new allocation will be \$15 per cadet based on the average number of cadets registered in FORTRESS for each unit in the previous fiscal year; and \$600 per unit registered in Fortress in the previous year. Upon formation of a new squadron not covered above, a lump sum allocation of \$1000 will be allocated, regardless of the number of cadets.

Starting in September 2007, reimbursement of expenses covered by the allocation will be made upon the submission of receipts for expenditures incurred in support of cadet activities and only up to the budgetary allocation entitlement.

CATO 17-34 has been issued that explains the administrative processes and eligible expenditures. Copies may be obtained from your Squadron CO or on the internet at: http://www.cadets.ca/support/cato-oaic/intro_e.asp?cato=17-34

It is emphasized that the allocation only covers cadet activity expenses and not league generated expenses, such as, assessments or Sponsoring Committee operating expenditures.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AIR CADETS

Generous donations from the Honorary President of the Air Cadet League of Canada Mr. Robert Dale and Mrs. Kathleen Birchall, have provided funds for the Robert and Mary Dale and Air Commodore Len and Kathleen Birchall post secondary education scholarships. These are entrance scholarships for any recognized University or College Program in Canada. In 2007 the Dale Scholarship was worth \$2,500 while the Birchall Scholarship was worth \$8,000. The amounts can vary by year depending on the market investment returns on the funds on hand in Trust with the ACL. Full details of the scholarships are available on our Website at:

http://aircadetleague.com/main.asp?language=english&flash=enabled&page=news_e.html

The cadets need only complete one application to be considered for both Scholarships. Please note that the deadline for the submission of the applications is May 1 of each year. Applications must be received **by mail** no later than May 1, 2008.

ACL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) is a "working document" issued by the Air Cadet League of Canada to provide policies, procedures, guidelines and general information to those involved with the Air Cadet Program.

Because the information is also available to the General Public through our National Website, it is also a public relations tool for the League to communicate its duties and responsibilities and policies and procedures used to meet these responsibilities.

Hopefully, by making the PPM an easily accessible reference point, all those who believe in and support the Air Cadet Program, will be better able to accomplish their tasks and to contribute more effectively to the success of the Canada-wide Air Cadet Movement.

www.aircadetleague.com/League/policy_e.html



Is your's in?
The 2007 ACC9
Squadron Annual
Financial Report
Now Overdue!



MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

The 2007 Air Cadet Raffle draw was held on December 17, 2007 at the 283 ANAF Lodge in conjunction with the ACL(MB) December Board of Directors Meeting and our Christmas Reception.

The winners are:

First Prize - 32" Toshiba LCD TV

- Jerome Hemauer - Langenburg, SK

Second Prize - Nintendo Wii Game System

- Daniel Schwantz - Thompson, MB

Third Prize - Canon A530 Digital Camera

- Nathan Cote - Garson, MB

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all our supporters for participating in the raffle.

OCDT SHONOSKI RECEIVES ROSELLA BJORNSON AWARD

The Manitoba Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is pleased to announce HEATHER SHONOSKI as the 2007 winner of the Rosella Bjornson Scholarship. Heather has a Glider Pilot Instructor Licence and Private Pilot Licence and intends to use the scholarship towards her Night Rating. She received \$1000.00 to apply towards flight training and a membership to The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots.

The Manitoba Chapter of the 99's organizes a Poker Derby and undertakes other fund-raising activities to award a flying scholarship each year. The scholarship has been named after Rosella Bjornson as she was involved in organizing the Manitoba Chapter in 1972.

Rosella has been involved in many "firsts" in Canadian aviation history. By 1973, Rosella had 3,500 hours flying time, an Air Transport Rating and a Class I Multi-engine Instrument Rating, and applied to fly with the airlines. She was hired as a First Officer at Transair, the fourth largest airline in Canada. This gave her the distinction of being the first female to be hired as a First Officer in North America on scheduled jet operations, and the first female to be hired by a commercial air line in Canada. In the winter of 1990, Rosella became the first female Captain with Canadian Airlines International and the first woman to be promoted to Captain with a major Canadian air carrier. Rosella Bjornson was inducted as a Member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997.

Congratulations HEATHER SHONOSKI from the Ninety-Nines...*and all the members of the Air Cadet family.*

MEMBER REGISTRATION

Have you registered your members as required by Air Cadet League Policy?

Sponsoring Committees are reminded to check out the procedures for member participation in the Air Cadet Program defined in the Registration and Screening Handbook for Squadron Sponsoring Committees. The Handbook was provided to each Committee and is also available online at:

http://www.aircadetleague.com/pdf/V_S_web/Sponsoring_Committee_Coordinators_e.pdf

- **Are you a good leader?**
- **Are you a role model for other cadets?**
- **Are you physically fit?**
- **Are you involved in your community outside of cadets?**

If you answered Yes to the above you should apply for the

Hubbell Award

The Hubbell Award Incorporated will present a bursary of \$750.00 to one cadet from each element that is enrolled in a Manitoba unit.

The presentation will be made at a formal dinner at the 17 Wing Officer's Mess on October 18, 2008.

See your Commanding Officer for an application form or contact:

hubbellawards@mts.net

Applications must be received by April 30th, 2008

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Now available on the national website at www.aircadetleague.com



GLIDING NEWS

Spring Familiarization Gliding is scheduled to start in early April with staff training in the first few weeks and with squadron flying commencing on April 26. Check out your dates on the schedule at www.aircadetmanitoba.com/gschedule.html.

The Provincial Committee has purchased a fifth SGS 2-33 glider, C-FWYJ, from the Regina Gliding Club with funds donated by the Air Canada Pilots Association. The glider will have to be processed through the Structure Inspection and Repair Program at the Gimli maintenance facility and could be ready sometime in 2009 if all goes well. Also we will be replacing the launch-winch tow vehicle in the next few weeks with funds from the Winnipeg Foundation. The replacement vehicle should permit us to rationalize our vehicle fleet and make adjustments that may reduce insurance costs.

We are looking forward to a successful Spring gliding season, subject to weather, but the real limiting factor in past seasons has been the reliability of squadrons to get their cadets out to the gliding Centres. Everyone must participate for success.

2008 GOLDEN FALCON COMPETITION

The 2008 Golden Falcon competition will be held at Base Shilo, MB May 16-19, 2008. The event will include both the Tommy Cooper and Glen Elwood drill competitions. To date, twenty one squadrons have indicated they will participate in the competition.

Information about the event and rules for the drill competitions are available on the internet at;

www.aircadetmanitoba.com/falcon.html

As more information becomes available it will be added to the page.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Air Cadet League of Canada has secured the services of a new Executive Director; Mr. Jean-Marc Lanoue.

Jean-Marc comes to this position with a wealth of administrative experience gained in the health and social services. Jean-Marc is no stranger to the Air Cadet program, he was an air cadet with the 51st Ottawa squadron; his son was a cadet and is now serving in the Canadian Air Force.

UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- 2008 -

- **2008 National Cadet Biathlon Championship** - March 9-15, 2008 at Quebec City, QC
- **Stage III Marksmanship Competition**—April 12, 2008 at Winnipeg, MB
- **2008 Chilly Willy** - April 25-27, 2008 at Dauphin, MB
- **2008 Hubbell Award Applications**— must be received by April 30, 2008
- **2008 Birchall and Dale Scholarship Applications** - to reach Ottawa by 1 May, 2008
- **2008 Golden Falcon Competition** - May 16-19, 2008 at CFB Shilo, MB
- **2008 ACL National Annual General Meeting** - June 19-21, 2008 at Quebec City, QC
- **2008 Manitoba ACL Annual General Meeting** - October 18-19, 2008 at Winnipeg, MB



- 2009 -

- **100th Anniversary of Powered Flight in Canada** - February 23, 2009 across Canada
- **100th Anniversary of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC)** - May 1, 2009 across Canada

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