



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



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2008 MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 67th Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated was held on Saturday October 18 and Sunday October 19, 2008 at the Canad Inn Fort Garry in Winnipeg.

The two half-day events covered a series of workshops on Saturday and the Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning. An very successful Awards Dinner was held on Saturday evening.

Unfortunately again, attendance at the Saturday workshops was limited, regardless attendees expressed their appreciation for the day's events which were highlighted by a meeting of the Sponsoring Committee Chairpersons who discussed various issues of common interest. It was decided to hold two meetings or telephone conferences each training year to share opinions and ideas.

Lieutenant (Navy) Sandra Olson provided a briefing of the assistance available to squadrons by the Region Cadet Public Affairs Officer. She also displayed some of the posters and material that are available to squadrons for informational or recruitment events. Janet Adam provided an overview and plans for the 2008 Effective Speaking Program and also emphasized the assistance that can be provided by the Toastmaster organization's youth program to help develop a cadet's speaking skills with their .

A very successful Awards Dinner was held on Saturday evening. Three cadets provided briefings about their Summer Training experiences; Ex-cadet Collin Toews of 176 RCACS spoke of his summer on the Power Pilot Course at St. Andrews, MB; Cadet Danielle Warren of 177 RCACS spoke of her training on the Senior Leaders Course at Cold Lake, AB; and Cadet Kevin Dandurand of 6 RCACS spoke to an envious crowd of his International Air Cadet Exchange trip to Australia.

Our guest speaker, Judge Murray Sinclair, provided

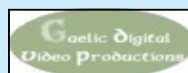


**GUEST SPEAKER AT THE 2008 AGM—
JUDGE MURRAY SINCLAIR**

an interesting address of his experience in dealing with people and the importance of 'respect' of others when we select individuals for leadership roles. The success of our operations can hinge on the support we provide to those chosen to lead in various stages of the program. The 2008 Annual awards were then presented to recognize and thank members of the Manitoba Air Cadet Program for their outstanding support. The award recipients are noted on the next page.

Eleven squadrons were represented at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday. National First Vice-president, Mr. Joe Jackson, presented comments from the National President, Mr. Jan Reidulff. Briefings were provided by Major Bruce Kiecker giving a summary of the cadet support reorganization in Prairie Region and Major Dean Gillrie provided an update on the gliding operation. Routine business included the election a new slate of officers to the Board of Directors and the Executive. ▼

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2008 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

National Awards:

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

Mr. Ron Clement - Manitoba Provincial Committee
- Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr. Terry Harris - 573 (Andrew Mynarski, V.C.)
RCACS, Winnipeg
Mr. Bruce Lougheed - 263 (Intrepid) RCACS, Me-
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Mr. Don Raleigh - 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS, Win-
nipeg
Mr. Rick Wilson -82 RCACS, Brandon
Mrs. Joyce Howard - 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS,
Winnipeg

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Second Lieutenant Audrey Fortune - 317
RCACS, Strathclair
Second Lieutenant Gary Metcalf - 575 (Terrier)
RCACS, Portage La Prairie

The Manitoba Individual Awards:

A new Individual Award, was given this year for the first time:

Meritorious Service Award - To acknowledge exceptional and meritorious service by a Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer - Captain Simon Thomas;

Distinguished Service Award — The member recognized for their significant and continued impact on the advancement of the Air Cadet Program. Mr. Walter A. Mildren;

E. M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award - The Squadron Sponsor member judged to be the most active, supportive and effective - Mr. Terry Harris 573 RCACS Parents' Committee, Winnipeg.

2008 MANITOBA EXECUTIVE

The elected 2008-09 Executive Committee:

Chairman—Terry Lewis;
Vice-chairman—Mark Brickwood;
Secretary—Janet Adam;
Treasurer—Jim Darcel;
Operations Officer—Pat McDonald;
Corporate Fund Raising Officer—Howard Mar;
Compliance Officer—Joyce Howard;
Past-chairman—Ed de Caux ▼

The Manitoba Squadron Awards:

Recognizing those who stand out from the others:

Edward Vopni Award - Most proficient squadron—
573 (Andrew Mynarski, V.C.) RCACS Winnipeg;

Harold Steele Award - Most proficient in cadet
training and citizenship - 177 (Air Canada) RCACS
Winnipeg;

Kenneth Young Memorial Award - Most profi-
cient rural squadron - 82 RCACS Brandon;

Dorothy Wovk Memorial Award - Most im-
proved squadron - 307 (Stoney Brook) RCACS Stei-
bach;

Wing Commander Walter Mildren Award - Most
proficient recruiter - 191 RCACS Winnipeg.

The Manitoba Air Cadet Awards:

Recognizing those who excelled on Summer Train-
ing:

Paul Wilcox Memorial Trophy - Top Manitoba
cadet on the Senior Leaders Course—Sergeant Dani-
elle Warren 177 RCACS;

Frederick Ernest Pink Memorial Trophy - Top
Manitoba cadet on the Power Pilot Course - Flight
Sergeant Jessica Biggs 177 RCACS;

Alen Hansen Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the
Glider Pilot Course - Flight Sergeant Myles Mowat
50 RCACS;

J. W. Stickney Trophy - Top Rural Manitoba cadet
on the Glider Pilot Course - Flight Sergeant Myles
Mowat 50 RCACS;

Robert Hansen Memorial Trophy - Top Manitoba
cadet on the Introduction to Leadership Course—
Flight Corporal Evan Truss 573 RCACS;

Air Canada Flight Operations Trophy - Top
Manitoba cadet on the Aviation Technical Training
Course—Warrant Officer 2 Allysa Appelt 177 RCACS.

Congratulations to all! ▼

PILOT TRAINING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Pilot Training Achievement Award applicants must submit their application to the Air Cadet League of Canada Headquarters postmarked no later than November 5, 2008. Note the current application form has an additional signature box for the RC Air Ops O and also that any Power Pilot or Glider Pilot Scholarship cadets can apply for the award, not just ones from the current graduating year. The application is available on the ACL website www.aircadetleague.com. ▼



MY DAUGHTER JOINED A GANG

Some weekends she is higher than a kite. A few times she went to a party after school Friday and did not return until Saturday afternoon. Then there were the occasions that I did not hear from her until Sunday. There is talk of community service and now shooting has become important. It has become a source of cash for her that I do not really understand. Now there is talk of meeting EVERY Friday evening.

She spends hours getting her hair to look just right and what she has on her feet can not be described as comfortable. Even her earrings are decided by the gang! A classmate is in a rival gang and there is name calling at school. "Guppy," she calls out. "Pigeon," replies the classmate. Last year she was given a gang nickname and now students in her school have started using it too rather than the beautiful feminine name I gave her.

Most parents would not be jumping for joy but I am because when she was twelve years old she was introduced to the gang at 82 Squadron Air Cadets.

They are higher than a kite because a glider or Cessna is flying them above the city. The plane may land but the sparkles in my daughter's eyes indicate that her brain is still up in the clouds. Community Service is not court imposed but they help the Rotary run their Book Sales and Hazardous Material Drop Off days and in return the Rotary pays for additional glider or Cessna training. One of the instructors qualified as a Range Safety Officer so there will be increased access to the shooting facilities at the Armoury.

She started taking a serious interest in her personal appearance. Her latest haircut had to meet cadet standards. The earrings are limited to gold or silver studs for safety reasons. Guppy and Pigeon are nicknames for Sea Cadets and Air Cadets and it is actually a form of endearment. Pilots have call names and having one means acceptance into this gang.

When there was a party, the parents made arrangements for the cadets to stay at the house until the next day rather than trying to drive home at 3:00 AM when the risk of an accident was too great. Then there were the weekend exercises where they lived in barracks at CFB Shilo or in tents on an instructor's farm.

The cost to me was a tin of boot polish and a Kiwi cloth and they would have given it to her for free if I asked. Everything else has been provided including the uniform, food during weekend exercises, gym clothes, and transportation to and from summer camps.

They paid her a "Training Allowance" for those cadets that qualify for summer camp. My daughter came home with over \$150, a course t-shirt she bought, and friends from across Canada in her heart. As an instructor, she could earn over \$50 per day working at a summer camp.

One member of this gang got her Gliders License this past summer. Another spent a couple of weeks with the Air Cadets in Great Britain. An Air Show in the states had one of our gang members helping out. I cannot recall where many of the other cadets spent part of their summer but they came back better citizens and role models for the younger members.

If you know of a twelve year old that needs something to do, I highly recommend you check out this gang. Because she is part of this gang at 82 Squadron, my daughter has very little interest to join other gangs.

Which gang do you want your teenager to be a member of?

Kathryn Giesbrecht ▼



The Canada Remembers Program is pleased to learn of initiatives that support remembrance of the sacrifices and achievements of Canadian soldiers in times of war, military conflict and peace. Sharing projects, which actively engage Canadians in commemoration of the contributions of our veterans and Canadian Forces, helps promote the importance of remembrance.

Projects that present an active interest in remembrance from schools and communities across Canada have been submitted and are now available online. What can you do to honour Canada's veterans? Challenge your squadron, school or community to try one of these projects or be creative and try something new. But most importantly, share your project's success with others!

Go to — http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=school_comm/submit ▼



NEW SQUADRON BADGE



The Air Cadet League of Canada has authorized the new badge for 307 (Stoney Brook) RCACS in Steinbach. Fourteen of our twenty-three squadrons either have authorized badges or have submitted designs for approval. The remaining nine squadrons are reminded that the Provincial Committee is supporting a limited number of new design applications each year, on a first come first served basis, until all squadrons have authorized badges. ▼

2009 AIR CADET RAFFLE

The Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle is a squadron's opportunity to raise funds to help in deferring the cost of operations. The costs of the raffle are shared by all the participating squadrons thus permitting attractive prizes to be made available and has the potential for squadrons to raise significant supporting funds.

The 2009 Air Cadet Raffle is planned for a draw on March 16, 2009. Tickets should become available in mid-December at which time the prizes will also be announced. Squadrons are encouraged to advise Jim Darcel at (204) 633-9309 or jdarcel@mts.net of their intention to participate and order their ticket requirements.

Remember the amount of each ticket you sell is returned to your squadron less your share of the raffle costs. Representation of all squadrons is encouraged to make this the most successful fund raiser. ▼



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UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- 2009 -

- **100th Anniversary of Powered Flight in Canada** - February 23, 2009 across Canada
- **2009 Summer Training Selection Boards**— February 21, 2009 at Winnipeg
- **2009 Effective Speaking Competition**— February 22, 2009 at Winnipeg
- **100th Anniversary of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC)** - May 1, 2009 across Canada
- **2009 Golden Falcon**—May 16-17, 2009 at Shilo, MB
- **2009 ACL (MB) Annual General Meeting**— October 17-18, 2009 at Winnipeg



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