



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



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## MEET OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON-MARK BRICKWOOD

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. was held on October 18, 2009 at the Western Canada Aviation Museum. Elections were held for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors with Mark Brickwood selected to follow Terry Lewis as Chairman of the Board and the Manitoba Provincial Committee. Mark has long experience as an Air Cadet, Cadet Instructor and member of the Board. His biography follows:

While attending the local junior high school in Selkirk, Mark was convinced to join 6 Jim Whitecross Squadron in 1971. He received his Gliding Scholarship at Rivers Manitoba in 1974, and received his power pilot training through a high school aviation program at Winnipeg Flying Club in 1975. After graduating from high school, he worked at Cessna Aircraft Corporation, as the warranty and service representative for Canada. He continued in the cadet program as a CIC officer, both at 6 Squadron as Admin O, and the gliding program as an instructor and tow pilot. In 1981 he joined the Regional Cadet Office (Prairie) as the Provincial Gliding Operations Officer, a position he filled for four years, until taking on the position of Staff Officer Air Cadets for Prairie Region. Mark was also the Flight Safety Officer for gliding operations in the prairie region during that time.

Mark left the cadet program entirely in 1989, to pursue a career as a programmer analyst. He joined the game development staff at Western Canada Lottery, as a game programmer. In 1993, Mark joined the staff at Pollard Banknote Ltd. to form a new programming department focused on developing software to generate instant lottery games. After five years at Pollard, Mark set off again to work on his own with the Lapis Software Associates, focusing on internal control systems for on-line lotteries.

It was at this time that Mark came back to the cadet program and joined the Provincial Committee



**MR. MARK BRICKWOOD—26<sup>TH</sup> CHAIRMAN ACL (MB)**

Board of Directors in 2005. He has been an active member on the board, ever since, filling the role of Secretary, Vice Chair, and Volunteer Screening Chair. In 2007, Mark rejoined the staff at Pollard Banknote as the Corporate Manager for Manufacturing Software and Engineering. He and his wife have four children. ♦



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## 2008 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

### NATIONAL AWARDS

#### CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

**Mr. Telly Mercury** - Manitoba Provincial Committee - Board of Directors

#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

**Ms. Pat McDonald** - Manitoba Provincial Committee - Board of Directors

**Mr. Vern Toews** - Sponsoring Committee Chairperson, 176 RCACS Winnipeg;

**Mr. Rob Wiebe** - Sponsoring Committee Chairperson, 179 RCACS Morden; and

**Mr. Kazmar Nowak** - Sponsoring Committee Chairperson, 519 RCACS Swan River.

#### CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**Captain Earl Pryce** - Commanding Officer, 50 RCACS Dauphin;

**Captain James Arthur** - Former Commanding Officer, 249 RCACS Beausejour;

**Lieutenant Ewen Booth** - Former Commanding Officer, 317 RCACS Strathclair;

**Lieutenant Lydia Blais** - Commanding Officer, 737 RCACS Thompson; and

**Mr. Adam Penner** - Manager, Harv's Air Service, St. Andrews/Steinbach.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Distinguished Service Award** — The member recognized for significant and continued impact on the advancement of the Air Cadet Program.

**Mr. George Evans;**

**Meritorious Service Award** - To acknowledge exceptional and meritorious service by a Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer.

**Captain Stuart Smith;**

**E. M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award** - The Squadron Sponsor member judged to be the most active, supportive and effective.

**Rob Wiebe, 179 RCACS Morden.**

## 2009 HONOURARY AIR MARSHALL AWARD

The 2009 Honourary Air Marshall Award was presented to Mr. Fred Penner (RIGHT IN PHOTO). The Award is established to acknowledge former Manitoba Air Cadets "In recognition of exceptional personal achievement by an individual whose accomplishments have the motivational and inspirational value to serve as a positive role model for the youth of Manitoba."

Making the presentation is Mr. Gary Solar, on behalf of Bonnie Korzeniowski, Manitoba Envoy for Military Affairs. ♦

### SQUADRON AWARDS

Recognizing those who stand out from the others:

**Edward Vopni Trophy** - Most proficient squadron—**6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS Winnipeg;**

**Harold Steele Trophy** - Most proficient in cadet training and citizenship - **179 RCACS Morden;**

**Kenneth Young Memorial Trophy** - Most proficient rural squadron - **307 (Stoney Brook) RCACS Steinbach;**

**Dorothy Wowk Memorial Trophy** - Most improved squadron - **220 (Red River) RCACS Winnipeg;**

**Wing Commander Walter Mildren Trophy** - Most proficient recruiter - **6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS Winnipeg.**

### CADET SUMMER TRAINING AWARDS

Recognizing those who excelled:

**Paul Wilcox Memorial Trophy** - Top Manitoba cadet on the Senior Leaders Course—Cadet Gurkamal Dhillon, 170 RCACS;

**Frederick Ernest Pink Memorial Trophy** - Top Manitoba cadet on the Power Pilot Course - Cadet Mark Westwood, 82 RCACS

**Alen Hansen Trophy** - Top Manitoba cadet on the Glider Pilot Course - Cadet Richard Soos, 170 RCACS;

**J. W. Stickney Trophy** - Top Rural Manitoba cadet on the Glider Pilot Course - Cadet Franklin Cook, 737 RCACS;

**Robert Hansen Memorial Trophy** - Top Manitoba cadet on the Introduction to Leadership Course—Cadet Ashton Duff 179 RCACS;

**Air Canada Flight Operations Trophy** - Top Manitoba cadet on the Aviation Technical Training Course—Cadet Jared Payment 182 RCACS.

Congratulations to all! ♦





## IACE TO HONG KONG

Warrant Officer 2 Jessica Biggs, 177 (Air Canada)



IACE HONG KONG GROUP

The summer of 2009 was the last summer that I would be able to attend summer camp as an air cadet. I had already worked hard to get the glider pilot scholarship in 2007 and power pilot scholarship in 2008. Both of which were very much fun and I will continue to fly using the licenses I achieved. I wanted to make my last summer a very memorable one so I applied for International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). I had heard many great things about the program. I thought that any country would be great to visit since I had never traveled outside of North America.

I was very excited when I found out that I had been selected to go to Hong Kong for IACE. I was especially excited for the trip since I probably would have never had the chance to travel to Hong Kong on my own.

First I flew to Vancouver where I met with the four other Canadian delegates. The flight from Vancouver to Hong Kong was 12.5 hours! It was definitely the longest flight I have ever been on. As we got off of the plane we were welcomed by Herman, a member of the Hong Kong Air Cadets. We were all very tired from traveling overnight, but he made us feel very welcome and helped us get through the customs area and get our baggage quickly. The climate was very hot and humid, much more than we were used to. Hong Kong is also 13 hours ahead of Winnipeg, which took a little bit of getting used to. We didn't stay with any host families because their homes are too small, so instead we all stayed in a local hotel.

The first morning in Hong Kong was a little bit of a surprise when we went to eat breakfast. They don't eat cereal and pancakes like we do, instead they

have rice, noodles, dim sum, vegetables and buns. That evening we had a welcome dinner where we were able to try even more of the cuisine. It was all very tasty. We also got a chance to meet the delegates from other countries. There were people from: Canada, USA, United Kingdom, Turkey, Israel, France, The Netherlands, China and Australia. It was very interesting to meet everyone and learn about their culture and language. There were also several Hong Kong cadets that escorted us around. While in Hong Kong we went on many tours.

We took a tour of the Government Flying Service and got to go for a flight across the harbour in one of their super puma helicopters. We went to Ocean Park which is marine themed amusement park. They also had animals similar to a zoo. My favourite were the pandas. One of my favourite tours of the trip was at Victoria Peak which is a point high up on one of the mountains. From there you were able to see lots of Central Hong Kong; it was beautiful. We went shopping at street markets. The two main ones were Ladies Street and Stanley Market. It was neat to barter and a great place to find souvenirs.

We were also able to have a visit with a couple of the cadet squadrons. We watched a parade and were able to see many similarities between the Air Cadets in Canada and in Hong Kong. The local cadets also taught each of us how to write our name properly in Cantonese using Chinese calligraphy. They were also able to tell us what our names meant. We went for a tour of Dragon Air. They fly to Hong Kong and China.

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VIEW OF HONG KONG FROM VICTORIA PEAK



**HONG KONG STREET SCENE**

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We were able to go into one of the simulators the pilots train on and they took us through a simulated approach into Hong Kong International Airport. Hong Kong recently built a new airport, but this one is different because they also built the island upon which the airport sits. It was really cool to see. We took a 25 minute cable car ride up one of the mountains to the Great Buddha. The view from the cable car was spectacular, you could see the coast very well, along with the new airport. At the top was the Great Buddha which is the biggest Buddha in the world. It was very neat to see; we were even able to get close enough to touch it. We also got to see a kickboxing demonstration. They showed us various kicks, punches and blocks. We were even able to give it a go ourselves. It was lots of fun. While in Hong Kong we also visited many temples and gardens. Many of them were located in the heart of the city, so it was very neat to be in such a peaceful area when you could look just beyond and see high rise apartments.

We tried many different kinds of Chinese cuisine. Some of the highlights were: dim sum, Chinese hot pot and open pit barbeque. Dim sum is many different small pieces, most of which you can eat in just a couple of bites. Chinese hot pot was a big pot of boiling water in which you would cook your meat, noodles and vegetables. The open pit barbeque was similar to cooking over an open fire in Canada except in Hong Kong we even cooked corn and meatballs over the fire. It was also extremely hot! We were very lucky that we were able to go to mainland China for a 4 day tour. It was a lot of driving, but definitely worth it.

I couldn't believe how different Hong Kong and China were. They were different in almost every aspect including: laws, language, food, currency,

friendliness and even climate. We toured a wood carving factory, ancient villages, a ceramic museum, a dinosaur museum and temples. It was very eye-opening to see the culture and the way people live there compared to us.

IACE was a great experience. I learned a lot, not only about the host country, Hong Kong, but all of the other countries that the delegates were from. I was able to learn some language, about the different cadet programs and way of life. I was also able to teach people about Canada. I now have really good friends from all over the world. There are many things you will get to do and see on IACE that you would not be able to do or see when you were traveling on your own. I highly recommend any air cadet to apply for International Exchange. It takes some effort at your squadron and preparation for boards, but it is well worth all the hard work in the end. It is one summer you will never forget! ♦



**JESSICA'S FRIEND**

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## Local Sponsoring Committee Support Program

The Local Sponsoring Committee Support Program (LSCSP) promotes the three facets of the Air Cadet organization – The Local Sponsoring Committee, Leadership and Community Service, and Academic Success. The LSCSP provides cash awards to outstanding local sponsoring committees and the cadets it sponsors who lead their squadron and perform community service, and those who excel in academic endeavours.

### Local Sponsoring Committee Prizes

All Local Sponsoring Committees in good standing are eligible to be nominated for one of three cash awards of \$1,000.00. Nominations are to be made by the League Liaison.

#### Selection Criteria – LSC IN GOOD STANDING

- 8 goals achieved – BRONZE
- 11 goals achieved – SILVER
- 14 goals achieved – GOLD

The prizes are:

**The William Barker V.C. Prize**

**The Alan McLeod V.C. Prize**

**The Andrew Mynarski V.C. Prize**

### Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursaries

All cadets who belong to a squadron with a local sponsoring committee in good standing may be nominated for these bursaries by their local sponsoring committee. There are five awards of \$1,000.00 named in honour of five former cadets whose lifetime achievements are of the highest order. The bursaries are:

The **James Downey** Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary

The **Walter Natynczyk** Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary

The **Fred Penner** Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary

The **Al Simmons** Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary

The **Judge Murray Sinclair** Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary

#### Selection Criteria – Bursary

- Sponsoring Committee in Good Standing
- Cadets in or completed Level Four
- Attendance at squadron parades/activities
- Leadership at squadron parades/activities
- Volunteer community service

## Academic Excellence Scholarships

All cadets who belong to a squadron with a local sponsoring committee in good standing may be nominated for these scholarships by their local sponsoring committee. There are two awards of \$1,000.00 named in honour of two prominent Manitobans whose contribution to Canada is exemplary. The scholarships are:

The **James Armstrong Richardson, Canadian Aviation Pioneer Scholarship**

The **James Armstrong Richardson, Minister of National Defence 1972-1976 Scholarship**

#### Selection Criteria – Scholarship

- Sponsoring Committee in Good Standing
- Cadets in or completed Level Four
- Attendance at squadron parades/activities
- Grade point average for ten grade 11 and 12 academic courses
- Assisting other leaders

#### Deadlines

**30 Sep 09** – Submit MB Squadron Info Sheet

**31 Oct 09** – Submit ACC-9

**31 May 10** – complete LSCSP goals

**31 May 10** – submit bursary application

**30 Jun 10** – submit scholarship application

#### Local Sponsoring Committee Goals To Achieve Good Standing

- Submit MB Squadron Information Sheet by 30 September – mandatory
- Submit ACC-9 by 31 October – mandatory
- Maintain Squadron Sponsoring Committee membership requirement of five members
- Screen volunteers on a timely basis
- Attend Annual General Meeting
- Participate in Raffle
- Conduct Squadron Effective Speaking Contest
- Submit National Course Application by deadline
- Operate under the by-laws and regulations of the ACL and ACL MB
- Raise \$100.00 per cadet for squadron
- Raise an additional \$2000.00 for Squadron
- Hold four meetings of Squadron Sponsoring Committee with four members and CO present – submit minutes
- Hold four more meetings of Squadron Sponsoring Committee with four members and CO present – submit minutes
- Recruit two new members for the SSC
- Execute a cadet recruiting campaign
- Have two articles published in a newspaper

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

**Local Sponsoring Committee**

- Inform Squadron Liaison if you plan to participate
- Submit MB Sqn Info Sheet by 30 Sep 09
- Submit ACC-9 by 31 Oct 09
- Select goals and achieve them
- Assist cadets with applications

**Bursary Applicants**

- Record dates and times of attendance at Squadron parades/activities
- Record dates and times of leadership at Squadron parades/activities
- Record volunteer community service
- Record assistance to other leaders

**Scholarship Applicants**

- Record dates and times of attendance at Squadron parades/activities
- Record grades for ten grades 11 and 12 academic courses
- Record assistance to other leaders ♦

**NEW BADGE FOR STONEWALL SQUADRON**



Seven MB squadrons remain without an official badge.

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Now available on the national website at [www.aircadetleague.com](http://www.aircadetleague.com)

**NEW EFFECTIVE SPEAKING PINS**



Participants in the Effective Speaking Program are now authorized to wear the new Effective Speaking Pin. When the new pins are available active cadets entitled to wear the pin will be contacted by the ACL (MB). ♦

**UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS**

- 2009 -

- **2009 Christmas Reception**—December 15, 2009 at 283 ANAVETS, Winnipeg, MB

- 2010 -

- **2010 Summer Training Selection Boards** - February 20, 2010 at 17 Wing Winnipeg, MB
- **2010 Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition** - February 21, 2010 at 17 Wing Winnipeg, MB

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