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199 (ST. VITAL) RCACS RECEIVES SQUADRON CHARTER



Manitoba's newest Squadron, 199 St Vital RCACS received their Squadron Charter from the Air Cadet League of Canada at a parade on January 15, 2004. The squadron is sponsored by the 199 RCACS Parents' Committee. It stood up on August 29, 2003 and has a complement of approximately 65 cadets in its first year of operation. The Local Sponsoring Committee Chair, Mr. Doug Rogers, accompanied by the Squadron Commanding Officer, Major Jim Forestell, accepted the Charter from the Provincial Chairman.

2004 WING COMMANDER TOMMY COOPER DRILL COMPETITION

170 (St. James) RCACS is the 2004 winner of the Wing Commander Tommy Cooper Drill Competition which was held at 17 Wing Winnipeg on February 8, 2004. This year's event was between five of the Winnipeg squadrons with six drill teams competing in a very close competition. 191 RCACS was in second place with 573 RCACS in third position. Runners up were 177 RCACS and the 191 RCACS Junior Drill Team. The Trophy for this annual competition involving the City of Winnipeg Air Cadet Squadrons is named in honour of the late Wing Commander Tommy Cooper, OBE CD, who was a long standing supporter of Air Cadets in Winnipeg.



The Chairman of the ACLC (MB) Inc., Mr. Ed de Gaux, presented the Cooper Trophy to 170 RCACS Team Leader WO2 De La Cruz; and participant certificates were presented to all the teams. The event was again organized by Mr. Dave Odell and supported by the Cadet Detachment Winnipeg who provided the judges, Warrant Officer Doug Mills, ACA (Air) and Petty Officer Guy Kostello, ACA (Sea). A special thanks to the 170 Squadron Sponsoring Committee for their canteen's support. We look forward to the participation of all eight Winnipeg squadrons in next year's event.

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PREPARATION FOR SUMMER TRAINING SELECTION BOARDS

The Summer Training Selection Boards will be held on Saturday February 28, 2004 at the Western Canada Aviation Museum; preparations at squadron should be well underway. Squadrons are encouraged to conduct practice interviews for their cadets that will be competing for training positions.

Cadets should be conversant with topical current events, as well as, the structure of the Air Cadet Organization. Also, those responsible for application submissions should be familiar with the process and the data offered in the ACLC (MB) By-laws, Policies and Procedures Manual. Applications for IACE, Flying Scholarship & Gliding Scholarship Courses are to be submitted no later than February 15, 2004; other courses should have been submitted by January 18, 2004.

Selection Boards will be held for the following Courses:

- International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE)
- Flying Scholarship (Fly Schol)
- Gliding Scholarship
- Senior Leaders
- Air Traffic Control
- Survival Instructor
- Athletic Instructor
- Technical Training

FOR THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Bob Dylan wrote: *If your time to you
Is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'.*

I'm sure everyone agrees that our program is worth savin' even though we are encountering funding problems. Every Squadron is experiencing more and more challenges with fund raising as we start out in this new century. Fewer commercial locations and Shopping Centres are allowing access for tag days or ticket sales, attendance at Sponsor Bingos is being affected by larger prizes at casinos, while competition from other charitable groups has depleted traditional supporters. Long-established sponsors are being severely affected by these concerns and the trend is necessitating that we explore and try innovative options.

We have recently welcomed the Rotary Club of Brandon into our family, replacing the Optimist Club from that City, and the Parents Committee of 170 RCACS assumed sponsorship of that Squadron last year from the Elks Lodge in St. James. This year we find changes coming at 158, 177 and 573 Squadrons; what's more sponsors in other communities are also experiencing declining resources. Fortunately Parents' Associations and new supporters have been able to take on a more assertive role in the care of those squadrons. We welcome the backing of all these groups.

It is increasingly clear that a single organization fulfilling the sponsor's obligations is becoming less and less workable; our sponsors and sponsoring committees must establish partnerships with other interested groups to ensure a more viable approach to achieving the levels of support that we require for a growing and prosperous squadron. It is with that goal in mind that all the squadrons in Manitoba who have not mobilized the parents of their cadets are encouraged to do so. However, you are recommended to do so in a structured manner to ensure that individuals who become involved are well aware of their authority and individual responsibilities. We have examples of Parents' Committee Constitutions which can give a good start to defining those obligations. If you plan to form a parents' group contact the office and a copy will be provided for you.

Fund raising is a challenging endeavour and what works in one community may fall short in the next. Regardless, I invite squadrons to pass on their experiences and successes so that we all can grow from others' lessons learned. Drop a note to the Provincial Office and your comments will be used for future Newsletters; our organization is too important to let it, as Dylan says, 'sink like a stone'.

INFORMATION PRIVACY PROMISE TO MEMBERS

The new Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act has required any organization that uses personal information for commercial uses to set a policy and inform the public how they use their personal information, as well as, how individuals may determine what information is held and how to change that information if required. While we are not a commercial entity, we have been advised to develop a similar policy for our Corporation.

The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. will not rent, sell or otherwise make your personal information available to any third party without your express consent, except as required by law. The information you provide us is used to fulfill the business of the corporation or to update you as to the status of the operation of the Air Cadet Program. If you do not wish to be notified about the status of the operation please refer to the ACLC (MB) Inc. Privacy Policy in Part 2 of the By-laws, Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 3, available on our web site, Sponsors and Members page. The policy explains how you may obtain information on how to withdraw your consent to use of your personal information; you may also view the complete Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. Privacy Policy. If you do not have internet access you may call the Provincial Office at 1-204-253-1714 for more information.

CONTINUATION FLYING TRAINING AWARDS



Cadet Flight Sergeant Steven Rogers formerly with 176 RCACS and now of 199 (St. Vital) RCACS was presented with a Continuation Flying Training Award of \$300.00 by Mr. Bill Whiston of the Air Force Association of Canada. The Air Force Association sponsors 20 of the awards to Air Cadets across Canada. F/S Rogers was also the recipient of Manitoba's Frederick Ernest Pink Memorial Trophy for attaining top standing on the Flying Scholarship Course during the summer of 2003. During last years summer training F/S Rogers was a cadet with 176 RCACS and transferred to the new 199 RCACS when it stood up in September. Center in the photo is Mr. Bert Aldrich a past Commanding Officer of 176 RCACS.

MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

Due to an unexpected resignation from the Board of Directors the organization of the 2004 Air Cadet raffle is behind schedule. It was expected that the tickets would be available to the squadrons by the end of January. This was not possible and the new committee is working as quickly as they can but the tickets will not reach the squadrons before the end of February. The Raffle Coordinator is now Mrs. Mary-Anne Shipley who may be contacted through the Provincial Office. We apologize for the delay.

NEW AREA CADET OFFICER (AIR) FOR DETACHMENT WINNIPEG

We welcome Captain Jeffrey J. MacLellan our new Area Cadet Officer (Air) who is now in situ at Cadet Detachment Winnipeg. His biography follows:



Captain MacLellan comes to the position of Area Cadet Officer (Air) after re-enrolling into the Canadian Forces in the fall of 2003. Having acquired his love of aviation with the Air Cadets, he is no stranger to the organization. Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, he joined the 529 Armdale Kiwanis RCACS after seeing the aircrew survival display at their Annual Inspection. The next year while attending the Shearwater air-show, he watched military aircraft perform their displays and knew right then and there that he was going to become an air force pilot. Capt MacLellan went on to receive a flying scholarship and completed his last year in cadets as Warrant Officer First Class.

Capt MacLellan enrolled into the Canadian Forces in Dec 1990 after completing his BSc in Mathematics. Graduating with his wings from the multi-engine school in Portage la Prairie, Capt MacLellan was posted to 436 Transport Squadron in Trenton, Ontario where he flew the C-130 Hercules. In Aug 2000 he was posted to Greenwood, Nova Scotia for his second operational tour on the C-130 at 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron. It was upon arriving there that he was faced with a crossroad in his career. Capt MacLellan accepted an offer of employment with Air Canada where he flew the Airbus A-319/320/321 and also instructed in the simulator teaching transition courses, recurrent training and conducted validation checks.

Recent events in the airline industry prompted Capt MacLellan to take a leave of absence from Air Canada and "get back in blue". Capt MacLellan says, "It' s great tōbe back in uniform and to have the opportunity to give back to the organization that I received so much from".

2004 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

The 2004 Air Cadet Effective Speaking Competition will be held in Russell, MB on Sunday May 23, 2004 during the Golden Falcon weekend. The winning Manitoba cadet will be entered into the National Competition taking place June 17-20, 2004 in Truro, NS during the National Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

The subjects for the 2004 competition are:

1. The Liberation of Holland
2. How Air Cadets has Affected My Life
3. A Canadian who has Made (is Making) a Difference
4. Canada' s Space History
5. Why I am Proud to be a Canadian
6. What Challenges will Youth have in the 21st Century?

This year's coordinator is Mrs. Mary-Anne Shipley who can be contacted through the Provincial Office. Information regarding the competition's rules and procedures has been provided to the squadrons. Those cadets intending to compete are again encouraged to seek assistance from their local Toast Master Club or community groups who have expertise in public speaking. More information may be obtained at <http://www.aircadetleague.com/02/League/P&P/Part4/References/ES%20Contest/index.pdf>

COOPER DRILL COMPETITION



PO Guy Kostello Area Cadet Assistant (Sea) begins the inspection of the 177 RCACS Drill Team.

WO Doug Mills Area Cadet Assistant (Air) begins the inspection of the 191 RCACS Drill Team.



573 RCACS Team begins the inspection.



191 RCACS



573 RCACS



177 RCACS



191 RCACS Jr. Team

2004 GOLDEN FALCON WEEKEND

The 2004 Golden Falcon weekend is planned for May 21-24, 2004 in Russell, MB. The organizers advise that plans are firming up and an enjoyable event is expected. Squadrons are encouraged to set plans in place to ensure they are participants of this popular activity. We look forward to meeting cadets from all 22 squadrons in Russell.

Notice!

UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

Operation Purple Leader – February 13-15, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

Summer Training Selection Boards – February 28, 2004 at WCAM* Winnipeg, MB

Marksmanship Champion Series Stage II – March 13, 2004 at locations throughout the province.

Marksmanship Champion Series Stage III – April 3-4, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

Prairie Region Music Concentration – April 9-18, 2004 at Fort Qu' Appelle, SK

Golden Falcon 2004 – May 21-24, 2004 at Russell, MB

Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition – May 23, 2004 at Russell, MB

National ACLC Annual General Meeting – June 17-20, 2004 at Truro, NS

Fly Scholarship Training Commences – July 5, 2004 at Flying Schools in MB

Summer Training Commences – July 12, 2004 at Air Cadet Summer Training Centres

63rd AGM of the ACLC (MB) Inc. – October 2, 2004 at the WCAM*, Winnipeg, MB

* Western Canada Aviation Museum



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http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/progs/cpsc-ccsp/sc-cs/o1_e.cfm

The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated is a volunteer organization interested in growing the Air Cadet Program in the Province. To do so we require the assistance of interested and dynamic individuals who can spare some time to help organize and conduct the programs that, while they are listed under the "Optional Training" category, are integral to adding more 'fun' to our program.

Anyone interested in assisting this dynamic program may obtain more information by contacting the Provincial League Office at the numbers below.

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