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## 17 WING: THE NEW HOLLYWOOD NORTH



Take away the flags and everything in this picture could be from 1959. Several 1950s vintage vehicles were used in the filming of the movie "The Arrow" at 17 Wing Winnipeg on July 5, 1996. The old cars fit in nicely with the architecture of the base, as well as the DC-3 Dakota and the B-25 Mitchell on display at the Stevenson Field Park. (Photo by Sgt F.L. Price, 17 Wing)

By Capt Neil Kinley

It isn't too difficult to picture most air force wings as they were in the late 1950s. Most appear remarkably similar in the 1990s, 17 Wing Winnipeg included. So when the producers of the film "The Arrow" were looking for locations around Winnipeg that would be typical of 1959, they hit the jackpot with 17 Wing.

With approval from Ottawa and Air Command, the film's production staff descended in mass on the Wing in the afternoon of July 5, 1996. They set up their convoy of tractor trailers and vans on the parade square and filmed several scenes along the flight line and outside Mawdsley Hall, the home of the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School, the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies, and the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology.

On base for filming on this evening was the star of the production, Dan Ackroyd. As he did throughout his stay in Winnipeg, Ackroyd impressed people on the base with his openness and friendly attitude.

The film company returned to the base on July 22, 1996 to shoot additional scenes, minus Dan Ackroyd, who had already left Winnipeg for another project. They also used McGregor Armoury in Winnipeg for some of their interior shots during filming. The film, which details some of the story of the AVRO Arrow, will finish shooting in Winnipeg in August, and will air on CBC TV in January or February of 1997.

## Gander Hosts SAREX 96

### 435 Squadron Comes Home With (Some) Hardware



By Capt Richard Pamplin

Who would have thought that there would be three good days of flying weather in Gander, Nfld. in June? Not this "come-from-away," that's for sure. And who would have thought that the Outcasts of 103 Rescue Unit would win SAREX 96 on their own turf? More than a few people were crying foul when our "hosts" collected the Diamond trophy for best overall performance in SAREX 96.

SAREX 96 was the latest installment of the national search and rescue competition which was held from 21-27 June, 1996 at 9 Wing Gander, Nfld. The national

SAREX is a competition, a conference, and a celebration of search and rescue in Canada.

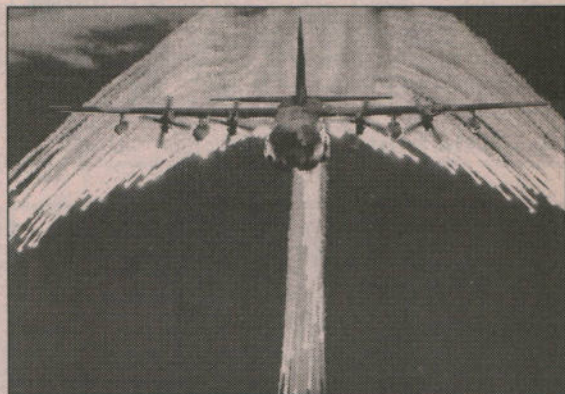
The competition was between all five Canadian Forces search and rescue units: 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, 14 Wing Greenwood; 424 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, 8 Wing Trenton; 435 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, 17 Wing Winnipeg; 442 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, 19 Wing Comox; and 103 Rescue Unit, 9 Wing Gander. In addition, there was a composite team from the three combat support squadrons: 417 (Combat Support) Squadron, 4 Wing Cold Lake; 439 (Combat Support) Squadron, 3 Wing Bagotville; and 444 (Combat Support) Squadron, 5 Wing Goose Bay.

Despite two and a half days of typical Newfoundland weather (low ceilings, rain and fog), all events in the competition were completed with a day to spare. The five events of the competition are the parachute accuracy jump (team and individual), the search event, the rescue event, the medical event, and the

maintenance event. The team from the fighting 435th were the winners in the rescue event, and came home with the Pararescue Association Honour Roll Trophy. Being able to search is nice, but being the best at rescue is much better!

Although the jury is still out on whether or not the home team should be allowed to win the team spirit award, one has to admit that they were gracious hosts. From the moment we landed on the Rock (Newfoundland), the Outcasts immersed us in Newfie culture. Following the opening banquet of seafood, lobster and moose meat, those of us from the mainland (come-from-aways) were treated to the enlightening ritual of "screeching-in." Contrary to popular beliefs, it was less about screech and more about coming to understand the "mystique" of Canada's newest province. The screech (rum), hardtack (stale bread), newfie steak (bologna), capeland (dried fish) and turnip (turnip) were easy to stomach, but that cod still gives me the willies. Where I come from, you eat your fish, you don't kiss it.

## TALK ABOUT BRIGHT!!!



Flown by a crew from Aeronautical Engineering and Test Establishment (AETE), Hercules 341 discharges all of its 300 flares during a recent test of the C-130 Defensive Electronic Warfare System / Self-Protection Suite (DEWS/SPS). The flares are designed to decoy heat-seeking missiles away from the airplane. They can either be fired singly, or all at once as in this picture. This photo was taken from the lowered ramp of another Winnipeg C-130 by Cpl Gervais from 17 Wg Imaging.

However, that might explain a few things about some of the Newfoundlanders I know. In any event, we all were allowed to keep the sou'westers

(yellow rain hats) that they gave us! Mental note for next year: no fish kissing, no rain or fog, and no squid-jigging music!

## WINNIPEG TO HOST SAREX 97

### Logo Design Contest

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# MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE (MOS) REVIEW

By Capt CM Walton-Simm  
Voxair Managing Editor

The MOS Review, aimed at looking at the whole MOS to determine the changes necessary to meet future Canadian Forces (CF) requirements, recommended a methodology to initiate a number of detailed examinations. As I indicated in my last article, these follow-on studies fall into three groups:

- **Group 1** - occupations with little or no apparent military requirement (PSEL, TRG DEV, PAFF, MUSIC, MUSCN, LEGAL);
- **Group 2** - functional or activity areas with multiple occupations involved in delivery of the activity (MAPPING & CHARTING with 3 occupations, CE SERVICES with 12 occupations, SECURITY & POLICE with 2 occupations, FOOD SERVICES (SVCS) with cooks, LOG-FOOD SVCS and TRANSPORTATION SVCS with 2 occupations, FIN SVCS, with Fin Clk and Log-Fin, ADMIN SVCS with Admin Clk & PADM, MET & POSTAL with 2 occupations, SUP SVCS with 2 occupations; and
- **Group 3** - single occupations, warranting separate study due to significant apparent potential for alternate service delivery (ASD) (FIREFIGHTERS, STEWARDS, CELE, AERE, MARE EME, COMM TECH & LOGISTICS).

Separate from this the VCDS has directed that a study also be completed on Chaplains Svcs. The recommended methodology is to have the Vice Chief of Defence Staff (VCDS) direct a number of detailed studies using the following factors:

- re-establish an operational focus;
- need for executive direction;
- approach must tie-in both qualitative and quantitative issues;
- must coordinate Command and Group inputs;
- must tie-in diverse studies already underway;
- need study OPIs with proper functional overview;
- should follow Med/Dent template; and
- should tie-in ASD potential.

These studies, once completed will provide recommendations on:

- the minimum requirements, by Rank & MOC, necessary to meet the operational commitments of the White Paper, including those required for reasons of operational flexibility and job rotation and where they should be employed;
- based on business case analysis, any additional requirements for military personnel;
- the optimum occupational structure required to meet Military requirements;
- the future training requirements and the best means for delivery;
- the recruitment necessary for maintenance of the required PML;
- how to reach the recommended manning level by FY 98/99.

These studies comprise some 44 occupations and represent over 20,000 established positions. The end result is that restructuring must ensure that the 60,000 Regular Force Personnel are able to optimize operational capabilities.

# 17 WING FLIGHT PLAN '97 GROUND SCHOOL FALL SCHEDULE

By Chris Alexiuk

The 17 Wing Flight Plan '97 Ground School now has approximately 250 graduates under its belt.

The feedback continues to be very positive, with most people commenting that it is indeed a very worthwhile three days.

The Ground School is a life-skills course which offers something for everyone....from learning more about teams, to a greater understanding of ourselves. All courses are held in the WO's & Sgts' Mess. Dress is civilian casual and lunch is provided.

With demand still high, the course will be offered this Fall on the following dates:

- 10 - 12 Sep 96
- 17 - 19 Sep 96
- 24 - 26 Sep 96
- 1 - 3 Oct 96
- 8 - 10 Oct 96
- 15 - 17 Oct 96
- 22 - 24 Oct 96
- 29 - 31 Oct 96
- 5 - 7 Nov 96
- 12 - 14 Nov 96
- 19 - 21 Nov 96
- 26 - 28 Nov 96

If you desire more info, or wish to be loaded onto one of the above courses, please contact Chris Alexiuk at 5480 after 25 Aug 96.



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# 1 AMS

By Cpl Lyver & Cpl Prytuliak

Operation Roving Sands occurred during the 15th of May to the 9th of July in sunny El Paso, Texas and Fredericton, New Brunswick. The operation was in support of 4 Air Defense Unit from Canadian Forces Base Geagetown.

The deployment phase was from the 15-26 of May in El Paso and was represented by 2 MAMS from 1 Air Movements Squadron who were responsible for the offload portion. 2 MAMS had also performed beyond their normal duties by assisting with aircraft park and start. Three CC-130 Hercules aircrafts were utilized with aircrews consisting of 426, 429, 424 and 436 squadrons. Although one of the aircraft sustained a 'B' flight safety violation in Fredericton while being loaded, the airflow continued rather smoothly. While ensuring safety at all times, 2 MAMS was able to successfully offload 8 ADATS, 2 MLVW's with servo, 2 artillery guns with skyguard and passengers with baggage.

Along with one Airbus which 2 MAMS had to improvise the normal offloading procedure, utilizing the K-25 aircraft loader and the Tarex forklift making the task physically demanding. In total 2 MAMS offloaded over 430,000 pounds of freight and baggage.

While in El Paso they were able to see the sites of Mexico and experience the true essence of bargain shopping, the taste of a good bottle of Tequila and how hot those jalepenos really are. Also as the true adventurers that they are the team had the opportunity of visiting Carlsbad Caverns. Rumour has it that Cpl Prytuliak was not seen leaving the cave but was screeching like a bat about 500 ft into the mountain. Some members were able to play a couple of rounds of golf at some of the courses surrounding El Paso including Painted Dunes which is known to be the second best course in the United States.

Many a team member's sunburnt cheek was stained with a tear as their El Paso deployment came to an end



(L-R) Cpl Lyver, Cpl Armstrong, Cpl Cordick, Cpl Prytuliak, Sgt Etmanski, Cpl J. Brown, Capt Rafter. Missing: MCpl Salois, Cpl Carlson, Cpl K. Brown.

and with bags in hand headed home to Winnipeg to await the redeployment phase in Fredericton, N.B.

The redeployment was held from the 28th of June until the 8th of July but this time conditions were much different from the 100 plus degrees of El Paso. There would be no sunburns or Tequila hangovers this time; only soggy feet and

bad hair days caused by 7 days of rain. In between sitting in the hot tub at the hotel and golf games in the rain they still managed to offload 445,780 pounds of vehicles and freight. Of course there were the predicted aircraft delays which caused the operation to be two days longer than expected. Even though 2 Mams were longing for the warmth of the

Texas sun they were becoming climatized and Cpl Brown was commenting on how his webbed feet help him do better at bare footing now.

The operation was successfully completed and with the experience and knowledge of 2 MAMS a deployment well done which none of them will soon forget.

## FLYING OFFICER GEORGE FINKLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY

The family of the late Flying Officer George Finkle has established a scholarship and bursary in the Faculty of Management and the departments of geology and geological engineering at the University of Manitoba. These awards have been established to commemorate George Finkle's service to his country in time of war and peace, and for his keen interest and expertise in business and mineral exploration. Only those serving in the Canadian Forces, Regular and Reserve Force, or their immediate families are eligible.

### FLYING OFFICER GEORGE FINKLE

FO Finkle was born in 1921 in Winnipeg's north end to immigrant Jewish parents, and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in 1942. He was trained as a navigator and went overseas in 1943, joining 180 Squadron, Royal Air Force, flying Mitchell bombers. He flew 60 missions against Nazi targets, often as the "lead" navigator.

After World War II came to an end, FO Finkle returned to Winnipeg, raised a family and built a business. He continued his military service with 402 (Reserve) Squadron in the 1950s and 60s, as a fighter controller.

From his youth during the Depression and his time overseas, FO Finkle was determined to make something of himself. He was not afraid of hard work and used his intelligence, courage, determination and strength to help him achieve his goals. He developed an interest in business and an expertise in the stock market, where his interest in

mineral, oil and gas exploration helped make him successful.

Flying Officer Finkle passed away on June 16, 1993. He is survived by his wife Esther, children Judy, Lewis, Marsha, and Gerry, and many grandchildren. He is greatly missed, and his memory is honoured through this scholarship.

### CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY

The scholarship and bursary are to be awarded exclusively to serving members of the Canadian Forces, Regular and Reserve Force, or the immediate families of Regular Force personnel.

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All candidates must demonstrate the qualities of George Finkle; love for Canada, love of family, decency, morality, strength, intelligence, courage, determination, and hard work. A candidate's love for Canada will be established by his or her enrollment in the Canadian Forces. All other criteria will be documented with reference letters in the application process.

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# CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL HONOURS AND AWARDS



Capt Jan C. King, Central Flying School, Dash 8 Standards has been raking in gift certificates lately for energy savings ideas. The 17 Wing "Ideas" program awarded him \$50 in gift certificates for an idea that would save about \$390 per year. When air conditioning was installed on the 3rd floor of 16 Hangar, new air ducts were installed under the lights and a second set of lights was installed under the air ducts. So there was one set of lights that lit up the top of the duct providing very little light to the hallway. Capt King's CO knew that he was bothered by wasted power and suggested that he do something about the waste. Capt King submitted the idea and to his surprise the lights were removed about two weeks ago and a \$25 gift certificate to Sears and a \$25 certificate to the Keg were awarded to him by the Honours and Awards Committee. The certificates were presented by LCol M.R. Spooner, Comdt CFS, on 11 July 1996. However, to Capt King's surprise, he just won a second time! His second idea was to put motion sensor lights on the MP shack by the Whytefold gate. This would save approximately \$125 per year in electricity costs. Capt King states it's nice to receive the recognition and the gifts but it's even nicer to get the satisfaction from seeing the ideas put into action. So, if you have any ideas to improve things, Capt King strongly recommends submitting them to the Wing Ideas Program - it works!

## Here are some tips from Capt King:

My hobby used to be working on our house before we moved into our PMQ, and since I didn't want to fix up a PMQ I couldn't keep so my new hobby became energy. I learned about the existence of compact fluorescent light bulbs just before we moved to Winnipeg. I didn't think of them as much more than

expensive light bulbs, but now my whole perspective has changed. I discovered that we Canadians are energy pigs. Energy is hard to understand because our only contact with it is the bills we pay and the hard to read meters on our houses. There is way more to it than money.

Back in my home town of

Niagara on the Lake a decision was made to add curbs to some of the streets in an attempt to make the streets look better, however, some unexpected results came from this. The beautiful trees lining the streets don't get enough water now because the curbs channel the water away, and the storm sewers had to be made larger to handle the extra water. The town would have had better results by thinking a bit harder about what they were doing. They could have saved not just in money but also beauty. We are all doing exactly the same type of thing by not thinking about the energy we waste. For example it's pretty common for most of us to leave the lights on in our hotel room when we visit the United States even when we are not in the room. What I didn't know before was that 75% of the energy in the US comes from burning coal. So when we leave a light on we are burning coal and making a lot of pollution for absolutely no reason. Everyone likes

nature, and no-one likes acid rain. We are just having a hard time connecting what our left and right hands are doing.

It turns out there's a lot we can do. If you look in hotels now you will notice almost every single light is a compact fluorescent. They figured out not only would they save 75% on the power bill by switching to more efficient lights but they also save a lot on the air conditioning. A normal light bulb is only 6% efficient, and the other 94% of the energy is made into heat. Our grandchildren will probably find it unbelievable that we ever used such an inefficient thing as an incandescent light.

I have tried all kinds of compact fluorescent bulbs and it's best to get ones that have an electronic ballast so that they turn on right away without flickering. Osram deluxe is the best brand to buy, they have the nicest white. GE makes a fairly nice one that is available from Super Store for less than \$10. A 15 watt compact light is the same

brightness as a 75 watt regular light so you should only buy 15 watt or brighter, less than 15 watt is just too dim for most things. If you use a light 3 hours a day it pays to switch it to a compact one. In two years it will pay for itself and after that it will save you money every year (if you have air conditioning it will pay for itself in the first year). Not only does it save you money it will make you feel better in that you are contributing to make things better. Here in Manitoba 95% of our energy is hydro, and 5% coal. Hydro isn't as clean as I thought it was. I always heard about mercury poisoning, and thought it came from factories, but it is a result of flooding the land with a dam and leaching the mercury out.

Start using compact fluorescent at least in a couple of frequently used lights in your house, and start feeling good that you are contributing not wasting.

Capt. Jan C. King 885-5423

Capt Jeff Benedet of Central Flying School CT-114 Standards received the Air Command Flying Instructor Category Award for achieving an A-1 instructors category on the CT-114 aircraft effective 4 July 1996. The award was presented by LCol M.R. Spooner, Comdt CFS, on 11 July 1996.



Well done Jeff! Congratulations from the staff of CFS.



Capt Darryl Dash of Central Flying School BH-06 Standards is all smiles. He recently completed the Officer Professional Development Program and has a certificate to prove it. The certificate was presented by LCol M.R. Spooner, Comdt CFS on 11 July 1996. Congratulations from your fellow co-workers at CFS.

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- families of all of the above.

### How do I benefit?

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- recognition of credits from other member colleges
- recognition of military training for college credit
- reduction in residency requirement to 25%
- special subjects and programs offered at times and in locations that meet the unique situations of those associated with military bases.

### What kinds of learning opportunities are offered by the CFCCN?

CFB Winnipeg and Red River Community College (RRCC) are working together through a CFCCN Coordinator to offer students:

- courses at RRCC
- RRCC courses that are conducted on-base
- correspondence/distance courses available from RRCC (or one of the other member colleges)
- special courses and workshops organized for a given group and offered by RRCC (or one of the other member colleges).

### Where can I get more information?

The CFCCN Coordinator operates through the Wing/Base Personnel Selection Officer at each base.

Catherine Mayor,  
CFCCN Coordinator for CFB Winnipeg  
833-2500 ext 5115  
fax 833-6957  
E-MAIL

## ON BASE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY RED RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CFCCN.....

**BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING FOR SMALL BUSINESS - \$129.00 + text**  
A great course for those who want to get the most from their small business \$\$\$\$ and also for those who want to attain bookkeeping skills as their business!  
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Westwin Community Centre

**HOW TO START A SMALL BUSINESS - \$129.00 + text**  
Learn on the weekend! Friday night/Saturday. Take the steps to ensure success at your second career!  
Fri eve 6-9 pm Sat 9-4:30 Nov 22/23/29/30 Dec 6/7  
Westwin Community Centre

**INTRODUCTION TO SMALL COMPUTERS - \$199.00 + text**  
You will receive a hands-on approach to the world of micro-computers. Become computer literate by learning the terminology associated with PCs. Included are introductions to Windows, Word Perfect 5.2 in Windows and LOTUS 1-2-3, release 4.  
Tues/Thurs 6-9 pm 17 Sept-31 Oct  
ITRC Lab, Bldg 52 north site

Coming in Sept/Oct - 3 hour workshops:

Family Finance - Budgets to RRSPs  
Know your pension - what's the bottom line?  
CPR refresher  
Transportable careers

For more information call your CFCCN coordinator at 833-2500 ext 5115 fax 833-6957 E-mail

### IT'S TIME TO THINK BACK TO SCHOOL!

The new Red River Community College Con-Ed Course Catalogues are here! Drop by the CFCCN office (Bldg 52) or call to get your copy! Registration for Fall courses is ongoing! Don't miss out!  
Distance Learning Catalogues from the 21 CFCCN members will be trickling in over the coming weeks. To take advantage of convenient learning at home, at your pace come see what the CFCCN has to offer!

Don't forget:  
**REGISTRATION & INFORMATION EVENINGS**

For CFCCN & RRCC will take place:  
**Northsite - Westwin Community Centre**  
27 Aug 96 4 - 7:30 pm  
**Southsite - MFRC 350 Doncaster**  
28 Aug 96 4 - 7:30 pm

Representatives from CFCCN and Red River Community College will be on hand to take questions and Registrations for Fall courses. Refreshments will be served!

# WCOMD 17 WING VISITS CFS



Col G.E. Sharpe visited Central Flying School on 11 July 1996. His visit commenced with an informal coffee session with CFS staff members followed by two familiarization flights, one in the CT-114 Tutor with the Comdt CFS, LCol Mike Spooner and one in the BH-06 Jet Ranger with Capt Darryl Dash of CFS Rotary Wing Standards.

## OPDP PROGRAM



Capt Straub of 17 Wing Operations is congratulated by the WOPSO, LCol Bailey, for successfully completing his OPDP Program.

## Education Brightens Your Future!



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## FLIGHT SAFETY AWARD



The W Comd, Col Joe Sharpe, presents Capt John Nowak of CFANS with a Director Flight Safety Award for Professionalism. While under going pilot training at 3 CFFTS in Portage la Prairie Capt Nowak was faced with a serious engine problem on a solo flight. He followed procedures correctly, shut down the aircraft's engine and managed to land the Slingsby safely. Well done. (Photo by Cpl Stephane Gervais, 17 Wing)

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# MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Actions Communautaires

Pour plus amples renseignements à propos n'importe quel service communautaire vous pouvez contacter Rae au 489-7003.

### NOUVEAU-venu OU ENNUYÉ?

Vous êtes éligibles à une visite à domicile en français bien sûr! Je vous ferai connaître les ressources à Winnipeg. Ca me fera un grand plaisir de faire votre connaissance.

### Visite guidée de la ville

#### Mesdames!

Vous qui êtes nouvelles venues à Winnipeg, venez vous joindre à nous le samedi, 21 septembre 1996, pour une visite guidée de la ville suivie d'un repas léger.

L'autobus quittera le centre communautaire westwin (CCW) à 9h30 pile.

Notez cette date sur votre calendrier sociale et soyez prêtes à vous amuser. Peut-être gagnerez-vous un prix de participation. Débutez votre séjour à Winnipeg du bon pied et soyez de la partie. RSVP avant vendredi le 7 septembre 1996 pour réserver.

## CAR RALLY

**Calling all cars! Calling all cars!**  
Have you heard about the first Annual Car Rally sponsored by the MFRC?

Bring the whole family & stay for the barbecue after the rally

Saturday, 7 September 1996  
Rally to commence 10:00 a.m. at the Westwin Community Centre

Prizes for the car rally  
Prizes for the "wackiest" hat  
Prizes for the best chili

Registration \$10.00/car  
Paid up Wing Lotto members will receive free registration  
Each car will receive 5 free tickets that can be cashed in at the barbecue

Please pre-register before 31 Aug 96 by calling Linda at the MFRC 489-7003  
Sign up for the car rally and the chili bake-off

Hope you and your family will join the fun  
Don't forget to bring your city map and calculator

NOW ACCEPTING FALL REGISTRATION

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## OUTREACH/RESOURCE

Rae Ranking Coordinator

For further information regarding any Outreach service or activity, Rae can be reached at 489-7003.

Welcome To Town!!

Yes, We Make House Calls!

Don't put yourself through the frustration of finding everything on your own. As a newcomer you are entitled to a home visit by either a welcome committee volunteer or me. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity to get your bearings around Winnipeg while enjoying friendly conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. If you don't know a soul in the city your newcomer visit will provide the remedy.

### Newcomer Bus Tour and Luncheon

Ladies! Join us for a few hours of sightseeing followed by a light luncheon on Saturday September 21, 1996. The bus will depart from the Westwin Community Centre (WCC) promptly at 9:00 a.m. and return around 1 p.m. then lunch with your new acquaintances! Do mark this on your social calendar and prepare to have a wonderful time, meet new people and maybe even win one of our exciting door prizes. Let's get your Winnipeg posting off to a great start! RSVP before Friday, September 7, 1996.

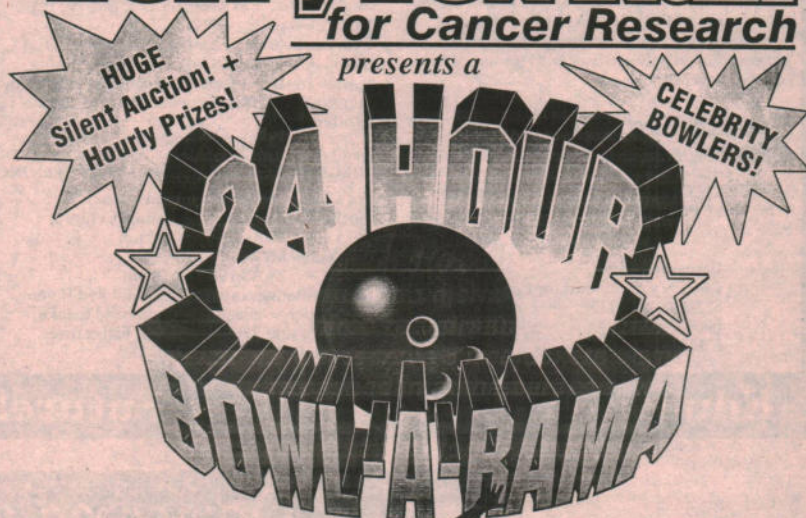
## WING LOTTO



Have you signed up for Wing Lotto yet? Time is running out! Contact the MFRC before 10 Sept 96 to get in on the lottery. The first two draws will take place 12 Sept 96. Then two draws will be made every second Thursday until 27 Feb 97. The prize for each of these draws will be \$100.00. The cost to join the Lotto is \$26.00 for six months. This can be paid by cash, cheque, post-dated cheques, or acquittance roll. Don't delay, contact Linda today at the MFRC 489-7003.

## THE Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research

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1:00 PM  
Saturday  
Sept. 14th

1:00 PM  
Sunday  
Sept. 15th

Bowl as much or as little as you like.  
Non-stop recorded music by Winnipeg's leading DJ's!



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# SERVICE PERCEPTION SURVEY

The following questions will provide the Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) with information designed to assess our services. To obtain this feedback the MFRC needs your opinions. We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire and return it to the MFRC at 350 Doncaster Street, Westwin Community Centre, Building 33, Whytewold Road or at the receptacles provided. Thank you very much for your assistance. We look forward to your responses and to serving you better. All responses will be kept completely confidential.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

In the following section, we are interested in how the MFRC is perceived in Winnipeg. The Centre's mandate is to promote individual, family and community health and well-being, by establishing programs and activities which are preventative and educational in nature. For services beyond our mandate the MFRC will refer to the appropriate agency.

### PLEASE CIRCLE ALL ANSWERS

1. Are you aware of the existence of the MFRC and where it is located? No/Yes

2. Have you ever used the MFRC for any reason? No/Yes  
If yes, in what ways do you utilize the MFRC?

3. How helpful would you rate the MFRC?  
not helpful                      somewhat helpful  
very helpful                      have not used

4. If you were posted at a previous Base did you have contact with the Resource Centre at that location? No/Yes Does not apply (proceed with ques #6)  
If yes, how would you rate your experience?  
Not Adequate                      Very Adequate  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5

5. Compared to the Base(s) where you have been previously, how do you rate the quality of family services at the Winnipeg MFRC?  
Not Adequate                      Very Adequate  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5

6. What kind of image does the MFRC have in your community?  
some negative aspects                      generally positive  
undecided                      don't know  
Please comment:

7. To what extent do you feel the MFRC contributes to a better quality of life?  
does not contribute at all                      little extent  
moderate extent                      great extent

8. a. Are you or a family member presently deployed or being deployed in the near future? No/Yes  
Is there any special course, workshop or service that you would like to assist you with this situation?  
Please comment

b. Are you aware of our Warm Line? A service available to you when your partner is away for a month or more. Want more information? Call Rae at 489-7003.

9. In your opinion, how is the MFRC perceived? A list of examples, which may not necessarily be accurate, has been included. Please circle any or all that apply. In addition, your own comments would be appreciated.

- solely a crisis centre for troubled families seeking counselling
- a meeting place for current and new community members
- a source of information and referral services
- educational programs for adult, youth and children
- a centre with services only for families with children

Please comment

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Are you aware of the volunteer opportunities at the MFRC? No/Yes

2. Would you be interested in serving as a volunteer in any of the following areas? No/Yes  
If yes, please circle the area(s) of interest.

- Receptionist      Child Care      Baking
- Warm Line Caller      Welcome Committee
- Group Facilitators      Youth Programs
- Newcomer Program      Resource Library
- Special Events Newsletter      Deployment

## CHILD CARE

1. If you have used the MFRC casual child care services how affordable did you find them?  
too expensive                      reasonable  
a bargain                      does not apply

2. Do you have need of any other child care service not currently offered at the MFRC.  
Please comment

## ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

1. If you have attended any of the workshops or courses offered by the MFRC how affordable did you find them?  
too expensive                      reasonable                      a bargain  
does not apply (proceed to #4)

2. How satisfied have you been with the programs?  
Not Satisfied                      Very Satisfied  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Please comment

How satisfied have you been with the instructor(s)  
Not Satisfied                      Very Satisfied  
1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Please comment

3. Are there any programs, courses or workshops that you would like to see offered?  
Please comment

## MFRC SERVICE FEEDBACK

1. If you HAVE used the services at the MFRC, have you ever been dissatisfied with a service, program, course or workshop.  
Please comment

2. If you have NOT used any of the services of the MFRC, please tell us why by checking as many of the responses as appropriate. Please add any reasons that we may have overlooked.

- Does not apply. I do use the services at the MFRC
- I am not aware of the services offered at the MFRC
- I do not need any of the services offered at the MFRC
- I do not have time to use the MFRC services
- I work during the day
- I do not feel comfortable at the MFRC
- My spouse/partner does not want me to go to the MFRC
- Other, Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is there any service, program, course or workshop that you would not sign up for? No/Yes  
If yes, which one and why?

4. How would you evaluate the following MFRC programs and services?

1 - poor    2 - fair    3 - good    4 - very good  
5 - excellent    6 - no opinion    7 - does not apply

- \_\_\_ toy lending library
- \_\_\_ information/referral
- \_\_\_ quality of child care
- \_\_\_ variety of adult programs
- \_\_\_ quality of youth programs
- \_\_\_ variety of children's programs
- \_\_\_ variety of youth programs
- \_\_\_ quality of adult programs
- \_\_\_ quality of children's programs
- \_\_\_ volunteer experience
- \_\_\_ resource library
- \_\_\_ newcomer program
- \_\_\_ deployment support
- \_\_\_ French content

Please comment

## ADVERTISING

1. How are you informed of the MFRC activities and services? (please circle)

Community Connections	Posters
Rounds Mail	Word of mouth
Sign up sheets at the MFRC	Voxair
Neighbours	Flyers
CANEX Bulletin Board	E-Mail

2. Do you receive the Community Connections? No/Yes  
If yes, what do you like best about it?

If no, please call 489-7003 to be put on a mailing list.

3. Would you come to the MFRC more often if there were services offered in French No/Yes  
German No/Yes

4. Do you want to receive more information on volunteering as a Board Member in order to have input into the planning, managing and evaluation of the MFRC. No/Yes Please call 489-7003

5. Please indicate your preferred days and times to take part in MFRC activities.

Sunday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Tuesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Morning	Afternoon	Evening

Thank you for your time and energy. We appreciate your answers and ideas. Please take a few moments to add any specific comments that either we have not touched on or that you would like to write more about. Any input and criticism that will help us serve you better is appreciated. Your answers will be treated confidentially.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Please tell us a little about yourself. This information will be used only by the MFRC and for the sole purpose of letting us know if we need to change or improve our services for specific groups of people.

(Please circle)

1. Male/Female
2. What is your age group?  
16-24    25-34    35-44    45-54    55+
3. Marital Status:  
Single    Married    Common-law    Separated/Divorced
4. How many children do you have living with you?
5. What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you work outside the home? No/Yes
7. Where do you currently live?  
On Base    Off Base



# Winnipeg to Host SAREX 97

Next spring, 17 Wing Winnipeg and 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron will be hosting the national search and rescue competition, SAREX 97. Search and rescue personnel from across Canada will descend upon Winnipeg to spend a week competing, comparing notes, and highlighting search and rescue in Canada. More than one hundred SAR Techs, aircrew, maintenance personnel, judges, VIPs and representatives from aviation industry will be a part of the exercise.

Although the exercise is still months away, preparations are already underway. An important preparation is the designing and production of the SAREX 97 logo. The logo would be used on letterhead, advertising, and souvenirs (T-shirts, crests, etc.). Anyone with artistic inclinations has a chance at winning a quick \$250 by designing the logo that will be used as the official SAREX 97 logo. Not only will the winner receive some spending money, but his or her artwork will be seen (and worn) by people from all across the country. The SAREX 97 Logo Design Competition is open to anyone (as in anyone), and the deadline is September 20, 1996. If you need to see an example of a suitable logo, look for the article "Gander Hosts SAREX 96" on the front page of this issue of the Voxair.

Entries will be judged according to the Design Criteria as shown in the announcement next to this article. The prize money (\$250) will be paid for the suitable logo which is selected and used in the promotion and execution of SAREX 97. If no suitable entries are received, no prize money will be awarded. All entries become the property of SAREX 97. Be sure to include the artist or designer's name, address and phone number. There is no limit to the number of entries which may be submitted.

Any questions should be directed to Maj Rittinger at 833-2500 loc 2374.

## SAREX 97 LOGO Design Contest

All, or components of, a cleverly designed logo have a variety of potential uses (letterhead, advertising, souvenirs) which could contribute in a significant way to a successful event.

**OPEN TO:** anyone  
**DEADLINE:** 20 Sep 96  
**PRIZE:** \$250.00

### DESIGN CRITERIA:

- fairly simple
- four colours maximum
- include recognizable SAR icon
- Manitoba or regional connection optional (but suggested)
- include words "SAREX 97"
- phrase "17 Wing Winnipeg" is optional

### ENTRIES TO:

SAREX 97 Coordinator  
Maj M. Rittinger  
435 Sqn, 17 Wing  
Box 17000, Station Forces  
Winnipeg MB R3J 3Y5

**ALL  
ENTRIES  
WELCOME!**

## SAREX 96



### WHAT ARE THESE GUYS DOING?

MCpl Roger Moroni (center, standing) and MCpl Dave Hughes tend to a simulated casualty during the medical event at SAREX 96. The judge (left) scratches his head while monitoring the event. The medical event was just one of five events of the national search and rescue competition, SAREX 96, held at Gander, Nfld. 21-26 Jun 96. (Photo by 17 Wg HCol Ben VanRuiten)

### RESCUE! !!

435 Squadron SAR Techs (from l to r) MCpl Dave Hughes, MCpl Roger Moroni, and MCpl Shawn MacDiarmid represented the 435 Sqn SAR Tech Section at SAREX 96. MCpl Hughes placed second overall in the individual parachute jump accuracy competition. (Photo by 17 Wg HCol Ben VanRuiten)



### SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Proper aircraft servicing and maintenance is crucial to any operation. During SAREX 96, the servicing crew from 435 Squadron took excellent care of the Winnipeg team's C-130 (as well as the one from Trenton). They are (from l to r) Cpl Ian Haase, crew chief Sgt Jim Mackey, Cpl Rob Baillie, Cpl Carolyn Kelly-Pajot, Cpl Monica Fugere, HCol Ben VanRuiten, and Cpl Heather Maschio. (Photo by 17 Wg HCol Ben VanRuiten)



## 435 Sqn Promotions



CO 435 Sqn LCol R.J. Lamothe presents MWO G.P. Brown with his new rank. Gord has left 435 Sqn to join the CF School of Search and Rescue, recently arrived from Edmonton. Congratulations on your promotion, Gord and good luck at your new posting.



During a recent ceremony, CO 435 Sqn LCol R.J. Lamothe presented Sgt R.W. Van Ooyen, a loadmaster with 435 Sqn, with his new rank. Congratulations, Roy!

# WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW



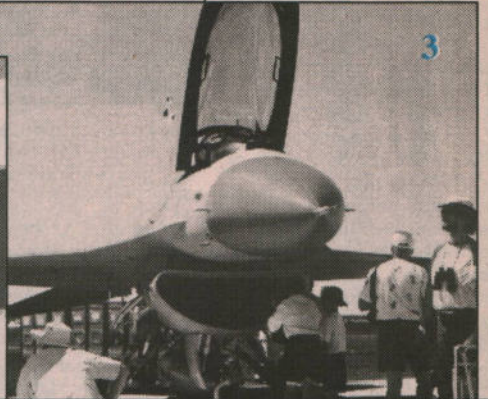
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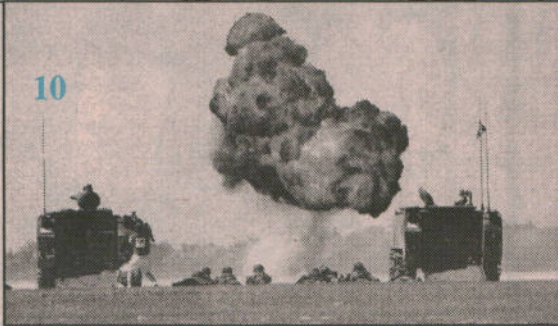
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## WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

By Capt Neil Kinley  
All Photos by Cpl Dave Payne

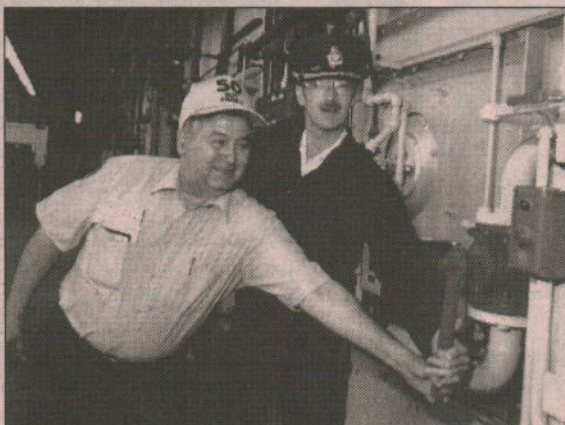
Jets roared overhead, soldiers from 2 PPCLI secured an airfield, a wall of fire heated things up, and large crowds enjoyed the hot sunny weather and the 1996 Winnipeg International Airshow on June 8 and 9, 1996. The theme of this year's show was "Your Canadian Forces in Action", and a large number of CF personnel were part of the show. Those in attendance saw CF-18s, and Twin Huey helicopters, as well as 17 Wing Winnipeg based aircraft including a KC-130 Hercules, a Tutor jet and a Dash-8 Navigation trainer. There were also F-16s, a C-5 Galaxy, an F-117 Stealth Fighter, an A-10 on display. The air force was not the only element showing off their equipment and training. A large army contingent from 2 PPCLI and the Manitoba-Lakehead District were involved, manning displays and participating in the final "Hostage Rescue" demonstration.

1. Lt Eric Kenny of CFS beside his CT-114 Tutor.
2. USAF F-117 Stealth Fighter.
3. USAF Air National Guard F-16.
4. Gonzo on display.
5. "It's a long way down from this Here".
6. 2 PPCLI weapons display.
7. USAF B-1B Bomber.
8. USAF C-5 Galaxy.
9. The wall of fire.
10. The army on display.

# CENTRAL HEATING PLANT (CHP) BUILDING P5

After 44 years of continuous service the CHP at 17 Wing(S), Bldg P5, produced its last kilogram of steam on 15 May 1996. Construction of the CHP began in 1952 and produced steam to supply heat and hot water to all Base buildings at the South Site. The steam was transferred to the buildings via an underground steam distribution lines system which consisted of approximately eight kilometres of line.

Originally the steam was produced by the burning of coal. During these years, the CHP staff consisted of one Chief Operating Engineer (COE), one maintenance craftsman, five shift engineers and ten assistant shift engineers. In the 1960s, coal ceased to be used and the boilers were converted to burn natural gas as the primary fuel and bunker "C" (#6 fuel oil) as the back-up fuel. As less handling was required with this new fuel, the staff was reduced from ten to five assistant shift engineers. During the 1970s, the #6 fuel oil was replaced with #2 fuel oil which once again decreased handling requirements and was easier to burn.



Seen here are LCol Smith and Mr Ed Myslicki "closing the gas valve" thus ending the production of high pressure steam at Bldg P5(S).

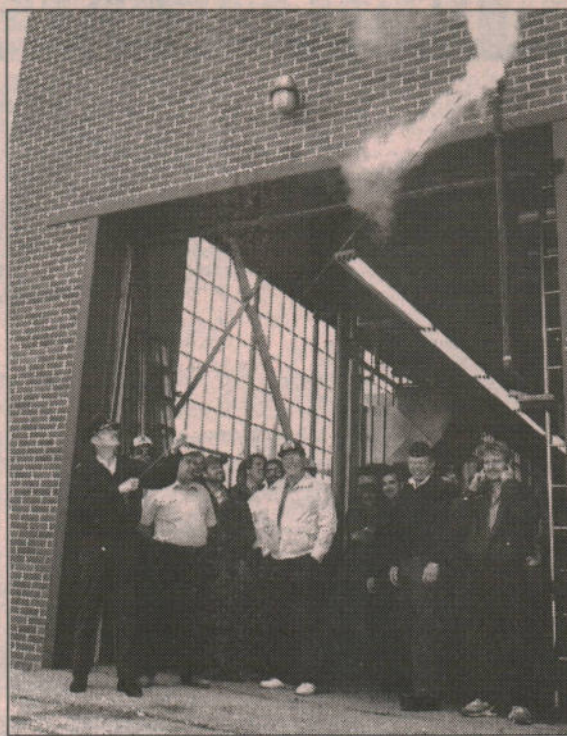
However, over the span of 40 years, the underground piping deteriorated to a state where thousands of dollars were being spent on repairs and the cost of full replacement was approximately \$1,000/meter.

Due to the high cost of replacing the steam distribution lines, in 1992 it was decided to abandon the CHP and the underground piping and opt for individual integral boilers to heat the

buildings.

This project is now complete and the new heating system will be commissioned in the summer of 96 and operational by the 96/97 heating season. With the closure of the plant, several employees have retired or transferred to other federal departments throughout Canada. The remaining heating plant personnel will be located at Bldg 5(N) and operate the Bldg 51 CHP as well as the integral boilers.

## "One last blast of steam"



Thus  
The end of an era - 1952 - 1996....

## CE SQUADRON Certificate of Outstanding Achievement



Maj D. Thingvold, WCEO, accepted a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement on behalf of 17 Wing CE Squadron on 24 July 96. The presentation was made by the Wing Commander, Col Sharpe. Also in attendance were HCol Van Ruiten, LCol Smith, WLogO, and 17 Wing CE Squadron.

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## NEW ARRIVALS



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889-2204

## A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

By Fr. Joe MacLean,  
Wing Chaplain (RC)

Recently, I shared in a wedding celebration with Dr. George Schington from Selkirk. Since the wedding reception was held at Larder's Golf and Country Club, I was anxious to see the sights and have a free lunch.. We dined at the same table with lots of opportunity for dialogue.

He told a story of meeting a financially secure older man whose wife had Alzheimer's disease. As the years went by, more and more his wife's mind began to become incapacitated.

She was at the point where she did not know herself. His many good neighbours suggested time and time again, that he institutionalize his wife — she can't even remember her name and she doesn't know who she is. The husband was quick to reject this notion, saying, "but I know who she is." To be able to know and accept each other even in spite of our shortcomings, struggles and difficulties is one step towards harmony. More than ever we are working harder to manage our resources efficiently and effectually. This process may happen very quickly and

without lots of warning.

We have completed week four of the US National Guard (Washington, Idaho and Colorado) building our new church annexes. The last two weeks will see a huge drive from Colorado to complete the annexes in fine style. In all of this change, we have to know "who we are". This presumes we will know and work with each other — as a team. Success comes with joyful hard work.

A warm Winnipeg welcome to our new Chaplains - Padre Doug Ohs and Padre Steve Merriman.



Padre "Hopper" preached his last sermon at St. Marguerite Bourgeoise Chapel on the July 1st weekend. Hopper has been posted to Trenton as the Wing Chaplain (P). A plaque was presented by CWO Orest Wivchar, a Roman Catholic Parish Council member to Padre "Hopper" Hopkins to recognize his kindness and generosity to the people of 17 Wing RC community. The sermon was pretty good too!! Fr Joe MacLean, Wing Chaplain (RC) looks on.

## 17 Wing's Language Training Centre (LTC)

In order to meet the CF's bilingual objectives, LTC not only administers the year-long French Course to our personnel, but offers the following programs as well:

### The Decentralized Military Second Language Training Plan (DMSLTP)

It is a program that offers members of the CF and their spouses both French and English Second Language training. You can choose from:

### The Non-Intensive Program

Provided by L'Alliance Française du Manitoba, teaching the Canadian Forces French Curriculum on a 1 day per week basis. Complete registration information can be found in 17 Wg Routine orders (dated 16 May 96). Next session runs 27 Aug -19 Dec 96. For more info, contact the DMSLTP Coord at local 5822

### Self-Directed Programs

Two programs monitored by CFRETS Borden, held at Air Command HQ:

120 hrs: Nov-Apr 5 hrs/wk  
52 hrs: Sep-Dec, Jan-Mar,  
Apr-Jun 4 hrs/wk  
(emphasis is on written skills)

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Consultant at 6963 for more info.

### Resource Centre

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avr-jun 4 h/sem  
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Pour plus d'information, contactez Donald Wong (Consultant des LO) au 6963.

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The official judging will take place on August 26 with the WComd, WCWO and Community Council Mayor as judges.

There will be prizes awarded for first and second place, as well as honourable mentions.

First prize consists of \$75, and will be awarded to occupants of an MQ from both the North and South Sites. Second prize is \$50, and as with the first prize it will be awarded to both North and South Sites.

Honourable mentions, awarded throughout the MQs, will be \$25 each.

Yards will be judged on the following criteria:

- Grass (cut, no bare spots, raked)
- Flowers (arrangement, variety)
- Bushes (edging, trimmed for shape)
- Ornaments (front, back and side, well kept)

For further information, contact your

Ward Councillor,  
or the WMCC Mayor  
Lt Lillico at local 5345.

## 17 Wing Ceramics Club

The Club wishes to announce the appointments of a new executive for the coming year. Congratulations to the following elected members:

President ..... June Egdell  
Vice President ..... Chantale Dallaire  
Treasurer ..... Sarah Flynn  
Secretary ..... Cindy Gapp

### Club Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 6 - 10 pm Office closes at 8 pm.  
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# Astra Credit Union Ltd.

## ... just the beginning

By Deanna Johnson  
Executive Assistant

On March 27, 1958, a small credit union was formed to serve the needs of Department of National Defense personnel and civilians working at what is currently known as the Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg. On December 15th of that year, the first annual meeting of Astra Credit Union Ltd. was held. According to the financial statements presented at this first meeting membership was 72, receipts were \$555.75, pledges \$350.00. 38 years later, Astra's membership has grown to 14,323, assets total \$164,773,748 and the loan portfolio is \$137,803,847.

Cal Shermerhorn, current director of Astra, and a long-time member recently reminisced about the beginnings of the credit union.

"One of the first branch offices was located in an old guard house at the Sharpe gate on the base. The manager's office was an actual cell. As a member of the supervisory committee, I was instructed to carry deposit slips and carbon paper in my uniform pocket and to accept a deposit anywhere, anytime. I was then responsible to take the deposit back to the credit union office for the actual deposit."

With the strong leadership of its first full-time manager, Ray Bauschke, Astra Credit Union

became the fastest growing credit union in Manitoba. According to the November 6, 1964 issue of the Voxair newspaper, "Its (Astra's) charter was approved by the government in December of 1958 and by December 1960, it possessed assets of over a quarter of a million dollars. Two years later, this had become half a million and, in less than another two years, assets had more than doubled to surpass the million dollar milestone."

"The membership grew in true military fashion," remarked Shermerhorn. "The boss is a member, why aren't you?"

In 1969, Astra opened its bond to allow anyone to become a member of the credit union. That same year, Astra merged with St. James Community Credit Union and opened a second branch at 1907 Portage Avenue.

Bill Halpenny, President of the Board of Directors of Astra, believes "the major reasons that Astra grew so quickly were firstly, the opening of the bond and, secondly, moving from the Base to Portage Avenue, the heart of the St. James community."

"Astra was well known for its service, treating members like members - not customers." Halpenny explained, "Astra gave people chances when the banks wouldn't and gained the reputation of being a great place to deal."

In 1974, Astra became the first credit union to go on the Batch Processing System. Although not an electronic system, it involved keypunching and overnight processing at Credit Union Central of Manitoba. For the times, this was an extremely high-tech system.

Ten years later, Astra took another great stride forward when they converted to the GEAC computer banking system. Processing of all member transactions became more efficient and accurate.

Over the years, Astra, and the credit union system as a whole, has taken the lead in introducing consumer loans, automated teller machines (ATMs), daily interest savings accounts and variable mortgage payment options. In fact, Astra was the first financial institution to offer weekly or bi-weekly mortgage payments.

One distinct advantage for members of Astra and, in fact, members of all credit unions is that they can attend the Annual Meeting. The Credit Union Act clearly states "one member, one vote." This means that any member over the age of 18 is eligible to vote on by-law changes and on who will represent them on the Board of Directors and to speak on any issue at the Annual Meeting. What bank could say the same?

When have you ever been able



1907 Portage Avenue (before 2nd floor was added)

to speak to the C.E.O. of a major bank to discuss your concerns? At Astra, you can speak directly to the General Manager or any member of the Board of Directors, just by making a phone call.

"Three years ago, a member phoned and was concerned that we did not have a low-cost chequing account for people like her, who only wrote a few cheques each month," said Ian Dark, General Manager of Astra Credit Union. "A few weeks later we introduced our No-Frills chequing account which fulfilled this member's needs. Being accessible to all members makes it easier for Astra to respond quickly."

Since 1990, Astra has undertaken two membership surveys to determine what the members are looking for in a financial institution.

"We were very pleased to find a high level of satisfaction throughout our membership," said Ian Dark. "However, we were able to make changes to some of our products and procedures based on input that we received from these surveys. At Astra Credit Union, there are very few layers between our members and the Board, and we are able to react promptly to member needs."

"Competition forced a lot of changes," said Shermerhorn. "When we first offered the Jet Set Club (55+ seniors account), it was in response to the competition. Astra greatly benefitted when numerous seniors joined Astra to obtain the benefits offered with this account."

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# EME SQN Adventure Training

By Sgt John Belanger

All too often, personnel within 17 Wing find themselves dreaming of challenges or adventures not related to their job. This spring, nine members of EME Sqn volunteered for Adventure Training that would make these dreams a reality. We would travel to New York State and, for eight days, hike the famous Adirondack High Peaks Region.

Planning, training and preparations for this expedition began in March with discussions on equipment requirements and menu preparations, always keeping in mind that everything must be as light and compact as possible since it would all be carried on our backs. To ensure the team was physically fit for the rigours of backpacking, training progressively was increased to the point where team members could comfortably manage 20 km walks through Winnipeg with 65 lb backpacks. All members were also required to pass the CF EXPRES and Swim Test as a condition of participation.

On 24th May we flew Svc Air to Ottawa and the next morning, after a good sleep in 7 Wing's EME Workshop, drove to our start point SE of Lake Placid, New York. At 1400 hrs we left the start point with backpacks ranging in weight from about 75 lbs to 100 lbs. We had to hike 7 miles over very hilly and rough

terrain to reach our first camp along a snake infested lake, otherwise known as Duck Hole. This lake was mountain fed by still snow covered peaks and hence very cold. Despite this fact everyone managed to complete a Polar Bear Swim. We stayed in this camp for 3 days, from which we conducted day hikes to spectacular destinations such as Wanika Falls, Moose and Bradley Ponds.

At 0530 hrs, 29 May, we packed up our camp and hiked about 13 miles through the mountains to the beautiful Lake Colden. We had climbed considerably on this portion of our trek and the temperature was much colder than at the lower altitudes. We set up our tents and went to sleep with the pitter-patter of rain on our roof. We awoke the next morning to find a 3 inch blanket of wet snow covering everything. Since the skies showed no sign of clearing and the snow continued to fall, we opted to pack up and move to a camp at a much lower and hopefully warmer altitude. The snow and wind made for extreme trail conditions but, after about 6 hours of miserable trekking, we arrived at our destination, Marcy Dam, soaked to the skin and cold. The sun eventually reappeared to warm us and dry out our kit.

We used Marcy Dam as a base camp for the next few days and continued on hikes which included conquering Mount Marcy, the highest peak

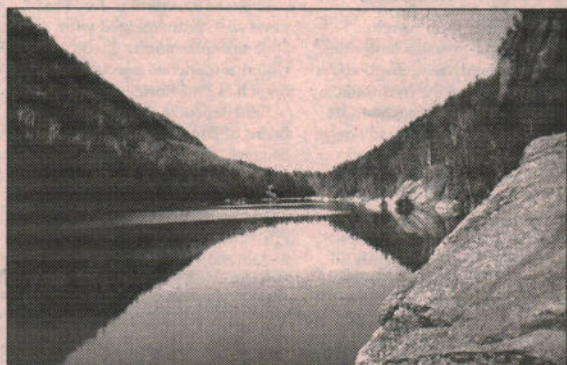


Standing at the Peak of Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York State. (L-R) MCpl Boucher, Sgt Belanger, Cpl Hearsey, Cpl Lemay, Cpl Rehaluk.

in the state, visiting Avalanche Lake and crossing Indian Pass. Each destination seemed more spectacular than the last always offering many "Kodak Moments".

Our dream adventure ended on 2 June when we hiked to the Adirondack Lodge and met our ride back to Ottawa. In all, team members hiked 116 km over a variety of terrain. This trip proved to be both mentally and physically challenging for everyone and each team member learned from and enjoyed the adventure, the experiences and the team work.

As you sit there hard at work dreaming of the adventure these nine members of EME Sqn had experienced, remember it's not just a job it's an adventure.



Avalanche Lake in Adirondack Park, New York

## Astra Credit Union Ltd. ... just the beginning

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To service their membership better, Astra has now expanded to six branches: River Heights, Tyndall Park, East Kildonan and three locations within the St. James/Assiniboia area. The locations were chosen after determining where in the city Astra had heavy bases of mortgages.

Keeping in touch with the community has always been a priority of Astra's. Staff members are involved with Junior Achievement of Manitoba, the Rainbow Society, the Rotary Club, St. James/Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions Club International. Staff and Board members participate in the "Choices" program at city high schools, making presentations that promote staying in school. As well, numerous donations and sponsorships are made to local community clubs and sports teams. The Fat Cat mascot has become a well known representative of Astra at local community events.

Innovative from the start, Astra remains a pioneer in the provision of flexible, affordable and convenient financial services. To keep current with technological changes, Astra has developed a wide-area computer network to link the branches electronically.

A recent major change was the successful conversion to the Profile computer banking system in June of 1995. This system opens a number of avenues that Astra

will investigate to find further benefits for the membership.

This year, Astra Credit Union is proving its pioneering spirit by becoming one of the first Manitoba credit unions to open a "page" on the Internet.

As well, Astra is the first Manitoba credit union to start a youth branch. Officially opened on June 6, 1996, Collegiate Credit Union is located at George Waters and St. James Collegiate at 1900 Portage Avenue, directly across from Astra's main branch. Students elected their own 12-member Board of Directors, two representatives each from Grade 7 to 12, for two year terms. The branch is run by four managers and six member service representatives. Bronwen Yewdall, Astra Director and Chairperson of the School Programs committee sees additional learning experiences for the students. "By participating in this start up procedure and electing directors, the students will know the difference between credit unions and banks. I hope they gain an appreciation for the credit union movement."

And yet, despite the effects of 38 years of growth and change, Astra has remained committed to the six principles basic to most co-operatives: open and voluntary membership, democratic control, limited interest on shares, return of surplus to members, co-operative education, and co-operation among co-operatives.

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