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WINGS & TAILS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

Telling the stories of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, and the RCAF Veterans, to the Communities of Canada.

Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods & His Band To Appear as Museum Fundraiser

On Sunday, June 24, 2-4 p.m., the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum is proud to present the Scott Woods Show "Fiddling Up a Storm" as our summer fundraiser. If you like amazing fiddle music, country and gospel singing, sensational step dancing, inspirational stories and home-spun family humour, this is the show for you and your family!

Woods has won the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship, the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest, the Canadian Novelty Fiddle Championship, and the Canadian Duet Fiddle Championship, as well as having been named Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year.

Woods and his band perform up to 150 concerts across Canada, the United States and Europe each

year. Almost all performances are benefit concerts. In the past 5 years, the Scott Woods Show has helped raise over 2 million dollars for nonprofit groups.

Tickets are available at Art Service Office Supply, Dunnville, or may be charged by calling the Scott Woods Band Office at 1-855-726-8896. Tickets for adults are \$25, and for children 6-12 are \$10. Children under 5 are admitted free.



Visit www.scottwoods.ca for additional information, tour schedule, photos and more.



See the back page for details on all the
SUMMER EVENTS at the
No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum!



LIFE AT THE NO. 6 SERVICE FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

Below are abridged excerpts from articles in the first issue of the base newspaper "Skywriter", October 1942.

An Australian's Trip into the B.C.A.T.P.

When we boarded ship in Australia, we little realized that it would be several weeks before we would finally set foot on American soil. For some distance the journey was uneventful. Here and there we had snatches of leave—not always official, of course. Later, however, it was generally understood that somewhere along the way our escorts sank two submarines—one definitely and one probably. There is still considerable controversy among the boys on this point.

After disembarking, we entrained for Canada, having two hours leave. The boys bought everything they fancied from radios to cigars. Arriving at Manning Depot, Lachine, Quebec, we had our first fresh water shower for many days, as all showers and washing of clothes aboard ship had to be done in salt water. Everyone seemed to have a good time in Montreal, but after a week of late nights and bad beer, the boys looked as though they needed a bit of rest and quiet to recuperate. I dare say that is why we were sent to Dunnville?

Now only a handful of us are together out of all those who came over, the others having been sent to Borden, Calgary, etc. We don't mind the sound of a few shells landing next door back home, but when we fly a Harvard a fellow really has to grit his teeth. Our opinion is that they're great plane, but they're no advertisement for a rest cure.

All told, we are having a bonzer time over here.

And Did He Blush—Or Well, How Did He Know?

The day was dreary at Welland Field and very few planes were flying. Mist started to roll in. The Aerodrome Control Officer sent LAC C___s out to a Yale which had just landed, to warn the pilot to return to his home field, and the following dialogue ensued:

"Look, Bud," said C___s, "you'd better go home, the weather is closing in. If it looks too bad when you get up there, don't take any chances—come back here."

"Okay," said the pilot, "I won't take any chances; I'm the C.O. at Dunnville."

A pulmotor was rushed to C___s assistance.

Labor Day Sports Meet

The attendance surpassed all expectations, and nearly 3000 civilian spectators jammed the sports field for the various events. There was plenty of humour injected into the meet, both in comedy events, and in the unheralded entry, half way through the afternoon, of "Annie the Air Force Cow" and "Moto, the Maintenance Monk" with his two untamed Zulu keepers. "Moto's" dive into the water tub from the greasy pole, plus the frequent obvious disagreement between the two ends of "Annie" as to which way to go gave the kiddies no end

Course "60" Is Varied in Personnel

We are a pretty mixed crowd in Course 60 Section II. We comprise roughly one-third Canadians, one-third Americans and one-third Englishmen, which as one would expect spells trouble with a capital T. Arguments on all subjects ranging from the relative merits of each country's aircraft to their annual production of nuts and bolts, rage thick and fast, and very often far into the night. These arguments though are entirely lacking in malice or bad faith, and are generally very constructive.

Of the representatives of the U.S.A., the most interesting is Clyde B. East from Virginia—a real Southerner complete with the accent. His mock denunciation of the "Yankees" delivered in his soothing drawl, keeps us constantly amused, as do his timeless Southern songs. Most outstanding of the Canadians is the impossible Jim Ward, known by practically everyone on the Station. Life would be dull indeed without his hearty laugh and endless getting into hot water. Corporal Welch from London, Ontario, has been in the R.C.A.F. some three years now, and was transferred to Air Crew duties early this year. He has crowded an immense number of strange experiences into his three years, which keeps us entertained in the Flight Room on "washout" days.

As to the R.A.F. members of the course, LAC Charles Cheverton holds the most interest. He had seen four years service in the British Army before becoming transferred to the R.A.F., and is a veteran of Dunkirk. Also with us are "Paddy" French from Ireland, Bob Fulton from Scotland, Fred Garnett from Yorkshire, and the rest of us from the southern counties and London.

A Gift from the Heart

The Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Training Command, has favourably considered the request by this Station to establish a Blood Donors' Clinic in the R.C.A.F. Sick Quarters on Stations where the regular Red Cross Blood Donors' Clinics are not readily accessible for the purpose of taking blood from voluntary donors in the non-flying personnel. Thus it is expected that by October 12, 1942, such a clinic will be in operation at our Station Hospital.

of merriment. Literally hundreds of bottles of "pop" and as many dixie cups of ice cream found their way into the nether regions of the younger kiddies—a free gift to the youngsters from the station.

Definitely the "piece de resistance" of the day was the formation flying and aerobatics by members of the instruction staff of the station. A formation of three planes alternated with formations of 18 planes for formation flying and the aerial display was climaxed with an exhibition of stunt flying.

Out and About...



At the Annual Selkirk Heritage Day on February 19, Joanne Villeneuve, and Sherry and Stan Swayze were among the volunteers who set up and staffed our display table.



Our
Cornell



For our display tables at the Annual Dunnville Lions Home and Garden Show on April 20 & 21, and at the Annual Heritage Fair hosted by the Dunnville Christian School on April 19, President Don Oatman created this model of a Cornell cockpit complete with moveable joystick. It was a big hit with visitors to the tables.

Back at the Museum...



The Museum's third annual Yard Sale Fundraiser held on the summer season's opening weekend, May 19-21, was a great success! More items were donated than last year and the hangar was full to bursting with all manner of "merchandise"—candlesticks to canoes and everything in between. **The sale netted the Museum \$4,000.** Thanks to the many volunteers who set up the sale, cashiered, and packed up remainders. In addition to funds, the Yard Sale brought **more than 130 visitors to the Museum!**



Museum volunteers work on cataloging artifacts.

Sherry Swayze
Veronica Head

Grace Messner
Lynda Bain

2018-2019 Super Draw Tickets Still Available

The 2018-2019 Super Draw runs from September 18, 2018, through August 24, 2019, with **62 CHANCES FOR YOU TO WIN!** Only 100 tickets are sold at \$50 per ticket. There are 40 weekly draws for \$20 each, 11 monthly draws for \$50 each and 1 draw in December for \$100. After each one, the winning tickets go back into the draw. The final "Elimination Draw" will be held in August 2019. For that event, ticket holders and spouses are treated to a buffet dinner, silent auction, creative entertainment, and the final draws: every 10th ticket drawn wins \$100 and the final ticket left wins \$1,000.

Tickets make great gifts, especially for those who "have everything". If you want to see what all the fuss is about, purchase a ticket for this year's Elimination Draw on August 25 for just the cost of dinner.

To purchase tickets for the 2018-2019 Super Draw, call Sandy Murphy at 905-774-3068.

Congratulations to Our April 50/50 Draw Winner



In April, Janet Culp won \$425.50 in our first 2018 50/50 draw! Tickets are on sale now for our second 50/50 draw, which will be held at the Museum's annual Open House on July 7.

Correction... The correct name of the donor of 1/12 scale de Havilland Tiger Moth featured in the February 2018 newsletter is **Graham MacDowall** - P.Eng. The model has now been permanently hung above the Pat Logan Memorial Library in the meeting room.

Mark Your Calendar!

SCOTT WOODS BAND "FIDDLING UP A STORM"

Sunday, June 24, 2-4 p.m.

An exciting afternoon of trick fiddling, country and gospel singing, step dancing and more. Fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$10/children 6-10, free for children under 5. Tickets available at Art Service Office Supply Dunnville, or charge tickets by calling the Scott Woods Band Office at 1-855-726-8896.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & CAR SHOW

Sat., July 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Something for everyone. More historical displays than ever before, specialty vendors and craftspeople, community groups, Museum tours, Dunnville Cruisers Car Club, activities for children. Memorial Service at Memorial Garden.

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Sat., July 7, 4-6 p.m.

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a delicious meal prepared for you! Includes 1/2 chicken, sides, dessert and beverage...and good company. Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Call the Museum or send email through the website to reserve your tickets.

ELIMINATION DRAW & SILENT AUCTION

Sat., August 25

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. You could be the big winner! Don't have a Super Draw Ticket? Come for the fun for the cost of your dinner. Call Sandy Murphy for dinner only reservations, 905-774-3068.

VETERANS' DINNER

Sat., November 10

Dunnville Golf & Country Club. Ticket price to be determined. Tickets available from Museum members or call the Museum.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS & LUNCH

Museum Meeting Room, 10 a.m.

July 14	Sept. 8	Nov. 10
Aug 11	Oct. 13	Dec. 8

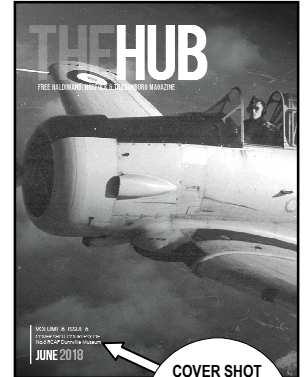
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A Tip of the Wing... to Local Media

Many thanks to the media outlets who helped with advertising our events this summer. *The HUB*, a free, monthly magazine covering Haldimand and Norfolk Counties, has been publishing for 10 years.

Owner and editor, Dave Scott, has supported the Museum in several ways. The latest is the picture on the front cover of the June 2018 issue shown at the right! Watch for *The HUB* around town and pick up a copy.

Also a tip of the wing to *The Sachem* and *The Haldimand Press* who have always been happy to print our press releases and advertise our events in their Community Calendars in print and on-line. And thanks to Caledonia 92.9 FM *The Grand* radio station which airs voice promotions for our events.



NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

Hours: Victoria Day weekend through Labour Day weekend: Saturdays & Holidays, Noon - 5 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., year round. Remembrance Day, Noon - 4 p.m. To arrange a tour, send email through the website or call 905-701-7223.

Location: 536 Port Maitland Rd.
(Former Dunnville Airport, Hangar 1)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

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Website: www.rcafmuseum.org

*Visit the website for photos, upcoming events, and more.
If you don't have internet access, visit your local library.*

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