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## Chair's Message for March 2023



Hello fellow members of #600 Wing,  
I am excited to be able to be in contact with you once again. It has been a while! Our lives are slowly getting back to some kind of normalcy. I trust you all had a great Holiday Season and are experiencing all the blessings that 2023 can bring.

We have secured a great location for our executive meetings on a regular basis! All Executive meetings, held at the call of the chair, will now be held at the Regina Flying Club! What a great fit for the RCAFA! We have the use of their very well appointed board room- complete with coffee and a view of some aircraft! We could now not be happier. Parking is great, it's all on one level, so access is perfect. The personnel out there are super friendly and really want to have a working relationship with our Wing on an ongoing basis. It has taken a few years, but we feel as if we have a "home" again.

Mark your social calendars for the following- Thursday, 16 Mar- at the Eagles Club. Join CAHS for dinner and a presentation by Dwight Mercer on Bomber Command. You will order from the menu for food and drinks. There is a \$5.00 "Landing Fee". Should be a great evening.

Second is Tuesday, 11 Apr- #600 (City of Regina) Wing Annual General Meeting at Ricki's at 777 Albert Street ( More on this later in the Aerogram)

Third date is Saturday, 13 May- Our Wing is hosting the Prairie Group Annual General Meeting at the Regina Flying Club. Lunch provided and dinner to be announced (at a local restaurant at your own expense). Herb will provide details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Then, we encourage our members to join CAHS at their dinner and meeting as well- details to follow at a later date.

Our National Executive Director, Dean Black has done 5- 5 minute talks on UTube on topics of interest to RCAFA members. Those links can be found in the Aerogram as well. Please take a few minutes to listen to these talks.

We have a couple of low-key ideas for commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the RCAFA and the 100th Anniversary of the Air Force in Canada. You will see more about these initiatives in the coming months.

So, please make an effort to become involved in the Wing activity again and help to keep us viable well into the future!

Sherry D. Burgess

Chair  
600 (City of Regina) Wing  
RCAFA



Save all your Christmas Cheer bottles and containers and take them to Sarcan to help 600 Wing with a tiny bit of fundraising." Group Code is "600Wing



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Well, its that time of year again and I have sent out 4 Hot Dog Sale Fundraiser request to 'Sherwood Coop' on Quance and on Parliament plus the 'Canadian Tire' Stores on the East side and Albert St. North. We do not have any dates yet but I expect to have some by April. I will keep you advised. We will be using the Air Cadets again this year as in the past, we could not do it without them. If you know of another location could you let me know and I will contact them. Looking forward to working with everyone again the summer or part of it anyway.

Herb Harrison  
Fundraising Chair

## Prairie Group

I have spent the past few years as your Prairie Group chair and my term will be up next year so I would like everyone to consider letting their name stand for the position then we would have a year for the person to get acquainted to the position. We have not had a in person meeting since 2019 but this year we will be attempting to have an in person meeting in Regina either late April or early May. More to come on that and consider attending. We will be doing some of the same things that we attempted to do last year in Winnipeg which had to be cancelled do to very low attendance. If you would like to run for any of the executive positions, could you let me know as the names have to be published 30 days prior to the convention. We also need your input on any constitutional changes you think should be considered. There is a revised application for that should be coming out from National in a month or so and I will advise everyone when that happens. More to come in next months Aerogram.

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### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to all members of #600 Wing of the RCAFA that an Annual General Meeting for the 2022 year activity, will be held on Tuesday, **11 Apr 23 at Ricki's** (777 Albert Street) at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner for those that wish to arrive at 6:00 p.m. Order from the menu and enjoy camaraderie with other members before the meeting. There will be long service pins awarded to members in attendance at the meeting. Elections and installations will also take place.



### **SNOWBIRD DINNER IN REGINA WITH AIR CADETS**

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The Friends of the Forces Fellowship from Moose Jaw were pleased be one of the sponsors of the annual Dinner with the Snowbirds banquet, organized by the Canadian Aviation Historical Society (CAHS) and the Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) 600 Wing, Regina. Eleven members of the RCAF Snowbirds from 15 Wing Moose Jaw met with Air Cadets from Regina and area on November 24. Three Air Cadet squadrons from Regina and one from Indian Head were represented at the dinner.

The 431 Snowbird Squadron delegation was lead by Team Lead Snowbird #1, Brett Parker and included a mix of pilots and technicians. The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for air cadets to have an informal opportunity to meet with Snowbird team members. Each table included Air Cadets and one member of the Snowbirds, along with members of the CAHS and RCAFA. Many Air Cadets go on to serve in the RCAF, thus the dinner is an excellent opportunity to encourage the interest of future members of the RCAF, a primary mission of the Snowbirds.



Snowbird pilots and technicians with Air Cadets at the  
24 November Dinner



Snowbirds technicians meet with attendees before cutting of the Snowbirds' Over 50th Anniversary cake



Snowbird pilots and technicians mingle with dinner guests



Snowbird 10 Capt. Erik Temple, left, and SB 11 Rich MacDougall, right, chat with an Air Cadet



Snowbird Lead Brett Parker addresses the dinner gathering

## **Free Life Membership for RCAF Association Members 90+ Years of Age**

During the recent (Biennial) General Meeting (BGM) of the RCAF Association, held in Hamilton, ON (14 to 16 October) delegates unanimously approved of a new policy offering life membership at no charge to all RCAF Association veteran members-in-good-standing who have reached the age of 90.

We are pleased to report 43 members-in-good-standing opted in. Meanwhile, if you are by age eligible for this offer, but your membership lapsed in recent years, or if you have never considered membership in the RCAF Association until now, all you need to do is call 1-866-351-2322, ext 227 or 613-612-7223 and ask for Wendy or Dean, and claim your eligibility for complementary membership for veterans 90 years-of-age or older in exchange for a one-time \$35 administration fee. For lapsed members you can regain your standing for a one-time fee of only \$35. For new members, lifetime membership is yours for a one-time fee of only \$35. Those interested in purchasing the "Life Member" blazer badge/crest, and/or the "Life" Blazer bar, are encouraged to speak to Wendy to arrange for same.

Please do not hesitate to write to [director@airforce.ca](mailto:director@airforce.ca) or call 613-612-7223 or 866-351-2322 should you have any questions.

## **Dean Black's Youtube links**

1. <https://youtu.be/R9k2wqluvQo>
2. <https://youtu.be/nw0lxjpggiw>
3. <https://youtu.be/aDwlKppNZBl>
4. <https://youtu.be/PmfF7uqQYUk>
5. <https://youtu.be/mq4ZbiyR5TU>

**Look what we won at the 2022 National General Meeting**



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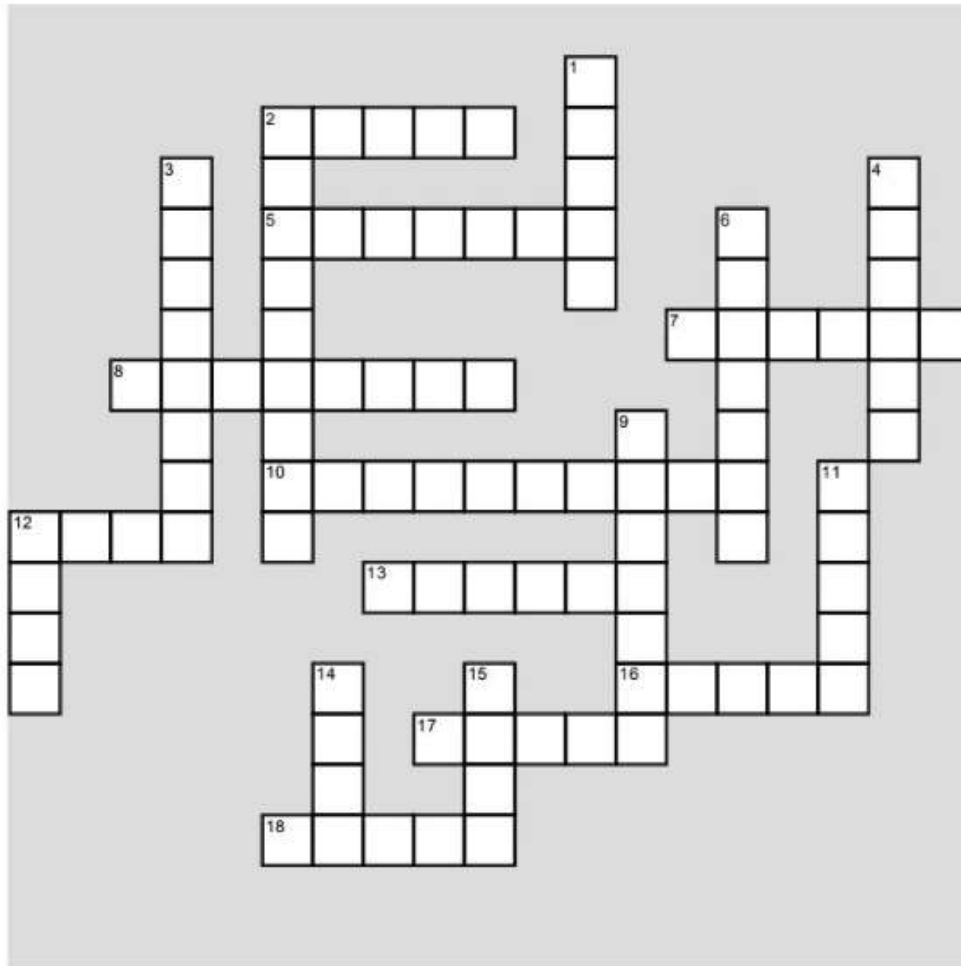
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# Irish Music



## Across

- 2 Oh \_\_\_\_ boy! The pipes are calling! (Fill in the blank)
- 5 Formal name for an Irish drum.
- 7 Another word for Irish violin.
- 8 Remind me - whose wake are we singing about?
- 10 Michael Flatley created this Irish musical phenomenon.
- 12 The Irish rocker Lizzie wasn't fat. He was \_\_\_\_.
- 13 This famous all - female vocal group is called \_\_\_\_ Woman (fill in the blank).
- 16 What kind of road led to Dublin?
- 17 How many drunken nights were there again?
- 18 The Wild \_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

## Down

- 1 Another name for the tin whistle.
- 2 One of the most well-known Irish vocal groups, named after a town on the east side of the Island.
- 3 The last name of Sir George Ivan (van).
- 4 Famous Irish band: \_\_\_\_ Storm.
- 6 What is in that Jar again?
- 9 Pub song named after a fictional horse-like animal.
- 11 She cried 'Cockles and Mussels...' alive alive oh...
- 12 The boys are back in ... where?
- 14 The lead singer of the most famous Irish rock band in the universe...
- 15 The one-word chorus of a favorite pub song. Rhymes with "ear."