

SPIRIT

The Newsletter

783 (CALGARY) WING

**ROYAL CANADIAN
AIR FORCE
ASSOCIATION**



Jan\Feb 2018



***Wing Meets every
4th Monday at 7pm
285 Legion Horton Road***



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Keith Mann
President

As we begin a new year let me start, on behalf of Barb and myself, by wishing everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Our sincere condolences to the Kroeker Family in the loss of our friend and long time Wing member Nick. I am sure we will be able to read more about Nick further on in this newsletter.

As you are aware, we had approved the purchase of 150 of the 70th Anniversary Pins. I have been notified that the pins are in Red Deer and that depending on Mother Nature and the road conditions, Barb and I will be driving up on Saturday to pick them up. With Al's blessing I hope to sit in on part of 703's Wing Meeting, especially the Lunch portion!!! The pins will be available for sale at the January Wing Meeting. The price for the pins will be determined at the meeting.

This week, and for the next 5 weeks I have the pleasure to represent the Wing at 83 Juno Beach squadron for their Pre-Boards in preparation for the Annual Provincial Selection Boards in February. This is always one of my favorite activities for the Air Cadets. Brian will have more information at our meeting.

As we start a new year I would also like to have some feedback from our members about our meetings. We try as always to keep them as informative as possible, and with Guest Speakers provide you with information that we hope will help you in your daily lives. In recent times our meetings have gone rather quick, however we cannot say this will happen every time. Depending on the agenda, expectations must be that meetings will on occasion run to 9:00 or a little later. If there are things you would like to hear about or have presented at our meetings please let me know.

The National Convention host Committee has been working hard in preparation for the event, thank you to each of you for your work thus far. As time moves closer we will be calling on more members to assist where needed.

Just a friendly reminder we still have our new 783 Wing Coin for sale at a cost of \$10 each, available for purchase from myself.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the year.

Keith



Steve MacDonnell
National President

Happy New year from your National Executive Council! We bring greetings to all members.

The 2016/2017 membership year was not without its unique challenges but we continued to be a great centre for all things air force in all corners of Canada. Hopefully the following summary will fill in some blanks and generate a few questions as well:

Association Governance:

The challenges brought on by the Canada Not-For-Profit-Act at the national level are behind us. A revised national constitution has been published. Updates are being pursued for all our national booklets upon which all our wings depend for relevant information.

A new strategic plan is being developed and will hopefully be issued shortly after our development seminar which the NEC will be holding in Ottawa in February. One of outcomes will likely concern the administration of groups enabling them to continue to provide regional representation while not necessarily having a full complement of traditional GEC members or the hardship of undertaking a formal Group AGM. There will be more on that with the release of our strategic review.

The NEC continues to search for replacements for four open positions on our board. We certainly welcome any thoughts and recommendations the general membership may have in this area.

Finances / RCAF Trust:

The 2016/17 membership year has been finalized and the audit completed. With one account receivable which will be forthcoming we will be within a few hundred dollars of budget. Considering 2016/2017 was a challenging year which included the full costs of hosting the London General Meeting it was only through prudent stewardship we were able to achieve this.

The approved budget for 2017/2018 is set at \$439,000 down from \$486,000 for 2016/2017. This is in concert with projected revenue decreases due to current membership decline.

Greg Spradbrow who has rejoined the NEC as President of Atlantic Group has agreed to take on the role of Chief financial Officer (Treasurer) within the NEC which we have been attempting to fill since the London General Meeting.

The RCAF Trust continues to do its good work. Again, financial challenges have resulted in the Trust not being able to raise the monies they would have liked however they did raise more money than in past years so the trend is a positive one. The Trust will be providing a full report to the NEC and the NEC's annual meeting later this month.

Membership:

Membership stands at 5,857 all in as of 30 June 2017 with a tally of 55 wings. The NEC is currently discussing a membership campaign to run for the 2018 -2024 period, the association's 70th year anniversary and the air force's 100th. More will be coming out on this shortly. Hopefully the campaign is meaningful and something we can all engage in.

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Advocacy:

Our Honorary National President, LGen (Ret) Andre Deschamps has been very well engaged in our activities in and around the nation's capital. A new position paper on the fighter file was issued in May following the open letter sent to the government by Gen (Ret) Manson and co-signed by many of our former RCAF Commanders. A set of future papers is planned which will likely focus on some of the personnel issues which affect the current RCAF. We are in regular contact with the RCAF Commander and consult on a regular basis.

Both your President and Honorary President will participate in the national conference of the Conference of Defence Associations and the conference of Defence Associations Institute in Ottawa this February. It is worth noting and passing on to the membership the CDA's appreciation of our association's support particularly our advocacy activities in producing papers and networking in this critically important area.

We once again hosted a table at the Vimy Award Dinner put together by the Conference of Defence Associations this past November notwithstanding the challenges of having Boeing Canada as our traditional sponsor for the event. Unfortunately our award nominee for this year was not successful but the Hon Bill Graham, a former Defence Minister, was a very worthy recipient.

Heritage:

At the national level effort continued on the International Bomber Command Memorial in the UK. We have applied to Veterans' Affairs Canada for some funding similar to what we received a few years ago to enable a cadre of Bomber Command vets to travel to England to be present at the opening of the new centre, the last phase of this wonderful project. We had moderate success in securing funding for two Bomber Command veterans and their caregivers to attend this pilgrimage which will take place in April.

We have sent a formal letter of request to Veteran's Affairs Canada asking them to consider the award of a clasp or other national honour for training participants in the BCATP. This is no separate existing award for these many instructors and ground crew who provided such an important service. This action was taken following discussion of a past resolution from Ontario Group on the matter. We have received a letter of acknowledgement for VAC but no further decision from them at this point in time.

It was wonderful to see the effort by members of Vimy Flight in their participation at Vimy Ridge in April and their cross Canada trek this year. Unfortunately, government support to enable them to travel to France came so late in the game that they were unable to launch a proper PR campaign to assist with funding for the whole project. The Trust did get the word out on very short notice and we did receive donations from various individuals, as well as wings.

This past September the association sent representation to a special parade and ceremony in Toronto where the RCAF received its new Queen's and Service Colours from the then outgoing Governor General, David Johnson.

The association continues to participate the national Battle of Britain Parade and Commemoration and national Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Ottawa each year.

Youth (Air Cadets):

The association continues to support the air cadet movement at all levels, including the national level.

The RCAFA was represented at the Air Cadet League's AGM in Winnipeg in June by Dave Vokey, the then outgoing President of Atlantic Group.

RCAFA medals were presented to the top cadets in the various training regions at gliding and flying schools across the country at the end of summer's training. We are happy we can continue this series of deserving awards,

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News and Other Updates:

Guy Vallieres continues to represent us at various veterans' stakeholder meetings and issues regular updates from various sources. Our own Alberta Group President, Michael Roy, has recently taken on the role of national ceremonial advisor.

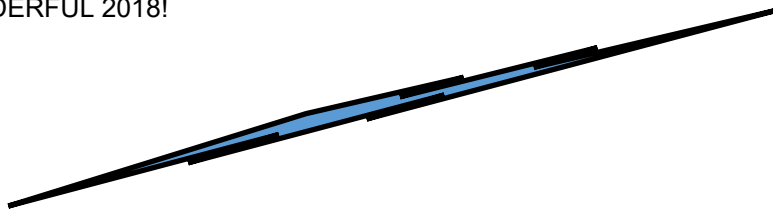
Multibriefs and Airforce magazine continue to provide information on all things air force and we encourage you to make sure all your members are receiving the Multibriefs email which comes out weekly.

The next face-to-face National Biennial General Meeting will be held right here in Calgary on the weekend of 12-14 October 2018. We certainly thank the hard-working local committee of approximately 20 members who are very committed to this project. The Hotel Arts in downtown Calgary will be the host hotel and meeting location but we will be having some wonderfully off-site activities for delegates and attendees including a resurrected spousal program. We hope all wing members will all join us at that time.

HERE'S WISHING ALL A WONDERFUL 2018!

Sincerely,

Steve MacDonnell
National President



Air Cadets Update – January 2018 Newsletter

It was an eventful December for our Air Cadet Squadrons. Highlights included participation in Zone Biathlon, Music Concentrations, and for our senior cadets, the Year 5 Leadership Workshops which were hosted at the University of Calgary. Squadrons also hosted a number of holiday events, including traditional mess dinners and Christmas parties.



It was also a time of goodbyes, as we celebrated the service of Captain (ret'd) Douglas Eaglesham, AOE, CD, who retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 25 November. Doug is generally known as "Mr 187" and was most recently the J3 Zone Training Officer (Lethbridge), providing vital support to our Calgary and Southern Alberta squadrons. He was hosted as the Guest of Honour at 187 Squadron's mess dinner, and plans are underway for his Departure With Dignity. We are all a little stronger for Doug's influence!

Recruitment and retention of cadets remains high across the city and surrounding area Squadrons, and efforts are underway to plan for new Squadrons and additional staff. Right now, Squadrons are focused on their national course (scholarship) applications, which are due in early January, as they prepare for Selection Boards in February. We wish them all the best of luck as they navigate this intensely competitive process.

Finally, some exciting news to share about our very own Wing 1st Vice-President. This summer, Maj Randy Fisher will be promoted to LCol and assume the duties of Commanding Officer of the Gimli Cadet Flying Training Centre, home of glider pilot training in Northwest Region. Be sure to congratulate Randy the next time you see him!

Respectfully submitted,
Maj Rob Caswell
Air Cadet Liaison

KROEKER, Klas (Nick)

April 13, 1925 – Wymark, Saskatchewan

December 27, 2017 – Calgary, Alberta

Obituaries



Nick, beloved husband of the late Marian Kroeker of Calgary, AB, passed away on December 27, 2017 at the age of 92 years. Nick was born in Wymark, SK as the sixth of ten children of Jacob and Helena Kroeker. Nick joined the RCAF in 1940 to serve in [WWII](#), and remained as a career airman for twenty- two years. In 1950 he married Marian Condry and became the devoted father of daughter Brenda Ince (David) of Coquitlam, BC, and son Brian Kroeker (Maligne) of Red Deer, AB. After a career of service in the Air Force, Nick settled his family in Calgary in a second career in seismic

data processing. As an Air Force and war veteran, and later as a life-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Nick learned and passed on the values of service, duty and honor to his children, values which have helped shape a new generation. He was an avid bridge player and bowler as long as his health allowed. Nick was predeceased by his loving wife of sixty years in 2011, but is survived by his two children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A private service of remembrance will be held at a later date. The family gratefully acknowledges the services of McInnis & Holloway's Fish Creek Chapel. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. Gifts and memorial tributes are gratefully declined. Instead, our wish from you is only good memories of a hard-working and devoted father who sacrificed often to build a better future for his family. In living memory of Klas Kroeker a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

We Will Remember Them

EXPLANATION OF WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO FAMILIES FOR FUNERALS



Honour Guard/Flag party for the service and at the grave side.*

Provide a Poppy Pillow and poppies*

Provide the Air Force Tartan large and small for the poppy pillow table/coffin.

Hand out poppies to all attending the service.

Provide and read the "Act Of Remembrance" *

Any other duties as requested by the family.

* We provide an Honour Guard/Flag Party as our way of showing respect and honour for our fallen member, as our final act, to protect them and guard them as they have done for our Country and fellow members.

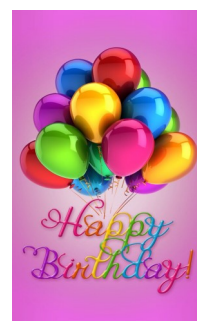
*The poppy pinning ceremony is provided by 783 Wing RCAFA to honour our fellow member and to say good-bye to a valued friend. Anyone wishing to join us will be invited to come and place the poppy on the poppy pillow prior to the end of the service.

*The Act of Remembrance is said at every meeting, and Remembrance Day Service.

A member of the Wing will read this Act of Remembrance, if the family wishes.

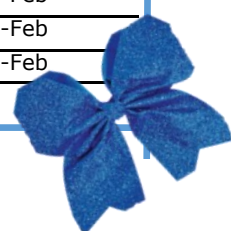
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We can also provide a contact number for a Piper.

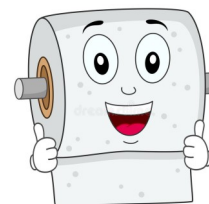


McALLISTER, E MARGARET J	2-Jan
RUSCOFF, Christina	4-Jan
MULLINS, ANGELE	11-Jan
EMPEY, MYRA	16-Jan
FISHER, KENDRA	19-Jan
TODD, GORDON	20-Jan
MORAN, BRUCE	25-Jan
LEWIS, BRANDON	30-Jan

TRAUB, GLENN	3-Feb
MCMINN, EDITH	4-Feb
STANFORD, JOHN	6-Feb
FISICO, FRANCESCA	9-Feb
TER KUILE, DAPHNE	19-Feb
LEWIS, ANNA	22-Feb
CLARKE, SUSAN	23-Feb



More than you ever wanted to know about toilet paper



1. The first recorded use of toilet paper was in 6th Century China.
2. By the 14th Century, the Chinese government was mass-producing it.
3. Packaged toilet paper wasn't sold in the United States until 1857.
4. Joseph Gayetty, the man who introduced packaged TP to the U.S., had his name printed on every sheet.
5. Global toilet paper demand uses nearly 30,000 trees every day
6. That's 10 million trees a year
7. It wasn't until 1935 that a manufacturer was able to promise Splinter-Free Toilet Paper.
8. Seven percent of Americans admit to stealing rolls of toilet paper in hotels.
9. Americans use an average of 8.6 sheets of toilet paper per trip to the bathroom **Wow!**
10. The average roll has 333 sheets. **Have to count next time. I think pkge. says how many.**
11. Historically, what you use to wipe depended on your income level. **amen;**
12. In the middle ages they used something called a gompf stick which was just an actual stick used to scrape.
13. Wealthy Romans used wool soaked in rose water and French royalty used lace.
14. Other things that were used before toilet paper include:
Hay, corncobs, sticks, stones, sand, moss, hemp, wool, husks, fruit peels, ferns, sponges, seashells, knotted ropes, and broken pottery (ouch!). **They forgot Sear and Eaton's catalogues.! ...continued**

15. 70-75% of the world still doesn't use toilet paper because it is too expensive or there is not sufficient plumbing..
16. In many Western European countries, bidets are seen as more effective and preferable to toilet paper.
17. Colored toilet paper was popular in the U.S. until the 1940s.
18. The reason toilet paper disintegrates so quickly when wet is that the fibers used to make it are very short.
19. On the International Space Station, they still use regular toilet paper but it has to be sealed in special containers and compressed
20. During Desert Storm, the U.S. Army used toilet paper to camouflage their tanks
21. In 1973 Johnny Carson caused a toilet paper shortage He said as a joke that there was a shortage, which there wasn't, until everyone believed him and ran out to buy up the supply. It took three weeks for some stores to get more stock.
22. There is a contest sponsored by Charmin to design and make wedding dresses out of toilet paper. The winner gets \$2,000.
23. There was a toilet paper museum in Wisconsin, The Madison Museum of Bathroom Tissue, but it closed in 2000.
24. The museum once had over 3,000 rolls of TP from places all over the world, including The Guggenheim, Ellis Island, and Graceland.
25. There is still a virtual toilet paper museum called Nobody's Perfect.
26. In 1996, President Clinton passed a Toilet Paper Tax of 6 cents per roll, which is still in effect today. Obama tried to triple that but the House wouldn't pass it.
27. The Pentagon uses, on average, 666 rolls of toilet paper per day. Must be a lot of ass hole in there.
28. The most expensive toilet paper in the world is from Portuguese brand Renova.
29. Renova is three-ply, perfumed, costs \$3 per roll and comes in several colors including black, red, blue and green.
30. The CEO of Renova came up with the idea for black toilet paper while he was at a Cirque du Soleil show.
31. Beyonce uses only red Renova toilet paper.
32. Kris Jenner uses only the black Renova toilet paper.
33. If you hang your toilet paper so you can pull it from the bottom, you're considered more intelligent than someone who pulls it from the top. **This is me, bottom puller.**
34. Koji Suzuki, a Japanese horror novelist best known for writing The Ring, had an entire novel printed on a single roll of toilet paper.
35. The novel takes place in a public bathroom and the entire story runs approximately three feet long.
36. When asked what necessity they would bring to a desert island, 49% of people said toilet paper before food.
36. Queen Elizabeth II wipes her royal bottom with silk handkerchiefs. Wonder if the royal chambermaid gets to wash those??
37. Muslims wipe their bums with their bare hand--- always the left hand. They eat with their right hand. If you are caught shop lifting, your right hand is cut off forcing you to eat with your poopy hand



We thought of a new segment for our Newsletter. We would call it **"Memories"**. it could be any story you would like to share with the other Members. My sister Linda was a small child during World War II. She lives in New Jersey now and is very active in her Community. She has visited many Seniors Clubs etc. telling of her memories during the War II. I was so interested in her story I thought I would share it with you. It is fairly long so I have split it up into two issues. I hope you enjoy it and that it will spark you to send us your own story for future Newsletters.

MEMORIES

Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner, that I love London so

Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner, that I think of her, wherever I go

My name is Linda, I was born in London during World War II, my earliest childhood memory is hearing all the air raid sirens, alerting the people on the ground that German bomber planes were sighted heading for London. Each time we heard the sirens I was quickly outfitted with my gas mask and whisked down the garden path to our Anderson air raid shelter.

This was a small hut, big enough to fit about six/seven people, made of six steel panels, embedded roughly 36 inches into the ground and covered with a thick mound of soil. The shelters were usually built away from the house because it would be less of a target for the bombs. We spent many hours in that little building listening to the popular songs of the day on our radio, with the grown-ups singing along to comfort the children and themselves, like:

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile smile smile

While you've a Lucifer to light your fag, smile boys – that's your style

What's the use of worrying – it never was worth while – so.....

The sounds of the bombs exploding all around us was absolutely terrifying, then we would sit there waiting for the most dreaded sound of all, and then we heard it, the whining/scream of a German flying bomb and then the scariest noise of all: DEAD SILENCE. That meant that the bomb was free falling to earth and no one knew where it would land. On pins and needles we waited for the all clear siren, then everyone would cautiously emerge (like a bunch of gophers) to see what damage the bombs had caused, on one occasion I heard the parents saying 'we survived, they were thanking God and then 'oh my gosh!', to our horror our house was totally destroyed, obliterated, just a pile of rubble.

We relocated to my grandparent's house, a short distance away, still a potential target for those noisy German bombs but somehow we felt protected. In our rush to get away from the destruction I suddenly realized that my little kitten, Princess, had been left behind, of course, I was very upset we had lost everything and it was just too much for a little kid to lose her best pal as well, so I begged my mother to take me back and see if she was still around. As we approached the location we heard a mournful meow and miraculously there was that precious little kitty, sitting on top of the rubble that used to be our house, we quickly gathered her up and scurried back to my grandparents.

When we heard the air raid sirens Grandma and Grandpa quickly prepared for a blackout, sealing the windows and doors so that not even a sliver of light showed through to alert the fighters of a potential target for their bombs. Not everyone had an air raid shelter, including Grandma and Grandpa, instead, we all rushed down to the cellar, this was dark and still smelt of the coal that had once been kept there, but at least we were safe.

Due to the extensive damage, many hospitals were only being used for the most serious injuries, so when I developed an infection and needed my tonsils taken out the doctor came to the house and removed them on grandmother's kitchen table (breakfast was never the same after that), thank goodness the bombing had ceased for a while. Afterwards I was allowed all the ice cream I could eat, to help me recover from the surgery. Life did have some bright spots.

One morning, when we were walking the neighbor's kids to school, we saw a big lorry drive into the main gate, there were men and women in uniform who proceeded to unload a massive silvery looking object into the middle of the playground. The next day we were amazed to see a large silver balloon floating above the school. Later we found out this was a helium filled barrage balloon. Soon we would see these all over the city, the balloons were tethered to the ground by very very long cables, and were supposed to discourage the German bombers and gliders from flying too close to the ground and dropping their destructive payload more accurately

All the eligible young men, including my father, were drafted into the military so I really didn't get to know him very well, when the war was over and Dad finally returned from active service his mind was so messed up with all the intense sounds of war and the barbaric acts that he had seen, (not to mention losing many of his fellow soldiers), resulting in mood swings, depression, even violence. Suddenly he left home, it was a shock for me not to see him, until many years later. My mother said he just wasn't the same person she had married and they separated soon after my sister was born. Unfortunately, many families are experiencing similar difficulties today, when their loved ones return home to the USA from the ravages of war. Once again music helped us get through our darkest hours...

I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places,
That this heart of mine embraces all day through
In that small café, the park across the way
The children's carousel, the chestnut tree, the wishing well



First a gas mask, everyone was issued their own mask, it was designed to protect against any poisonous gasses caused by the bombing

Even the entertainers had to wear their gas masks (can you imagine if the Radio City Rockettes had to perform like this!)



Typical Anderson air raid shelter disguised as a mound of earth



All around London there were barrage balloons, large helium filled balloons tethered to the ground by very very long cables,

**TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT
NEWS LETTER**



PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters:
A ROPE ENDS IT

THE E

YES:

When you rearrange the letters:
THEY SEE

GEORGE BUSH:

When you rearrange the letters:
HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters:
HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:
DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:
CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters:
IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

When you rearrange the letters:
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters:
THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:
WOMAN HITLER



Italian Style Hamburger Steak

Ingredients

- 1 pound of ground beef
- 1/4 cup of onions (finely minced)
- 1 tsp of worcestershire sauce
- 1 egg (beaten)
- 1/2 tsp of garlic powder
- 1/2 cup of Italian bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- 1 cup of marinara sauce
- 1 cup of shredded mozzarella



Directions

1. In a bowl mix the first 7 ingredients and then form into 4 patties.
2. In a large skillet heat up the olive oil.
3. On high heat brown the patties on each side (about 4 minutes per side)
4. Transfer to an oven safe dish.
5. Spoon the marinara sauce on top of the meat patties.
6. Cover with foil and bake in a preheated oven for 20 minutes, making sure the internal temperature reaches 160F.

TIE-DYED CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package white cake mix (regular size)
- 1-1/2 cups (12 ounces) lemon-lime soda
- Neon food coloring
- 1 can (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
- Colored sprinkles

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine cake mix and soda. Beat on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium 1 minute. Divide batter among five bowls. Add a few drops of food coloring to each bowl; stir just until combined.

Drop a spoonful of one color of batter into each of 18 paper-lined muffin cups. Layer with remaining colored batter until muffin cups are two-thirds full.

Bake 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

Frost tops and decorate with sprinkles. **Yield:** 1-1/2 dozen.





Marion Mascaro is still collecting used stamps and would appreciate any you wish to donate bring them to the meeting.

Save all your pop can tabs for **Helen Hill**, they go towards the purchase of handicap wheel chairs for children.

If you know of anyone who is ill in the hospital or confined at home. Please let Edith McMinn Health and Wellness Chair know, so she can send a card on the Wings behalf.

Next Wing Meeting—Monday 22nd January

February Meeting Monday 26th.

Group Meeting February 24th

ONE LAST WORD

Does an aircraft have a horn?

Imagine a cloud getting in the way as you're racing along, wouldn't it be handy if you could hit the hooter?

Strangely enough, an aircraft does have a hooter. It's incredibly noisy. When ground engineers are working in the cockpit, they can use it to alert their colleagues working on the ground. There's a tiny button marked "GND" on the instrument panel in the cockpit. The button is hard to find, but when pressed it sounds as if three steamboats are passing under the plane.

Members are encouraged to send us "stuff", pictures, jokes, recipes and comments (nice ones only) and we will do our best to make sure these are included.