



707 Spitfire News

707 Marion Orr CM Squadron

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Chairperson's Message – Anne Kozich

It's been a busy summer and early fall so far with many activities. 707 Air Cadets and Staff partook in the Strawberry Festival on July 3rd in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. A few days later, Ontario Trillium Foundation advised 707 had been awarded a grant to purchase band equipment. Late August 707 participated in the Moonlight Madness. Capt. Harvey volunteered his time to re-introduce the Air Cadets back in the Canadian International Air Show at the Toronto Ex during the Labour Day weekend. All of this while the cadets were attending summer courses or on summer vacation!

707's fall tagging was a more than just a success – it exceeded the CO's and my expectations. Thank you to *Canadian Tire*, *Giant Tiger*, *Metro*, *No Frills*, *Shoppers Drug Mart*, and *Wal-Mart* for allowing 707 Cadets to tag in front of your locations. A big thank you to the cadets, staff and SSC members who participated to make this another great event. A job well done by everyone!

2nd Halloween Party on Friday, October 28 was a blast. Everyone enjoyed themselves. There was great music provided by our DJ, CI Jenner. It was great to watch the cadets in their costumes (or not) having a good time.

The Capt Harvey, CI Harvey and myself attended the Air Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Provincial Committee's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 29. Both Capt Harvey and I were awarded a Certificate of Merit in recognition of starting up a new squadron while still involved with our previous squadrons and the extra energy and time spent before, during and continuing to make 707 the best squadron in Ontario.

The Poppy Campaign for the Royal Canadian Legion for 707 also took place on the weekend of October 29 and 30. Thank you to CI Hodgins, Mr. Choudhury, 2Lt Kot, Ms. Ncube, Capt. Harvey, myself, and to the Air Cadets who participated to support the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 459 (our sponsor).

Congratulations to all the cadets who were recently promoted. Keep the good work.

Commanding Officer Comments – Capt. Scott Harvey

As you can tell by the Chairperson's remarks 707 is a busy place and will become more so. Some parents have express concerns about having multiple activities on the same night force cadets to make a choice. This is true and it does. One cadet cannot possibly do everything every year. Choices must be made. Also my staff cannot be out every night of the week. We are all part time and many are volunteers. We will continue to add activities as I can staff them. Cases in point are Marksmanship,

Biathlon, and Band. Band will be starting Nov. 14 and will be held at Harry Bowes Public School. Marksmanship and Biathlon will continue on Monday nights and selected Saturdays to be announced.

Shortly we will be sending home summer course applications. These need to be completed and returned as quickly as possible. If your cadet is planning on applying for summer course it is vital that you attend the December 6 parent meeting as we will be discussing the process then.

Another concern that has been raised is transportation of cadets to and from parade nights. Without **written permission** from a parent or legal guardian I cannot let cadets walk/bike to and from cadets. It is expected the cadets are dropped off and picked up from cadets by a responsible adult. Again let me take the opportunity to invite all of you to closing parade to hear announces, see promotions, etc. prior to picking up your cadets. I would like to remind everyone that cadets are required to bring their current health card to **all** cadet activities.

To increase our ability to communicate to you including electronic copies of these news letters I would like to start a parent email distribution list. If you would like to be on this list please provide your preferred email to either myself or CI Hodgins.

Thank you all for your support so far this year. We have lots of activity and excitement to come.

Upcoming Events:

(Check 707's website: www.707marion-orr-aircadets.com for further and updated details) Help you get there here's our new QR code.



Biathlon Familiarization at Sharon Gun club: Sunday November 27, 2011

Santa Claus Parade – Stouffville: December 3, 2011

Parents Meeting: Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at Oscar Peterson PS

CO's Parade: Tuesday, December 6 at the end of the evening

Gift Wrapping: December 10 & 11, and December 17 & 18, at the Stouffville Walmart Store. Once this is official, the details will be posted on the squadron's website and it will be announced at the closing parades.

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