



707 Spitfire News

707 Marion Orr CM Squadron & Sponsoring Committee



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Chairperson's Message – Anne Kozich

It is hard to believe that it is February and how much has been accomplished in a year has past since February 2010 when a new squadron for Stouffville began to be discussed. Capt. Harvey became the incoming Commanding Officer (CO). The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 459 has agreed to be the official sponsor. In late March, I volunteered to become the Chairperson of the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC). The next few months are spent attending meetings, submitting paperwork for school permits, doing interviews for staff and SSC positions, and promoting the new squadron at events in Stouffville.

At the beginning of July, the staff and SSC members were involved in the Canada Day and Strawberry Festival announcing and promoting 707 Squadron. On August 19th, the staff and SSC members had set up a Fun Fair and by lunch time, we were thoroughly drenched with supplies and equipment everywhere as a result of the monsoon like weather. That evening, we attended the Moonlight Madness event after going home to change and dry flyers, gear, etc.

Late August, registrations began for returning cadets and then for new recruits. Meanwhile, the 707's first tagging planning had begun with local merchants being approached for approval to have cadets stand in front of their stores on the first weekend of October. Other merchants were approached and agreed to have donation cans placed in their store. Over three days, the cadets brought in over \$3,000. ***A fantastic job done by all (the cadets, SSC members and staff).*** 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.

Thank you to Ontario Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre for their wonderful donation of the metal tagging boxes - 707 only paid for the metal at cost. Also Tie Down Plus Inc. and Cardinal Fasteners for their donation of straps and fasteners for the tag boxes.

The first Halloween dance was held on October 29 at the Royal Canadian Legion. Everyone had a great time at the first annual social event. Thank you to CI Jenner and his DJ staff for their contribution of DJ services for the evening. Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 459, for providing the facilities to host the party, and to CI Chase for her time, energy and organization of this event.

There was a good representation by the cadets at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and the Stouffville Santa Claus Parade. Gift Wrapping took place on December 11th and 18th at Wal-Mart.

The schools in Stouffville and in the northeast area of Markham received pamphlets and posters along with an ad in the Sun-Tribune to assist with the recruiting drive for January 2011. Mess Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion is scheduled for Friday, February 11 and almost 80% of the cadets have signed up for this important 1st dinner.

Commanding Officer Comments – Capt. Scott Harvey

This is the first year for Royal Canadian Air Cadets in Stouffville after a long absence. Yes, there was a squadron in Stouffville once before. 707 has a 50 year history starting in Etobicoke and moving to Stouffville this year under its new name Marion Orr CM Squadron. Marion has a great role model for female aviators starting out her career just as World War II began. After being rejected by the RCAF (only males could fly aircraft at the time), a friend told her about Ferry Command which was charged with the task of flying new war planes to their destination squadrons. This was a dangerous and challenging job. None of these aircrafts were armed but that did not stop the Germans from shooting them down. Marion survived two such events and returned from the war to start an airport in Maple, Ontario. She spent the rest of her career teaching others to flying both fixed wing and helicopter aircraft.

Her local connection was a period where she was the Chief Flying Instructor and Markham Airport located on the southern border of Stouffville. This is also the location of one of our Gliding centres. There is more history about Marion on our website. I'll mention one more thing about Marion, of all the aircraft she flew over the years her favourite was the Supermarine Spitfire. For this reason we will call our newsletters 707 Spitfire News.

It has been a great honor to be your first Commanding Officer and to serve the youth of Stouffville, Uxbridge, Markham and Mount Albert. We are here to promote citizenship, leadership, physical fitness, aviation and an interest in the Canadian Forces Air element.

We have faced some challenges along the way in completing that mission but as we are now past the half way point in the training year we already have many accomplishments as a squadron as demonstrated by our Chairperson's comments. Running any organization for the youth is a team effort of staff, sponsors, parents and youth. This unit is no exception. Some parent and cadet responsibilities are listed below.

We are hoping most of the start up work is behind us now and communications through these newsletters will be on a regular basis. Don't wait for a newsletter, if you have any questions talk to one of my staff or myself and we will do our best to get you the answers.

Parent's Responsibilities and Cadet's Responsibilities

Parents, it is your responsibility to assist the squadron by dropping off and picking up your cadet on time, attending parent meetings, etc. You are welcome to attend the parade announcements each Tuesday, beginning at around 9:00 pm. – please join us in the gym and keep informed.

Part of the cadet program is to promote independence, confidence, leadership and this begins with each cadet carrying their own OHIP card to all cadet activities, taking care of their own uniforms including sewing on their badges, and contacting the appropriate person for any concerns or suggestions including advising if not attending a training night or activity.

Another source of information for the parents and cadets is the 707 website and please review including the calendar on a regular basis to find out what is happening. 707 Staff and SSC Members will be happy to speak to you about any questions or suggestions you may have.

Upcoming Events

For the most up to date list of upcoming events see the home page of our website. Updates happen every week.

February 27, 2011 – Marksmanship Zone 14 Shoot - This will be 707's first competition!

March 6, 2011 – Marlies Game - Cadets are free, guests are \$15 dollars each.

April 15-17, 2011 Tagging - It is mandatory for cadets to tag for a minimum 2 days tagging.

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