

NEWSLETTER for WEEK of 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

To all VandenBos Air Cadets and Parents:

On Sunday, September 20th, the proud and sharp **2 VandenBos Whitby Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron**, under ideal weather, participated in an impressive annual **Battle of Britain** commemorative ceremony at the Airmen's Park, Oshawa Airport.

On Thursday, September 24th, the returning cadets met for training at the Enterprise Airline / Durham Flight School hangar as our Permit did not allow us to use the Captain Michael VandenBos Public School that night. (This will happen from time to time.) The cadets were busy hearing about summer camps, replacing or ordering uniform parts as needed and doing basic drill.

At closing parade an *Air Cadet League of Canada* **Certificate of Recognition** was presented to **Enterprise Airline** for granting the Squadron continuous and most generous use of its hangar facilities for training many nights/days a week and for the use of office and storage space ever since the Squadron's beginnings six years ago. **Mr. Manny Rosario**, partner and manager of Enterprise Airline and DFC, as well as a Squadron Sponsoring Committee member, accepted the certificate from Bob Robert, VP of the Air Cadet League of Canada. In addition, **Mrs. Bonnie McDevitt** was presented with a *2 VandenBos Squadron* **Certificate of Appreciation** for her remarkable leadership and dedication to the Squadron as Sponsoring Committee Chair from 2005 to 2009. The presentation was made by Bob Robert, past Chair & current Treasurer of the Sponsoring Committee, with CO Captain Rick Hutchuk and Squadron Warrant Officer WO1 Morgan Cadenhead. Mrs. McDevitt is staying on the Sponsoring Committee but we congratulate her on being named a Director of the Provincial Air Cadet League as well as the Deputy Vice Chair of the York-Scarborough-Durham Area which comprises 11 squadrons.

Another full week of activities is ahead, including the beginning of the **recruit training** for about 30 recruits on Thursday and the Fall **Tagging** session Thursday to Sunday. See details below.

Even though the Recruit Information Night has already taken place, new recruits can still be accepted on Thursday, October 1st. Birth certificate and health insurance card required.

Again a reminder that at this time each year, we ask all Parents to read the

PARENTS INFORMATION HANDBOOK

You'll find it listed on the squadron web site: www.2vandenbos.org

Here is the updated schedule of coming Squadron events and activities.

Monday, 28 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Band Instructors: WO1 M. Cadenhead and CV R. Taylor

Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie

Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Wednesday, 30 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

The second of Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICES**

Civilian Clothes. More Team members are invited to join.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: TBA

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 1 October 2009 – at **CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS,**

Regular Training Night for Returning Cadets (in Summer Uniform),

First Training Night for the Recruits. (Dress for recruits: White Shirt and Black Pants).

AND First Day of **TAGGING** (1st to 4th October). Tagging (shift is from 7 to 9 PM) for selected cadets as arranged by FSgt Mason. Dress: Full uniform with shirt & tie.
ALL CADETS & RECRUITS ARRIVE for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Friday, 2 October 2009 – at the **EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH**, 401 Rossland W, Whitby (2 streets West of Brock on SW corner of Rossland & Walton)

NO SPORTS this night; Tagging instead.

No Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes this night. Tagging instead.

Second Day of **TAGGING** (1st to 4th October). Tagging (one shift) for selected cadets as arranged by FSgt Mason. Dress: Full uniform with shirt & tie.

Arrival & Pick-up as per schedule arranged by FSgt Mason.

Saturday, 3 October 2009 – at the **EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH**, 401 Rossland W, Whitby (2 streets West of Brock on SW corner of Rossland & Walton)

Third Day of **TAGGING** (1st to 4th October). Tagging (two shifts) for selected cadets as arranged by FSgt Mason. Dress: Full uniform with shirt & tie.

Arrivals & Pick-ups as per schedule arranged by FSgt Mason.

Sunday, 4 October 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Fourth Day of **TAGGING** (1st to 4th October). Tagging (two shifts) for selected cadets as arranged by FSgt Mason. Dress: Full uniform with shirt & tie.

Arrivals & Pick-ups as per schedule arranged by FSgt Mason.

Also Sunday, 4 October 2009 – **GLIDING DAY at MARKHAM AIRPORT**

30 cadets. Depart from the hangar.

Dress appropriately for flying and the weather.

Volunteer parent drivers required.

Only cadets who have sold their required lottery books and done their scheduled Tagging shifts will be able to go gliding in lieu of tagging.

Other details TBA by Lt Cadenhead.

Monday, 5 October 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Band Instructors: WO1 M. Cadenhead and CV R. Taylor

Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie

Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Wednesday, 7 October 2009 – at the **HANGAR**

Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes. More Team members invited to join.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: TBA

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 8 October 2009 – at **CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS**,

Regular Training Night for Uniformed Cadets (Dress To Be Announced – TBA),

Second Training Night for the Recruits (Dress: White Shirt and Black Pants).

Cadets & Recruits Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Friday, 9 October 2009 – **HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)**

(NOTE -**NO SPORTS** this night at the Wilson SS.)

Second night of the **Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes**. – For interested squadron cadets who will be qualified by age, etc. to apply for either the Glider Pilot Scholarship Camp or the Power Pilot Scholarship Camp next summer, but also for younger/other cadets who have an interest in aviation.

Civilian Clothes.

Lt L. Cadenhead

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Also Friday, 9 October 2009 – **HANGAR (Hangar Floor)**

(NOTE -**NO SPORTS** this night at the Wilson SS.)

Boot Shining Night.

Civilian Clothes.

Capt R. Hutchuk. More details TBA by Capt Hutchuk.

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Monday, 12 October 2009 – HOME

NO BAND PRACTICE tonight.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Tuesday, 13 October 2009 – HANGAR

First night of **Marksmanship Badge Qualification** Sessions for designated squadron cadets.
Civilian Clothes.

Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall. Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt Mason.

More Details TBA

Arrive for 6 PM. Pick-up at 8 PM.

Also Tuesday, 13 October 2009 – HANGAR Board Room

SSC Meeting at 6:30 PM.

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

*****ADOPT-A-ROAD** Clean-up of our two roads (Consumers & Country Lane) –

On Saturday, **October 17th**. Up to 40 cadets can participate.

Earn School Credits for Community Service.

Dress appropriately for the task and the weather.

Arrive for 8:30 AM at the Captain Michael VandenBos School.

Lunch provided.

Pick up at 12:30 PM at the Region of Durham building on SW corner of Consumers & Hopkins.

More Details TBA.

*****HALLOWEEN DANCE**. Saturday, October 31st. More Details TBA

*****POPPY CAMPAIGN** with the Legion, Friday to Sunday 6-8 November. Earn School Credits for
Community Service. Details TBA.

****JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE** – 14, 15, 28 & 29 November. Details TBA

****TRI-SERVICE DANCE**. Friday 4 December. Details TBA

****WHITBY SANTA CLAUS PARADE** – Saturday 5 December. Details TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SEE YOU AT CADETS!!!

Don't forget to carry your HEALTH INSURANCE CARD with you.

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(Repeat 2) Message from Mrs S Mazer, Squadron Sponsoring Committee Chair:

Each week during parade the sponsoring committee sets up a canteen where the cadets can purchase drinks and snacks. We have tried to keep the costs down so for approximately \$1.00 cadets can buy a drink and a bag of chips etc. We do not want to increase the cost and we are looking for some assistance. If you would like to donate any of the following items this would be greatly appreciated. We are also open to suggestions to encourage the cadets to eat healthy. If you would like to donate please feel free to drop these off during any parade night or if you have any questions please speak to Bill Rankin our canteen volunteer.

Items currently being available for purchase:

- Chocolate Bars (Peanut free)
- Pop (Coke, Root Beer, Orange and Ice Tea)
- Water (Both regular and flavoured)
- Chips (28g size bag)
- Liquorice (red)
- Sour Keys

Other Important Information

- Each year we have mandatory fundraising activities that require 100% participation from the squadron. Our lottery tickets and our spring and fall tagging campaigns provide our main source of revenue required to carry out our program. We would ask that cadets prepare to return the lottery books in a timely manner and be available for their assigned shifts for tagging

- If there are any parents who are able to provide goods and services at a discount we would greatly appreciate it. Please speak to Stephanie Mazer, our Sponsoring Committee Chair

- We continue this year again to accept gifts of Canadian Tire money, any Thursday night.

Thank you for you assistance.