

Air Cadet League of Canada

# Alberta Provincial Committee Annual General Meeting

Operational Reports and Motions  
For the Year Ending August 31, 2009



October 23 – 25, 2009

Four Points by Sheraton Edmonton  
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## Alberta Provincial Committee Executive 2008 - 2009

- Chairman – Mr. Fred Johnsen
- Vice Chairman – Mrs. Darlene LaRoche
- Past Chairman – Mr. Keith Mann
- Director of Finance – Mrs. Carol Cox
- Secretary – Mrs. Karen Schlegl
- Director of Netook – Mr. Ross Hamilton
- Director of Air Resources – Mr. Eric Steffensen
- Alberta Fund Raising Coordinator – Mr. Paul Fiset
- Director of Camp Wright – Mrs. Wally Johnsen
- Director of Camp Worthington – Mr. Burt Gillings
- Director of NW Zone – Mr. Kevin Robinson
- Director of NE Zone – Mrs. Evelyn Hutchings
- Director of Central Zone – Mr. Stan Monkman
- Director of Southern Zone – Mrs. Pat Sulek
- Alberta Membership Coordinator – Mrs. Bev Burke





**Air Cadet League of Canada  
Alberta Provincial Committee  
2009 Annual Conference and General Meeting**

**Agenda**

**2008 – 2009 Committee**

**Chairman**

Fred Johnsen

**Vice-Chairman**

Darlene LaRoche

**Past-Chairman**

Keith Mann

**Director of Finance**

Carol Cox

**Secretary**

Karen Schlegl

**Director of Netook**

Ross Hamilton

**Director of Air Resources**

Eric Steffensen

**Director of Camp Wright**

Wally Johnsen

**Director of Camp Worthington**

Burt Gillings

**Director of NW Zone**

Kevin Robinson

**Director of NE Zone**

Evelyn Hutchings

**Director of Central Zone**

Stan Monkman

**Director of Southern Zone**

Pat Sulek

**Saturday October 24**

**Call to Order 08:30 Hrs**

1. March on the Flags & O Canada
2. Moment of Silence for our Departed Members
3. Announcements/Housekeeping
4. Welcome and Introduction of Guests
5. Notice of Meeting

**AGM**

6. Approval of Minutes from 2008 Conference & AGM
7. Nominating Committee Report
8. Summary of Executive Committee Motions for 2008/09
9. Registrars Attendance Report
10. National ACLC Representative
11. Commanding Officer RCSU (PRA)
12. Director of Finance Report
  - ACC 9
  - Appointment of Auditors for 2009/10
  - Motion for Assessment
  - Budget
13. Membership Registration Coordinator's Report
14. ACO Report
15. Report's
  - Chairman's Report
  - Vice Chairman Report
  - Past Chairman's Report
  - Director, Air Resources Report
  - Coordinator, Membership Registration Report
  - Director, Camp Wright Report



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- Director, Camp Worthington Report
  - Director, Netook Gliding Centre Report
  - Director, Southern Zone Report
  - Director, Central Zone Report
  - Director, North East Zone Report
  - Director, North West Zone Report
16. Questions of Directors
17. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

**Conference - Training and Information**

18. M.O.U.
19. Suicide Prevention
20. AB Website – Year End Report

The following sessions will run at the same time in various rooms to be announced:

- SSC Chairman Training and Information Session
- SSC Treasurer Training and Information Session
- League Representative Training and Information Session

**Sunday October 25**

**Call to Order: 0830 hrs**

1. Nominating Committee final Report
2. Commanding Officer RCSU (PRA)
3. New Business
4. Elections as Required
5. Next Meeting & Adjournment

**Air Cadet League of Canada Provincial Committee  
Executive Meeting 2008 – 2009 Motions**

**October 26, 2008:**

Moved by Darlene LaRoche, that Rosemary Brulette of 124 Peace River Squadron be approved as League Representative and that Barbie Cramer of 577 Grande Prairie Squadron be approved as League Representative. SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. Motion carried.

Moved by Eric Steffensen that the Chair, Vice Chair, one governor and the Air Resources representative attend the SAM meeting in Ottawa on November 21-23, 2009. , SECONDED by Keith Mann. Motion carried.

Moved by Evelyn Hutchings, that the following League Representatives be confirmed: Kendra Fisher (504) Blachford, Ron Millham (699) Jasper Place, Jacquie Kuhl (868) Fort McMurray. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

**December 6, 2008:**

Moved by Darlene LaRoche, that the Chair, Vice-Chair, Air Resources and Director of Finance attend the SAM meeting in Ottawa. SECONDED by Evelyn Hutchings. Motion carried.

Moved by Kevin Mann, that the next AGM be held on October 24-25, 2009 in Edmonton at the Four Points Hotel with 3 meeting rooms (for 20-30 people) for break-out sessions. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Moved by Burt Gillings, that alcohol not is served at the AGM banquet. Seconded by Evelyn Hutchings. Motion carried.

Moved by Darlene LaRoche, that after review of the current travel expense guidelines that they remain as amended October 2007. SECONDED by Stan Monkman. Motion carried.

Moved by Stan Monkman that Pat McPhee be approved as league representative of 810 squadron. SECONDED by Evelyn Hutchings. Motion Carried.

Moved by Burt Gillings, that Ross proceed with the acquisition of one 300 and one 500 gallon tank, plus pumps and accessories, not to exceed \$5,400. SECONDED by Stan Monkman. Motion carried.

Moved by Ross Hamilton, that a new 15 foot wing mower for field maintenance be purchased to a maximum of \$20,000 plus GST from John Deere. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Moved by Eric Steffensen, that we dispose of a ¾ ton truck, either by sale or auction. Seconded by Burt Gillings. Motion carried.

Moved by Ross Hamilton, that when we no longer require the mower and two fuel tanks that they be disposed of by sale or auction. Seconded by Darlene LaRoche. Motion Carried.

**January 10, 2009:**

Moved by Stan Monkman, that in significant anniversaries, i.e.: 25, 50 and 75 years, that the Alberta Provincial Committee offer the squadron the free use of Camp Wright or Camp Worthington for one use during the anniversary year. SECONDED by Kevin Robinson Motion carried.

Moved by Stan Monkman that Donna Tucker be accepted as League Rep for #24 Red Deer RCACS and that Barrie Spelrem be accepted as League Rep for #287 Beaumont RCACS. SECONDED by Keith Mann. Motion carried.

Moved by Keith Mann that we move the Effective Speaking Competition to March 28, 2009. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

**February 7, 2009:**

Moved by Eric Steffensen that the Alberta Provincial Committee establish an Alberta Glider/Pilot Passenger Rating Award for the amount of \$150 for front seat qualification and \$250 for rear seat qualification with funding to come from the Alberta Aviation donation. SECONDED by Keith Mann. Motion carried.

Moved by Keith Mann that Eric Steffensen, Ross Hamilton and Fred Johnsen attend the Prairie Gliding Conference in March 25-26, 2009 to Winnipeg. Seconded by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Moved by Keith Mann that Keith obtain zone participation numbers (Effective Speaking) for first and second medals so that Evelyn can order all of them together. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

**March 7, 2009:**

MOVED by Keith Mann that we pursue participation at the World Skills Competition, Sept 1-7, 2009 in Calgary. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

MOVED by Ross Hamilton that we proceed with purchase of the fuel tanks for Netook Gliding Centre from Mohawk as per their quote (attached). SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. Motion carried.

MOVED by Stan Monkman to accept Rita Wesley as the new League Representative for 831 Edson. SEONDED by Keith Mann. CARRIED.

MOVED by Pat Sulek to accept Rob Bauhuis as League Representative to 903 Strathmore effective September 1, 2009. SECONDED by Stan Monkman. CARRIED

MOVED by Ross Hamilton to dispose of gas tanks and wing mower at Netook in the best manner. SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. CARRIED.

MOVED by Eric Steffensen that he dispose of the vehicles at Netook Gliding Centre as follows:

1	1962	Dodge D300 Winch Truck	2482913171	Peace Gliding Centre	DTP998	Yellow
2	1974	Dodge D300 Winch Truck	D51EG4J011430	Netook Gliding Centre	DTR000	Yellow
3	1984	Chevrolet Retrieve Truck C2500 Propane	2GCEC24K4E1184794	Netook Gliding Centre	PLF668	Yellow

SECONDED by Stan Monkman. CARRIED.

MOVED by Keith Mann that the Alberta Provincial Committee purchase the 1995 ¾ ton Chev. K250 Series truck from Brian Geiger for the sum not to exceed Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00). SEONDED by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED.

#### **April 4, 2009:**

Moved by Keith, SECONDED by Pat that a \$200 honorarium be provided to this year's facilities for the use of the hall (Effective Speaking). CARRIED

Moved by Keith Mann that the APC pay for the banquet costs for Evelyn and one escort officer at the Canadian Women in Aviation Conference. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

Moved by Darlene LaRoche that a maximum of 3 delegates be sponsored to attend the Vitalize 2009 Conference. SECONDED by Evelyn Hutchings. Motion carried.

Moved by Pat Sulek that an honorarium cheque of \$100 be provided to the Forest Lawn Legion in recognition of the use of their facilities for the South Zone Effective Speaking Competition. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

#### **May 9, 2009:**

MOVED by Keith Mann, that we realign the league's definition of the zone alignment to match the DND division of zones in Alberta. SECONDED by Burt Gillings. Motion carried.

MOVED by Keith Mann that attendance at the 2009 Alberta AGM will be with one paid registration will entitle the squadron to one free registration for another committee member from the same squadron. Accommodations will not be included. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

MOVED by Darlene LaRoche that the registration fee will be free for all non-delegate League Representatives at the 2009 Alberta AGM. Accommodations and travel will not be paid. SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. Motion carried.

MOVED by Wally Johnsen that Todd Severnson be the Assistant Camp Wright Director. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

MOVED by Wally Johnsen that squadrons bring a \$250 damage deposit cheque with them and turn over to Wally Johnsen or her designate upon arrival. If the camp is found at the end of the weekend to be in clean and good order then the cheque will be returned to them. If the Director or her designate finds that the condition of the camp is deficient then the cheque will be turned over to the Alberta Provincial Committee. The cheque is to be made out to the Alberta Provincial Committee. SECONDED by Burt Gillings. Motion carried.

MOVED by Darlene LaRoche that Karen Schlegl be the Provincial Secretary for the Alberta Provincial Committee. SECONDED by Eric Steffensen. Motion carried.

### **July 11, 2009:**

Carol Cox moved to charge \$150.00 for the rooms and with a late fee cost of \$40.00 and must register by October 1, 2009 for the Annual General. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hutchings moves to donate a \$100.00 to the Greater Grand Prairie Foundation on behalf of the Air Cadet League of Canada in lieu of flowers for Mr. Bill Beattie. SECONDED by Burt Gillings. Motion carried.

Stan Monkman moved that it is the duty of the Zone Director's to officially inform the individual that the League Representative person has been removed or appointed. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Stan Monkman moved that the Paul Spurrell be removed as the League Representative for 831 Squadron; and the new League Representative for the same Squadron is Rita Wesley. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Pat Sulek moved that Keith Peden become 878 Banff/Canmore League Representative.; Kendra Fisher to be League Representative to 781; Rob Bauhuis to be League Rep for 903. Deb Duncan will also look in on 225 Taber, until a League Representative can be appointed for them and Joann Cook to be the League Representative to 15 Medicine Hat; JoAnna Howard will be interim League Representative for 604 Moose for a year. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Pat Sulek moved that John Anderson be removed as the League Representative for Crowsnest. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Carol Cox moved that 604 Moose Squadron be able to store their aircraft at Netook for the summer. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

Burt Gillings moved that \$2500.00 donation from 868 Squadron be used to purchase a 25' C-Can for additional secure storage at Camp Worthington. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.



Burt Gillings moved to provide a \$250.00 award per year to the top Alberta SurvivAir Cadet Instructor. SECONDED by Darlene LaRoche. Motion carried.

Darlene LaRoche moved that the Provincial Committee purchase a laptop and the word processing software for the Provincial Secretary to use. Purchase not to exceed \$900.00; lap top would be the property of the Provincial Committee and would be passed down to secretaries in the future. SECONDED by Pat Sulek. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN  
2008 - 09 ANNUAL REPORT

On completion of my second year, as your Chairman and I would like to thank the executive committee for the outstanding support they have given me, which has kept me focused and has made my second year on the job much easier. Without their support we would not have enjoyed the successes we had over the past year. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the volunteers at the squadron levels who contributed thousands of hours in support of their individual squadrons. I would also offer a resounding thank you to the staff of the Edmonton Detachment for their excellent support and contributions to the success of the Cadet Program in Alberta.

The past year summary will be further expanded by the various directors, included below are some of the highlights we achieved in the 2008/09 period:

- Camp Wright usage continues to increase thanks to Wally Johnsen hands on organizational skills. Additional equipment was purchased and installed. We are still in the middle of completing the lease renewal. We have some major repairs coming at us and the Director will be looking for support and we are soliciting donations to cover some or all the repair costs.
- Camp Worthington has seen some major improvements and repairs thanks to the hard work by Burt Gillings. Survive Air took place at Camp Worthington this year and was a resounding success – thank you to all who volunteered with the Cadet Detachment to make this event happen. A special thank you to Burt for his excellent support to Survive Air.
- Netook Gliding Center is good shape; new fuel tanks have been added as well as replacement of the lawn mower, thanks to Ross Hamilton and Eric Steffensen.
- Thanks to Keith Mann and his team - the effective speaking competition was success – disappointing was the low attendance by the audience.
- Scholarships again very successful thanks to the organizational skills of Darlene LaRoche with the support of numerous volunteers. Depending on the future financial support from our Military Partners resulting from the centralization of the Cadet Prairie Region may result in significant changes to this venue.
- Education credit proposal is with the Minister of Education for consideration – we will keep you updated as information comes available.
- Congratulations go out to Eric Steffensen and Keith Mann for being re-appointed Governors with Air Cadet League of Canada.
- With centralizing of the Prairie Region in Winnipeg and the closing of the Provincial Detachments, it was necessary to realign the Zones in order to stay in step with the Zones developed by the Military Partners within Alberta.

- Financially we are on track thanks to the due diligent of our entire executive especially Carol Cox in keeping us in line. Our fund raising efforts are starting bear fruit due to the hard work by Paul Fissette Fund Raising Coordinator

ACC 9 returns are still not where I like to see them – I feel that nothing less than 100% is acceptable – we have introduced a change last year that will see the Zone Directors knocking on squadron doors collecting the ACC9. If any squadron is having problems completing their ACC9 please contact your Squadron League Representative or Zone Director for help. ACC9 submission by the Squadron Sponsoring Committee is a mandatory requirement by the Air Cadet League of Canada By-Laws and there are several squadrons that have not submitted their annual assessment fees, which is unacceptable.

I attended the Semi Annual Meeting, which took place in Ottawa, and the Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada held in St John, Newfoundland, which I felt were very informative and most importantly I was able to express Alberta's views, concerns, recommendations on the proposed changes that are coming.

I attended numerous squadron functions including Annual Cadet Reviews, Change of Commands etc; my compliments go out to all squadrons that I visited for their excellent organization of these events and to the cadets for their awesome turnout. Visiting these squadrons reconfirmed my commitment to the best youth program in Canada.

For the Air Cadets

Fred Johnsen  
Chairman

Vice Chairman Annual Report  
2008/2009

As my second year in this position, I felt that I was better able to proceed with my responsibilities and the new challenges I dealt with this past training year. I would like to thank the executive, and the many League volunteers throughout the province for aiding me in carrying out those responsibilities. I would like to say a special thank you to Stan Monkman who assisted with organizing all of the volunteers for the Selection Boards. I would also especially like to thank Captain Mahoney at the Edmonton Detachment for his help, and that of the staff at the Detachment, for their unwavering support of our scholarship program. This officer definitely understands teamwork and the partnership of our organization.

It was a busy year for me on the education front both to our military partners as well as our SSC Chairs throughout the province. In November, I was invited to the Detachment Commander's Conference in Edmonton to inform the COs of the new changes to the Selection Boards. I also attended two workshops in this regard, one for the NE Zone and one for the Southern Zone which were very well received. I was unable to attend the Central Zone due to poor winter weather. Education is key to assisting all concerned to be better able to complete their responsibilities in regard to the selection boards and most especially help our Air Cadets attain their goals.

I attended the Semi Annual Meeting in Ottawa in November and Alberta was asked along with New Brunswick to test a database program for selection boards. This database was used this past spring to a certain degree, but will be fully utilized this coming year. We passed on our recommendations for the usage of this database to make it easier for other provinces that are going to use it this coming year.

It will be more important than ever for the spread sheets that are completed by the officer staff, to be accurate and complete as they are imported into the database and are used to plan the number of boards, volunteers and officers needed, accommodations, food and transportation, as well as the information collected on the spreadsheets will dictate the cadets #1, #2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for scholarships. I look forward to the Commanding Officers continued cooperation in this process.

This past February after completion of the selection boards, and after several adjustments to our number of allotted scholarships, the following is a summary of selection boards this year:

Scholarship	AB Quota	AB Interviewed	AB#. filled	Additions	Total
IACE	6	19	6	1	7
Power Pilot	23	47	23	-	23
Glider Pilot	27	47	27	2	29
SLC	20	36	20	1	21
Survival Instructor	26	45	26	1	27
Athletic Instructor	15	18	10	1	11
Oskosh (not boarded)	3	-	3	1	4
AATC – Airport Ops	5	28	5	-	5

AATC – Aircraft					
Mechanics	5	43	5	-	5
TOTAL	130	283	125	7	132

Over the last several years, I have worked on the Education Credit committee and this year with the assistance of Fred Johnsen, chairman, I was able to provide a summary of where we would like the credits for cadets to proceed to give all cadets education credits for completing their level training, scholarship courses, and staff at Summer Training Centre's. This proposition is now in the hands of the Alberta Minister of Education awaiting his review. I look forward to a positive outcome in the near future.

The balance of the spring of 2009 activities were 783 Airforce Wing Anniversary dinner, assisting with casinos, SurvivAir at Camp Worthington, several Annual Ceremonial Reviews, Vitalize 2009 conference and the A.G.M. in St. John's Newfoundland. A new national responsibility I now have is working on the Recruiting and Retention committee and I will therefore be seeking ways to promote the Air Cadet program through advertising and public relations in Alberta. I ask for cooperation, assistance and suggestions in better informing the public about the value of the Cadet Program and, the satisfaction of working with youth for CIC and League members.

With all of the changes this past year, I am more committed than ever to continue to try to make a difference for the benefit of the youth in the Air Cadets, the CIC officers and the Air Cadet League members both in Alberta and nationally.

Respectively submitted  
Darlene LaRoche

Past Chairman Annual Report  
2008/2009

This past year once again proved to be another successful year for our Effective Speaking Program here in Alberta. We have been witness to some great speakers and some very young speakers who have a great future with our program. I would strongly encourage those who haven't participated in the past to do so. Your Zone Director will be able to help you out or put you in contact with those folks who can help. This is one of those programs that can be set-up, organized and managed by local League folks and thus lessen some of the work from our CIC Officers. We were very happy at our past National AGM to put closure to the issue of an Effective Speaking pin as final approval was granted to award the pins and for Cadets to wear it on their uniform. You will see them presented in the very near future. WOII Courtney Andruszko from 604 in Calgary did an outstanding job representing Alberta at the National Competition winning the bronze medal.

In the past you have learned of new scholarships for our Cadets to supplement the high cost of continuing education. From National we have the Birchall and Dale scholarships and on the Provincial side we have our Aviation Alberta Scholarship. We encourage more Air Cadets to apply for these scholarships and information on all is always available on the Alberta website at [www.aircadetleague.ab.ca](http://www.aircadetleague.ab.ca).

As we are presently reviewing our present Honors and Awards program here in Alberta it is very important to have thoughts and ideas from all members at all levels of the League to make improvements so we can recognize and reward those who work so hard in support of our program. Suggestions for changes and/or new awards are much appreciated.

I encourage all members to take an active role at all levels in the operation and organization of the program. When elections are held please consider coming forward and letting your name stand. Several areas have nonvoting assistant directors to help the Directors and also to learn the duties in anticipation of letting their name stand in the future.

Congratulations once again to my colleagues on the Executive Committee for your continued commitment and dedication, you are a great crew.

Respectfully submitted  
Keith Mann

Finance Director's Annual Report  
2008/2009

I would like to thank all the Squadrons that have filed their ACC9's and paid their Assessments Fees on a timely basis this year. This is greatly appreciated. There are still 6 Squadrons that have not filed their 2007/2008 ACC9's yet and only two that have not paid their Assessment Fees. This means that we have received 86% of the ACC9's and 95% of the Assessment Fees.

Any Squadron that have not filed their previous years ACC9 can still do so by using the current form.

The ACC9's for 2008/2009 **MUST** be filed using the new 2007 version of the ACC9. If an old form is submitted it will not be accepted.

A reminder when submitting your ACC9

- Use the 2007 version of the ACC9.
- Form **MUST** be signed by the CO and dated.
- Form **MUST** be signed by the Sponsoring Chair and dated.
- The information form **MUST** be signed and accompany the ACC9.

A very special **THANK YOU** goes out to all the Squadrons that have made donations to the Alberta Provincial Committee. We have been able to purchase capital assets that were badly needed. A schedule is attached to the financial statements detailing who the donations are from and what the funds were used for.

The audit Financial Statements and the 2009/2010 Budget will be available at the AGM.

Carol Cox CGA  
Finance Director  
Alberta Provincial Committee

Secretary Annual Report  
2008/2009

My name is Karen Schlegl and as of June, 2009 I was nominated and voted in as the new Secretary for the Air Cadet League Provincial Committee. My experience in Air Cadets to date has revolved around my son being a cadet and as a parent at his Squadron. At that Squadron I was involved in many aspects of volunteering such as being the secretary and president of the parent committee, and numerous fundraising activities. I was thrilled to be nominated for the position of Provincial Secretary and look forward to a very interesting and successful year with a group of people who are extremely dedicated to the Air Cadet program.

As in all organizations, communication is very important to a successful operation, so please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our members for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Schlegl  
Secretary, Provincial Committee



Southern Zone Annual Report  
2008/2009

Again it has been a great privilege to serve as Director of Southern Zone. I would like to thank the members of the Southern Zone for their dedication and commitment to their Cadets, and the Air Cadet Program. Here is a brief summary of the involvement of the Southern Zone Cadets, and Parents.

- Sept. Many squadrons participated in Battle of Britain Parade at the Military Museums  
Sept Held a meeting with new League Representatives to acquaint them with their duties.
- Oct Held a successful Effective Speaking workshop for all interested cadets at Forest Lawn Legion.  
Oct. Provincial AGM in Calgary  
Oct. Many squadrons attended Southern Zone Biathlon Competition
- Nov Remembrance Day Services, were held with cadets in attendance all over Southern Zone
- Jan. Qualifying exams were held with 53 cadets writing the exam at Mewata.
- Feb 96 Southern Zone cadets attended Provincial Scholarship Boards  
Feb Provincial Biathlon with 878 Banff Canmore going to National at Valcartier Quebec, where F/Cpl T. Thornton won Bronze for Junior Female
- March S.Zone Effective Speaking Competition held at Forest Lawn Legion with 9 cadets competing. Winners were WOLL C Andruszko 604, LAC Qin 604, and WOI Forbes 52
- April Provincial Effective Speaking Competition was held in Red Deer. Winners were WOLL C Andruszko 604, LAC Qin 604. and Legar 533
- April S. Zone Sports and Drill Competition was held in Taber, with Lethbridge as co host. Great job by both squadrons, well attended. Sr. VB winners # 11 Lethbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 604 Moose, Sr BB 781 Calgary, 2<sup>n</sup> place 11 Lethbridge, Jr VB 604 Moose, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 Lethbridge, BB 11 Lethbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 604 Moose. Sportsmanship award for seniors went to # 538 Buffalo, and 11 Lethbridge, and Jr. went to 225 Taber, and 239 Brooks
- May/June Was the start of many ACR's, I was pleased to attend # 15 Medicine Hat, 604 Moose, 52 City of Calgary, and 781 Calgary., and the Royal Visit at Mewata. Unfortunately I did not attend as many as I has wanted to, as many squadrons held their ACR's on the same day.
- July Awards committee meeting to select nominations to be presented to Provincial Committee for their review.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Sulek  
Director Southern Zone

North West Zone Annual Report  
2008/2009

Zone Effective Speaking was held in Grande Prairie in March just prior to Provincials with 6 cadets presenting. Three finalists went on to attend Provincials in Red Deer.

I attended Boards and enjoyed myself as always. It is always great to see the caliber of young cadets that are applying for scholarships. Congratulations to all Cadets receiving scholarships this year once again we had impressive results for the Northwest Zone. Thanks to all volunteers who attended from the NW zone as well.

577 Grande Prairie Squadron hosted Sports and Drill this year and put on a great weekend of activities for all those attending. My thanks go out to their Staff and Parents for hosting it. All participating Squadrons had a great time.

I attended the following Annual Reviews this year:

230 Athabasca on May 20<sup>th</sup>

539 High Prairie on May 27<sup>th</sup>

577 Grande Prairie on May 30<sup>th</sup>

526 Barrhead on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

While High Prairie is still on probation their Squadron continues to grow under their new CO 2Lt. Verna Ogg. They had over 21 cadets on parade for their Annual inspection. I am very pleased that 539 High Prairie Squadron is progressing very well and my hat goes off to the efforts of everyone at the Squadron as well as DND and Sponsor for the awesome efforts in helping this Squadron get on their feet again.

230 Athabasca Squadron attended National Rifle competition in this year and did very well.

I am looking forward to visiting the Squadrons coming into the NW Zone this September when the new zone structure comes into effect. I have no doubts they will bring a wealth of experience and information to us.

A donation of \$5000.00 was received from 577 Parents Assoc. to go towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle at the Peace Gliding Center.

I wish to thank 577 Squadron League Rep Barbie Cramer for attending the funeral services of Bill Beattie on behalf of the Provincial Executive. Four cadets and Two officers attended as well and it was very much appreciated by the Beattie Family. The cadets greeted people at the door and were asked to do an honor guard as well for the service. The Beattie Family wishes to extend to the Air Cadet League their appreciation and thanks for the "best years of Bill's life".

Respectfully  
Kevin Robinson  
Northwest Zone Director

North East Zone Annual Report  
2008/2009

The Zone had another successful year, with good participation at our zone meetings and events. We had good participation at League activities as well, but always aim for 100%.

The squadrons in the Zone have been active in their communities in various volunteer capacities, such as cleaning parks, planting trees, acting as escorts at Legion banquets. They are well received. Their attendance at Battle of Britain parades, Poppy Days and Remembrance Day ceremonies are so appreciated by their respective communities..

The Zone had a workshop on Nov 15/08 in which presentations were given by Darlene LaRoche on scholarships, Max Scharfenberger on public speaking, and Fred Johnsen on the responsibilities of a sponsor/sponsoring committee. Thank you to all who participated. The presenters had good information to share.

All squadrons sent a good representation of cadets to the Selection Boards on Feb 21/09 in Ponoka and were successful in receiving a high percentage of the special camps. The application forms were the best prepared that I have seen for a long time. Thank you to the squadron staff for their extra work in this regard as well as for their excellent preparation of the cadets. Congratulations to all of the cadets who participated. They are to be commended for the diligence they also displayed in preparing themselves for the Boards.

The Zone effective speaking competition was held March 8/09 with the facility being provided courtesy of 504 Blatchford Field Squadron. Nine cadets from five squadrons participated. One was an A/C and all did so well. The Zone winners and candidates at the provincial competition on March 28/09 were 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sgt. Logar from 533 Sabre Sqdn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Flt/Cpl Nagtegaal from 533 Sabre Sqdn, 1<sup>st</sup>-Sgt. Theiss from 395 Edmonton Sqdn.

The Zone sports competition was held on April 18 at Ross Shepherd High School with nine squadrons registered but one a no-show on the day of the competition. The sportsmanship was excellent and all appeared to be having fun. The winners were: Jr. volleyball-3<sup>rd</sup>-868 Rotary Northstar Sqdn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-504 Blatchford Field Sqdn, 1<sup>st</sup>-533 Sabre Sqdn; Sr. volleyball-3<sup>rd</sup>-533 Sabre Sqdn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-664 Cold Lake Sqdn, 1<sup>st</sup>-504 Blatchford Field Sqdn; Jr. basketball-3<sup>rd</sup>-699 Jasper Place Sqdn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-533 Sabre Sqdn, 1<sup>st</sup>-395 Edmonton Sqdn; Sr. basketball-3<sup>rd</sup>-504 Blatchford Field Sqdn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-533 Sabre Sqdn, 1<sup>st</sup>-395 Edmonton Sqdn. The drill competition was held on April 19/09 at 395 Edmonton Sqdn's LHQ. Thank you to Major St. Croix for arranging this for us. It was disappointing that only 3 squadrons participated. 504 Squadron won second place in both compulsory and precision drill, and 533 Sabre squadron won first place in both competitions. Eight cadets were invited to attend the banquet of the Canadian Women in Aviation conference on June 6/09 thanks to the donation of the tickets from a participant. Seven registered to go, six did attend and were escorted by Capt. Amanda Corfield from 504 Blatchford Field Sqdn and Mrs. Wally Johnsen on behalf of the Alberta Provincial Committee. This was a fabulous opportunity for the cadets to meet women in all aspects of aviation. Mr. Ron Millham was elected.

Evelyn Hutchings

Central Zone Annual Report  
2008/2009

This has been an eventful year. There were both positives and negatives. I will concentrate on the positives and only allude to the negatives.

In September 2008 all Squadron Sponsoring Committees (SSC) mounted vigorous recruiting campaigns with varying degrees of success. All units reported that despite their campaigns bringing in new cadets, numbers were, in fact, down from previous years. Keeping recruits is not just the responsibility of the military staff. The SSC is an integral part of the team.

Throughout the year every squadron was visited at least once, some as many as six times for various reasons. Those with problems were sorted out by year's end. Of note, 12 Squadron now has a new co-sponsor – 700 Wing AFAC agreed to co-sponsor with Branch 150 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Their new charter was unveiled at their June ACR and signed and sealed. Congratulations 12 Squadron!

Squadron response to the annual call for scholarships was very good with some 95 Central Zone cadets applying for at least two scholarships each and a few for three. Their success rate at scholarship boards was excellent. Most units are taking extra steps to ensure their cadets are well prepared to meet the respective boards.

Despite the low squadron participation the ZONE EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION heard from excellent speakers. This is one area where an old airman like me cannot help but feel very proud of our cadets. Every one of them outdid themselves in both the prepared and impromptu speeches. FSgt Conroy and Sgt Couch of 88 Sqn Airdrie and WO1 Jackson of 42 Wetaskiwin spoke their way to the Provincial finals.

In April 831 Squadron Leduc officers, staff and Squadron Sponsoring Committee put together our Central Zone Sports and Drill Competition. What a perfectly run exercise! With time-limited planning and organization, the unit exceeded all expectations. Execution went off without a hitch. Nine of twelve units participated and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Sports was limited to volleyball only on day one - which did not disappoint anyone. The drill competition to place on day two. 831 Leduc played their way to gold with 185 Olds taking silver and bronze. 65 Ponoka marched their way to compulsory gold with 831 earning silver. BRAVO ZULU to everyone at 831 Leduc for producing such an enjoyable event!

Just about all Air Cadet Reviews were attended by Roger and/or me. Every Squadron should feel justifiably proud of their accomplishments, particularly the cadets. Every unit put on an excellent demonstration of drill, dress and deportment. The combined bands of 12 and 810 Squadrons and the band of 24 Squadron put on first-rate performances.

In June I attended, for the first time, the Annual Air Cadet League Annual General Meeting in St. Johns, NFLD. What a learning experience - to meet and hear all those learned ladies and

gentlemen dedicated to the success of the air cadet movement! I believe everyone should experience a similar opportunity to renew their commitment to our cadets.

As we all know by now, the reorganization of the RCSU has led to the reorganization of the Central Zone. We lost four squadrons (12, 810, 287 & 831) to the North East Zone. To those units I wish them lots of sunshine, success and new recruits. We who remain will miss you. But, we also gained one new Squadron, 733 Drayton Valley. A big welcome to you; we look forward to working with you and making you part of the Central Zone family.

My appreciation goes to all League Representatives, SSC Executives and all the other Zone volunteers who made this a successful and enjoyable year. Your hard work and dedication is invaluable.

On a final note, my personal thank you to Roger Thompson, the Assistant Zone Director. His stepping up to the plate in times of need and saying and doing the right thing was instrumental to the successful conclusion of a drawn out conflict within one of our units. My thanks to you, Roger.

Respectfully submitted  
Stan Monkman  
Director Central Zone

## Camp Worthington 2008/2009 Annual Report

Camp Worthington had a terrific year.

Cadet units utilized a total of 21 weekends and in addition to that a Calgary based reserve unit took 1 weekend. Parents and officers from one air cadet squadron also spent a weekend on various work projects at Camp Worthington. Income for the 2008-2009 training years totaled \$10908.50. Total number of cadets and officers attending the camp stood at 739. There was 1 late cancellation due to very poor road conditions and 1 “no show”. This is a tremendous improvement over 2007-2008 and very gratifying to see.

Overall, squadron conduct at Camp Worthington is very good although there are still some minor graffiti problems. Another continuing problem is damage (usually routine wear and tear), which does not get reported on the camp use form. It is imperative that any deficiencies get properly recorded so that repairs can be affected in a timely manner. As a general rule the camp is being left in very good condition by most squadrons. On the rare occasion that the camp is not left in what I consider to be satisfactory condition, the squadron involved is billed a minimum of \$100.00 for cleanup. One item of major concern is that I still find pieces of charred firewood lying on the ground after snow has melted in the spring. This is evidence that ½ burned pieces of firewood have been thrown out of cabin doors during the winter. This is totally unacceptable and must stop as it poses an extreme fire hazard. Anyone who believes that a forest fire cannot happen in the winter is sadly mistaken. I would like to thank the officers and parents of 24 Red Deer Squadron who spent a weekend at camp Worthington during the winter. They took on a number of projects on their own, including hauling a large amount of deadfall out of the bush to augment the supply of firewood and adding onto the deck at the rear of the cookshack. Much appreciated! Work at Camp Worthington this summer has included repainting the inside of the latrines, cutting back brush around the cabins, and repainting cupboards in the cookshack. We are also continuing to resurface tables in the cookshack by replacing the tabletops and putting squadron decals on the surfaces. These are then covered by several (read many) coats of polyurethane to protect the surfaces. We currently have 10” decals from 185 Olds, 65 Ponoka, and 604 Calgary. There is still room for decals from 9 more units. We have a work weekend scheduled for the last weekend of August, (28-30) which should see the completion of the new cabin, and some much needed repairs to the porches of 2 of the sleeping cabins.

On July 26 I submitted a water test sample from the well at Camp Worthington am now awaiting the results. In the past our well has been declared satisfactory every year. In late August we will also be having the fire extinguishers recertified which is a yearly requirement.

The lease is up on the camp Property this year and we have already submitted the renewal application. Under the new regulations from Alberta Sustainable Resources we were required to have the entire camp area, as well as the trail into the camp, legally surveyed. This was carried out 2 years ago and the paperwork has now been submitted. Due to the placement of some of the buildings it was necessary to make some adjustments to the lease boundaries. The Clearwater

River was very kind to us this past spring, with no excessively high water in the camp. None of the camp buildings were affected by water this year.

At the time of writing this report there are 15 weekends booked for the upcoming training year, with many good weekends still available. This has been my 10<sup>th</sup> year at Camp Worthington and I continue to be impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of cadets that I see at camp. The level of competence shown by cadets who have completed Survival Instructors and Senior Leaders courses continues to be very impressive.

Respectfully submitted

J. Burt Gillings  
Director, Camp Worthington

Camp Wright  
2008/2009 Annual Report

We have had very busy and successful year, thanks to the volunteers that helped maintain Camp Wright namely Sheila Bella, Todd Severson and Bonnie Kuzyk who coordinated the bookings.

I would also like to thank the following for their generous donations to Camp Wright: 570 RCACS - \$5000.00, 15 Service Battalion Society – \$3,000.00, 524 RCACS - \$2000.00, 504 RCACS - \$700.00, Donation of AGM 50/50 Draw – \$369.00, Stanley Pumps – \$940.00 in equipment, 868 RCACS - \$2500.00. With these donations we were able to replace the other dated cook stove in the mess hall, upgrade the cabins to electric heat replacing the unsafe wood stoves. Install a water system in the washhouse that included a 135-gallon holding tank and pressure pump, which resolved the water pressure and supply issues. Replaced outdated fire extinguishers and upgraded smoke detection in cabins. Purchased a new trimmer/edger for weed removal around Cabins etc. Replaced the sink and taps and painted the lounge area in the volunteer building.

The old CW pickup was sold, as it was no longer cost effective to operate, it was sold for \$2500.00 (we are looking for a small efficient pickup (4x4) that can be used for errands). The unauthorized hot tub was removed for scrap, as there was nothing salvageable. We had two propane tanks replaced and connections repaired by Superior Propane – leaking valves and fittings.

We have received a cost estimate for cabin replacement that will need to be considered in the near future – roofs are starting to weaken, floors a starting to sag. Cost per cabin turnkey is about \$20K each. We will also have to replace the grease removal system in the kitchen, as it does not meet code (an observation made by the health inspector during the last inspection – waiting for report). Kitchen grease removal system cost estimate still being worked on, I am currently investigating the potential approved grease removal system that was to be installed in the Athabasca area that we may be able to acquire with very favorable terms, if it meets our needs. The windows in the mess hall and volunteer building will need to be replaced as they are suffering from dry rot – cost estimate needs to be completed.

Camp Wright use is continuing to increase, see table below for details.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Notes</b>
23-Aug-08	CPC Association	\$240.00	
26-28 Sep 2008	395	\$1,194.00	
3-5 Oct 2008	810	\$903.00	
17-19 Oct 2008	533	\$884.00	
24 -26 Oct 2008	524	\$596.00	
7-9 Nov 2008	12	\$596.00	
14 -16 Nov 2008	570	\$644.00	
30 Jan - 01 Feb 09	526	\$265.00	
13-15 Feb. 09	539	\$470.00	



20-22 Feb. 09	2467 & 2803 RCACC	\$494.00	
27 Feb. - 01 Mar 09	721 & 504 RCACS	\$1,010.00	
13-15 Mar 09	12 RCACS	\$266.00	
6 - 8 March 09	Loyal Edmonton	\$500.00	
13-16 April 09	868	\$240.00	
3 - 5 April 09	644	\$290.00	
17-19 April 09	3053 RCACC	\$386.00	
24-26 April 09	570	\$290.00	
29-31 May	504	\$722.00	
6-7 June 09	Sea Cadets Staff	\$240.00	
12-14 June 09	Sea Cadets Sailing	\$642.00	
19-21 June 09	Sea Cadets Sailing	\$714.00	
21-Jun-09	SC Kitchen Rental Catering	\$200.00	
10-12 Jul 09	Missionary Church	\$480.00	
17-18 Jul 09	Missionary Church	\$720.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$12,986.00</b>	

We are continuously looking for additional donations and are investigating grants to continue safely upgrading the camp for your enjoyment,

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Johnsen  
 Director, Camp Wright

Membership Registration Annual Report  
2008/2009

In total, since the National Membership Registration Program began, Alberta has registered just over 1,000 members.

Currently, there are:

- 829 active members screened and approved by National
  - 158 of these memberships have 2009 expiry dates

The membership registration process is active in most Sponsoring Committees but there are still two who have never had a member registered and several others with minimal registrations.

It is very important that you keep me informed of those members who are no longer active with your squadron so that we can keep the provincial and national databases current.

Every year I bring this up and it has improved but Incomplete membership registration packages continue to be a problem. Forms must be legible, completed fully, signed where necessary and have the completed interview form, reference check form and Police Records Check document attached, otherwise, it cannot be processed and must be returned which causes delay in the issuance of the membership card. In some cases the Police Records check has arrived without any other documentation or any indication of which Sponsoring Committee the individual is involved with. This also causes extra work and delays. Please ensure that only complete membership application packages are forwarded to me.

As a reminder, my contact information is as follows:

Mailing Address: 2820 – 11 Avenue South  
Lethbridge, AB T1K 0L4  
Residence Phone: (403) 327-4495  
Business Phone: (403) 320-3822  
Email: [bevannburke@shaw.ca](mailto:bevannburke@shaw.ca)

Squadron membership lists were provided to the Zone Directors in late August so that Sponsoring Committees would have current information early in the cadet year. If at any time you require information concerning your Sponsoring Committee's membership registration, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted



Bev. Burke  
Membership Registration Coordinator

Director of Air Resources Annual Report  
2008/2009

**Glider Familiarizations and Training**

Spring and Fall Glider Familiarization flights are flown at the Peace River Gliding Centre (PGC) at Grande Prairie Airport, Edmonton Gliding Centre (EGC) at Villeneuve Airport, Netook Gliding Centre (NGC) at Olds, and Southern Alberta Gliding Centre (SAGC) at Vulcan. Capt Kyle Palyga is stepping down as NGC Supervisor and Lt Ryan Bennett is assuming that position. Capt Bryan Lynch remains as the Peace River Gliding Centre Supervisor, as well as Capt Paul Kirvan Edmonton Gliding Centre, and Capt Greg Smith Southern Alberta Gliding Centre. The number of flights flown has improved, approximately 1200 flights this spring. The staff shortages are also improving except for NGC which has a shortage of tow pilots.

The number of Cadets qualifying for front and backseat passenger carrying continues to improve. According to the end spring reports, there are 15 cadets qualified. The achievement award, \$150 for the front seat and \$250 for the rear seat plus the recognition is a successful incentive.

The DND winches last fall were returned to Winnipeg for modification and were not available for the spring gliding. To fill in, the ACL winch was reinstated at PGC and a Tow aircraft borrowed from Saskatchewan with an agreement to pay for the engine time used. Two of the DND winches have returned to NGC this July for the Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Familiarization flying. They are to stay in Alberta, one for PGC and one for the SAGC. A third winch when it arrives will be used at the Josephberg Airport where there is a tentative plan for EGC to conduct Fam Flights there this fall.

**Equipment**

Scout SSV engine overhaul was completed this summer and glider FDR is scheduled for the SIRP this winter. The Zone Supervisors have asked about the possibility of purchasing a third Scout aircraft which would improve the Gliding Options and enhance the upper air exercises, etc. The winch launches in most cases do not allow enough altitude for exercises such as spins. If the planned fund raising is successful, the third Scout is worthy of considering.

Thanks to:

- Brian Geiger for the donation of a 1995 K2500 pick-up truck, which is now at EGC.
- 577 RCACS Grande Prairie Parents Committee Association and 15 RCACS Medicine Hat Parents Sponsoring Committee for their cheque donations in support of the PGC and SAGC.

We are still looking for funding to replace additional old vehicles. Winches 3 truck has been sold and hope to sell the winch engine in the near future.

**National Flying Committee National Flying Committee**

The ACGP is in the implementation/trial stage of the long term planning. The review recommendations included the Familiarization Program, the Glider and Power Scholarship program, aircraft and support equipment, personnel, the Contract for Goods and Services and funding. National Flying Committee items from the AGM this last June of a general interest are:

- An Advanced Gliding Program initiative trial will be conducted in the PAC Rgn this year with cadets and staff from all regions participating. It replaces the former Advanced Soaring Award which for last few years was conducted at the Gatineau Gliding Club. Depending on the trial results, the concept of operations will be developed and a decision made if advanced glider should be purchased, leased or establish a contract with the Soaring Association of Canada (SAC) units.

- Glider Familiarization Flying complete concept still in development. The proposal likely will include a glider simulator possibly housed in a transportable trailer to augment the program especially on bad weather days. The concept is to introduce an Aviation Day which will replace the present Fam day and all the activities will not be weather dependent.
- Power familiarization Flying Program concept in draft. Proposal to develop and train ACGP power pilots for the Power Fam Program.
- Advanced Power Pilot Scholarship concept is to provide advanced flight training to PPS grads as a summer scholarship. The main purpose is to retention of these cadets in the ACGP. A trial is planned for next year for up to 10% of the PPS graduates in 09 and the funding will be taken from the PPS allocation. The selection of the candidates is an issue as to the candidate's continued commitment to the program.
- CIC/ Cadet Pilot Retention Initiatives - NCA Ops O asked that the ACL to seek public support for airfields and/or lease or purchase glider airfields such as Netook airport in Alberta or the leased field in NWO. Additionally, DCdts SSO Air proposed/suggested that additional ACL funds be directed to staff cadets to help offset their expenses when working at a gliding site which would promote cadet retention. The "Glider Pilot Achievement Award" paid to cadets who qualify for passenger carrying in front, back seat or instructor rating has been adopted by most PCs and is successful. The Power Familiarization Flying initiative using ACGP licensed cadets could be funded by the ACL by providing a bursary for the cadets to accumulate the required Pilot in Command (PIC) time. Ideally, a National standard and fund for cadet bursaries for ACGP ratings/qualifications should be pursued.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre flew their Glider Familiarization for the Basic cadets at Netook this last summer using a winch as the launch vehicle as they did in 2008. The program is successful for both for the ACSTC cadets and for the staff cadets in building flying experience to become instructors.

During the past year, I attended the ACL SAM Ottawa, the DND Flying Training Conference Trenton, Gliding CO conference at Gimli, ACL AGM St John's, PPS graduation at St Andrews Airport MB, and GPS and ITAC Graduation at Gimli. The conferences were informative and worthwhile in reviewing the ACGP as to how it can be improved. Since the ACL SAM 2008, I have been serving as the Chair of the National Flying Committee.

The Gliding Zone Supervisors and Staff are sincerely thanked for their contribution and support to the Air Cadet Glider Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Steffensen  
Director of Air Resources

Director of Netook  
2008/2009 Annual Report

The Netook Gliding Centre offers Spring and Fall gliding for squadrons, and recently summer FAM gliding for Penhold Summer camp. The facility is also important as a storage area for aircraft and associated equipment. The Provincial Committee maintains a secure enclosure within the main hanger for archives, records and other League items.

Major accomplishments achieved at the centre this past year.

- (1) Replacement of runway mower. The old JD wing mower was essentially worn out. The new mower is a 20-foot Schulte wing type. (Thanks to sponsors of 903 Sqd, 52 Sqd, and 65 Sqd for your generous donations)
- (2) Replacing of both the aviation and vehicle fuel tanks. New double wall tanks were required with installation requirements necessary to meet environmental and safety requirements. Electricity was installed to operate system pumps.
- (3) New electrical wiring system installed in vehicle storage building. The old wiring was all 2-wire system and thus was a safety issue.
- (4) New submersible pump installed in water well.

Thanks to Paul Fiset for his dedicated efforts in securing a grant for facilitating improvements at Netook.

The farmland portion of the property continues to be leased by Notley Farms. The yearly farm lease income is an added source of income for the Provincial Committee. The Notleys maintain the grass runways and taxi areas, and as usual do an excellent job at keeping the runways in good condition.

The residence caretakers (Stanley and Audrey DeLong) continue doing an excellent job of maintaining the infield and providing security.

The Annual Appreciation Flying Day took place Sunday August 30. We had excellent weather. Approx. 75 people attended; 60 experienced a glider ride. Thanks to Kenn Nixon and Pat Sulak for again being our barbecue hosts, and to all the flight crew who came to make the day a flying success.

As a reminder: The Annual Appreciation flying day has three purposes: (1) Saying Thank You to those who assist us in the operation of, or improvements to, the Netook Gliding Centre (2) Familiarizing League people and others involved with the Air Cadet organization with the operations and facilities (3) Public relations of generating local community support and goodwill towards the Netook Gliding Centre.

Thank you again to all who assist in the regular operation and maintenance of the Netook Gliding Centre. These include individuals and businesses who have assisted us in many different ways; special thanks to Neil Olsen who is always available to help.

Ross Hamilton, Director of Netook Gliding Centre

Alberta Fundraising Annual Report  
2008/2009

It's been one year since I volunteered to start up an "official" Provincial fundraising committee, if you want to call it that. Whenever you start something new there's always a learning curve. I'm going to say that the past year has been "my" learning period.

Without making this a long, drawn out report, here is what's happened and where we're at with significant, long-term fundraising.

Phase 1. The area of the Air Cadet program in Alberta that required an immediate and substantial source of funds was the gliding program. Netook had/has numerous pieces of equipment that required replacement. The easiest source of funds to tap was the Provincial Government and their innumerable grants. With the assistance of Ross and Eric in gathering the data, a request was made to Alberta Lotteries for \$50,000 to cover the expenditures required for the gliding program. Success was had in this first attempt and a cheque for \$50,000 was presented to the Provincial Executive at the end of September by the MLA for Olds. These are matching funds and so the League required \$50,000 from other sources to cover their share of the expenses. Most of these funds had/have already been allocated or received from donations, volunteer labour, and other sources.

Phase 2. Next up in the grant request department is to get Camp Wright up to current standards. Preliminary information gathering has commenced and we are almost at the point where we are ready to write up the request to the Government for \$100,000. As a matching grant, we will be required to come up with the other \$100,000. Without tapping out the Leagues reserves, these funds would need to come from other sources. Onto phase 3.

Phase 3. Corporate donations and sponsorship. Over the past year I have been gathering information on the process and requirements for receiving major corporate donations and sponsorship. Phase 3 will be contacting various entities to sponsor the various parts of the Air Cadet program in Alberta. The number one priority will be getting corporate sponsorship for the Camp Wright cabins replacement and, hopefully, a long term commitment to fund those operations and at Camp Worthington.

Phase 4. Receiving a large endowment to the League. This phase is still in its infancy and requires a major time commitment from the executive to formulate long term goals for the program in the province. This long range thinking has started and once we have determined where the program would like to be in 25 years we can begin approaching foundations and corporations with our request for a major endowment.

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and knowledge, it's greatly appreciated and will be drawn on at some point in time.

To future success in our fundraising efforts!

**Paul Fiset**

*Fundraising Coordinator*