



# Slip Stream

## **904 (Lake Chapala-Mexico) Wing Air Force Association of Canada**

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**November 2006**

### **President's Message**

It is an honour to be able to represent you this year. I believe that the Executive Council members who have represented us for the past two years have done a superb job to establish a credible Wing of the Air Force Association of Canada. I would like to thank the outgoing Executive Council: Pete DeTracey, Bill Watt, Jim Wamboldt, Ron Hudson, Jack Girard and Tombo Thomlinson for their very fine efforts on our behalf. The members of the Executive Council this year are keen to continue the growth and development of 904 Wing. Bill Watt has agreed to serve as Editor of our bulletin, Slip Stream, along with his other responsibilities, so that side of the organization is indeed in good hands. Thank you Bill.

We enjoy a superb relationship with our Mexican counterparts in the Asociación de la Escuela Militar de Aviación, A.C. (AEMA, AC) and have been able to strengthen that relationship each year. This past summer we had seven Wing members attend the tour of the training establishment at the Air Base in Zapopan, three attended the Remembrance Ceremony and five couples attended the Dinner/Dance at the Malibu Hotel in Guadalajara. As always, the Mexicans treated us extremely well and everyone had a great time.

Our membership has grown steadily with an eclectic group of men and women who bring new talents and skills to the Wing. As we grow, some things will change. The first significant change this year is that we will cater our popular Welcome Back Snowbirds BBQ at the Lake Chapala Society. It will cost you a few pesos more, but will allow all the members to participate in the social side and the food will be superb. Be sure to mark 1600 hours, December 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar so you do not miss this fun event that will be our pre-Christmas get together.

From my perspective, the most important thing you can each do as a member of the Wing is to be an active participant in Wing functions and continue, as you have in the past, to offer constructive suggestions to improve the program and our organization. Please speak up if you have suggestions for how we can do things better.

Per Ardua Ad Astra  
Bob Rowlett

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<b>904 Wing Program</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Venue</b>
08 Nov	Canadian Club/904 Wing Remembrance Day Ceremony	La Nueva Posada
11 Nov	Remembrance Day	Chapala Cemetery
26 Nov	Flyers Air Show	Guadalajara Airport
01 Dec	Welcome Back Snowbirds BBQ	LCS Gazebo/Bar
15 Dec	Beer Call	Old Posada
12 Jan	Nostalgia Night	La Nueva Posada
09 Feb	Games Night	Old Posada

## Welcome Back Snowbirds – Friday, 01 December 2006

LOCATION:	Lake Chapala Society Gazebo, Bar and Rear Patio
ENTRANCE:	South West Door on Ramon Corona
TIME:	Bar Open: 1600 to 2000 hrs Dinner: 1730 hrs
MENU:	BBQ Ribs and Burgers, Salads and Dessert. Catering by "Hector" of the Chapala Golf & Country Club
DRESS:	Optional with name tags
SPECIAL GUESTS:	New Canadian Consul and Vice-Consul, Guadalajara
PRICES:	Dinner: 100 pesos per person Drinks: 20 pesos

## Visit to Base Aerea Militar No. 5, Zapopan, 14 Jul 2006

The XXX National Convention of the Asociación de la Escuela Militar de Aviación (A.E.M.A.) was held in Guadalajara, 14 to 16 Jul 2006. Members of 904 Wing participated, and as part of the proceedings, visited Base Aerea Militar No. 5, in Zapopan, a suburb of NW Guadalajara.



904 Wing members with Retired Mexican Air Force pilot Jaime Cenizo Rojas, the last surviving veteran of "Escuadrón 201", the Mexican AF unit that fought with the Allies in the Pacific Theatre during WW II. Left to right: Bob Rowlett, Mario Okunsky, Jaime Cenizo Rojas, Bill Watt, Mich Moulin and Pete DeTracey

904 Wing member, Ektor Carranza, stands by a recently erected commemorative bust of his father's cousin, Capitan Emilio Carranza Rodriguez, one of Mexico's aviation pioneers.



## **Changes to the Canadian Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) as of 01 April 2006**

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This is of interest to Retired CF and PS members. Following are some of the key changes to the PSHCP, effective 01 Apr 2006. For a description of all changes, go to:

<http://www.pshcptrust.ca/english/bulletins/default.shtml>

Download Bulletins 18 and 19.

### **Catastrophic Drug Coverage**

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Once you have paid C\$3,000 out of your own pocket for eligible prescription drugs in any one calendar year (not counting the annual deductible), reimbursement of additional eligible prescription drug expenses incurred in that year increases from 80% to 100%.

### **Hospital Provision**

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- Level I remained at C\$60/day
- Level II increased from C\$100/day to \$140/day
- Level III increased from C\$150/day to \$220/day

### **Emergency Medical Care while Travelling (Canadian Residents)**

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The maximum eligible expense per participant increased from C\$100,000 to C\$500,000 per period of travel (not exceeding 40 consecutive days).

### **Vision Care Benefit**

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Maximum eligible expense raised from C\$200 to C\$275 every two calendar years.

### **Claim Deadline**

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Increased from 6 months to 12 months following the end of the calendar year in which the expense is incurred.

### **Contribution Rates for Pensioners (Canadian Resident Supplementary Coverage)**

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- Single Coverage increases by C\$5.70 a month
- Family coverage increases by C\$12.14 a month

No change to rates for Comprehensive Coverage

## Remembrance Day 2006

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Lakeside Remembrance Day ceremonies took place on two separate occasions in November 2006.

The first was a joint Canadian Club/904 Wing event held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Canadian Club at La Nueva Posada on Wednesday, 08 November. This was a Canadian ceremony, led by 904 Wing President, Bob Rowlatt, with poppies made available through the Royal Canadian Legion and 904 Wing. The guest speaker was Col. René Gervais, the Canadian Defence Attaché in Mexico City. About 125 people attended.

The second event was the Annual US Veterans' Day ceremony held at the Veterans' section of the Chapala Cemetery on 11 November. There are over 100 Veterans interred here, mostly American, but there are several Canadian and other Commonwealth Vets buried in this place of honour. This Veterans' Day ceremony is organized each year by a local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with assistance from the Sons of the Revolution and The American Legion. 904 Wing was represented by a 10-person delegation.

## Federation Aéronautique Internationale

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Our fellow Wing member and aviation enthusiast Mich Moulin recently pointed the Editor towards a fascinating Web Site: new to the Ed., but obviously well attended.

The Federation Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the world's air sports federation, was founded in 1905. It is a non-governmental and non-profit international organisation with the basic aim of furthering aeronautical and astronautical activities worldwide. Ever growing, FAI is now an organisation of some 100 member countries.

You can find the web site at <http://www.fai.org/>. If you are a microlight/ultralight fan, check out the FAI links section.

### 904 (Lake Chapala-Mexico) Wing Executive Council

President	Bob Rowlatt
Past President	Pete DeTracey
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Mike Briscoe
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Mario Okunsky
Secretary	Fred Hornsby
Treasurer	Bill Neal