

Alumni Notes

395 Squadron Alumni
Foundation Newsletter

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395 Squadron's 65th Anniversary Event

We Need You...Now!

As we finalize the 65th reunion and banquet, many have indicated they will be attending, but as yet, some of you have not sent your financial commitment in. Our paid numbers are low and Karen has sent out many e-mails but we need your financial commitment A.S.A.P., as the deadline for the banquet is May 16th. Also we know there are people out there that are still thinking about attending but have not yet committed. It will be a rewarding experience to reminisce about old stories and those tales that keep on living. Bring a guest too! Our contract specifies that we must submit confirmed numbers by May 16th. Our menu and costs are based on a large number of attendants. You can let us know that you would like to attend by visiting our website at www.395alumni.ca and filling out the Registration Form and paying for your tickets through PayPal. Karen will also be at Nonsuch, Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 if you wish to purchase your tickets in person.

Website

The website at www.395alumni.ca is changing weekly with updates. Please see the website for a new feature, "Who is Attending the 65th?" Only those who have given us permission are listed as banquet attendees. So if you would like your name on the website so that others know you are

attending the reunion, please make sure that you fill out the Banquet Registration form (found on the website) and indicate that you would like your name listed. There are two ways to fill out the form, one is to fill it out online on the website or, the other way, is to download it, fill it out and fax it in.

Please understand that there are 2 lists we are working with. One is the Alumni Database (keep track of our Alumni Members), currently, there are just under 100 Alumni in our data base and the other is for the Banquet/Reunion attendees. At this point in time, we are focusing mainly on the Reunion attendee's list.

PayPal has been set up for online ticket purchase.

FYI

From what we can gather, we are the first Squadron who has created an Alumni Association and there is certainly interest from other units. Be part of our Alumni history, find a friend and keep in touch.

New Feature in the Newsletter

The Alumni will feature a former cadet member and provide a short historical summary of their life. We would like to feature in this issue **Bud Granley**.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Karen is selling tickets every Tuesday night from 6:30- 9:30pm at Nonsuch or purchase your tickets through **PayPal** on www.395alumni.ca

Some Reminders

- Please submit your memorable photos to the website.
- Contact your former cadet friends; to date we have **98 alumni**, mostly achieved by word of mouth.
- Watch the website for updates.

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Featured Alumni Member Bud Granley



Bud received his wings through the flying scholarship program at 395 Squadron. The CO at that time was Squadron Leader Frank Mathew. He left the unit and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1956 starting in pilot training. During his years in service he flew a F-86 Sabre Jet, a T-6 Harvard, and was a Standards Officer and flight instructor. He left the Forces and flew with United Airlines until he retired in 1997. During that time he also continued to develop his appetite as an aerobatic pilot. He purchased a surplus P-40. He has also raced in the Reno air races, performing at many air shows in Western Canada and Northern Western United States.



Bud has six children; three of them having served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Two sons flew with the Snowbird aerobatic team, and are now airline pilots, Ross with United, and Chris with Air Canada. His daughter, Deb, flies a 737 for Alaska Airlines. His son Bob chose the Navy, and is now a Captain with Royal Caribbean. Bob also flies the planes to air shows when not sailing. Bud has been known to fly in his act: T-6 Harvard, Yak-55 M,

Fouga Magister Jet, Wildcat, Skyraider or P-51 Mustang aircraft.

Bud was awarded the Art Scholl Showmanship award by the International Council of Air Shows in 2005. We are proud of him, as we are of all our Alumni. Website for more information: www.airshowpilot.com



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