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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

Another year draws to a close and I would like to wish all classmates a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to hearing from you in the new year and meeting many of you at next year's reunion. In this edition I have included the article on an aircraft built by **Jim Palmer** that I omitted from Edition 124. Also one of a couple of recent articles by our Professor in Leadership, Dr. Christian Leuprecht. It is notable that the professorship sponsored by the Class of 65 heads his list of credits. I "pirated" an exchange of holiday greetings between members of our Class who were members of Royal Roads Fraser Flight and taken the liberty of extracting some of the more "newsy" parts that may be of interest to the Class at large. With apologies if I have overstepped my mandate.

LT Taylor has provided information on his daughter who followed in his footsteps and attended RMC. **Harold Merklinger** has added to the list of published products by members of the Class of 65. Finally, a couple of letters. But first, it is my sad duty to report the passing of another classmate who, unknown to me, died a couple of years ago

6447 Jacques L. Michaud (1941-2017)

Au département des soins palliatifs du Centre d'hébergement de Charlesbourg, Québec, le 8 juin 2017, à l'âge de 75 ans 10 mois, après un courageux et long combat contre la maladie, est décédé monsieur Jacques Michaud, époux de dame Micheline Verret. Né à Québec, le 23 juillet 1941, il était le fils de feu dame Adèle Lebel et de feu monsieur Hilaire Michaud. Il demeurait à Québec arrondissement de Beauport.



Outre son épouse Micheline, monsieur Michaud laisse dans le deuil ses enfants : Martin (Geneviève Métivier), Mélanie (Daniel Asselin); ses petits-enfants : Gabrielle, Antoine (Flavie), Raphaël, Justine; ses frères, sa sœur, beaux-frères et belles-sœurs : Marc (Patsy -Ann Boudreau), Françoise (Claude Langevin), Pierre, André Dugré (feu Jacqueline); de la famille Verret : Murielle (feu Laurent Lachance), Diane (feu Carol Mercier), Renald (Louise Boulanger); son oncle Rosaire Michaud (Colette Rioux) ainsi que plusieurs neveux, nièces, cousins, cousines et ami(e)s.

La famille remercie particulièrement son grand ami Denis Bernatchez de même que Monique Gustin, André Dupuis et Odette Lacroix ainsi que tout le personnel soignant qui l'a si bien accompagné. Vos témoignages de sympathie peuvent se traduire par un don à la Société de la sclérose latérale amyotrophique (SLA) du Québec.



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Unique aircraft finds home at Region of Waterloo International Airport

Walter Gowing talks to the builder and pilot of the KR-2, Jim Palmer

OPINION Aug 30, 2019 by Walter Gowing Cambridge Times



Standing with the airplane donated to Air Cadets are (front row, left to right): Dan Pfohl, administrative officer; aircraft builder Jim Palmer. Back row: Bill Culp, associate director of aerospace; David Gowing, chair of the board. (Walter Gowing photo)

The Royal Canadian Air Cadet Tudor Squadron 822 now has its own flying aircraft.

This squadron of 92 area boys and girls is located at the Region of Waterloo International Airport. The small KR-2 white, single-engine aircraft, trimmed in maroon and black, is now at home at the Lt. Col. Ronald F. Gowing Youth Development Centre at the regional airport.

The unique little aircraft was built and flown by Jim Palmer, now a retired veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Palmer has flown the plane across Canada and recently made the Waterloo Region airport its temporary home base. He has now donated the aircraft to Squadron 822 and it will have a permanent home at the local airport.

“We are thrilled to receive this rare KR-2 aircraft,” said Bill Culp, of Cambridge, the associate director of aerospace with Squadron 822.

“It is really something to have a plane land at this airport and be told it now belongs to the Youth Development Centre.”

Dan Pfohl, administrative officer of aerospace with the squadron, said, “This is a tremendous gesture by Jim Palmer to donate this flying machine to our cadets.”

The small sleek-looking aircraft can cruise at 150 miles per hour. The wood and laminate body can fly with the best, indicated Palmer. He has spent 60 hours flying in the craft.

Palmer had spent four years at the Royal Roads Military College in Victoria. As a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force he has been stationed at several bases across the country.

“There is not one home where the plane was built,” said Palmer. “Every time I was transferred the many parts of the plane went along with me until it was completed and ready to fly.”



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Unique Aircraft (concluded)

He retired from the RCAF in 1987 after serving at the staff college in Toronto, the Pine Tree Radar Line for northern Canada, at the Canadian air base at Lahr, Germany and a stint in England. There were many other posts across Canada where Palmer served at during his RCAF career.

The Air Force life all started for Jim Palmer as an air cadet in Nipawin, Sask. He was married in 1987 and has two daughters. Both girls have been air cadets and, according to Palmer, the air cadet organization is a great training ground for young people.

David Gowing, chair of the 822 sponsoring committee and the Cadet Youth Development Centre, said the organizations are extremely thankful to Palmer for his generous gift that will allow ground training with the KR-2 aircraft. The aircraft has been decommissioned and will not leave the ground.

The squadron is looking forward to a monthly instruction class to be given by Palmer.

Walter Gowing is a lifelong Cambridge resident, author and journalist who has been to 131 countries worldwide. His latest book is Vanishing Gold.

Courtesy e-veritas 31

Reunion Weekend 2020: Proposed Changes

In the last edition, it was reported that it had been proposed to alter the format of next year's reunion weekend—a change that elicited considerable push back from a number of sources, not least of which were members of the Class of 65. I am pleased to report that those concerns did not fall on deaf ears. It has been decided to retain the original format.

Details with respect to the specific program for the Class of 65 will be promulgated as they become available.

Sitrep: 6349 Alain Pellerin

Alain Pellerin was suffering from a heart problem that required surgery. The following update extract was provided by his son on 14 November, "*Alain's surgery was successful, the surgeon was able to repair the two valves. My mother and I were able to briefly see him this afternoon. He is still fast asleep in the ICU. They will begin to wake him up this evening.*"

The Class joins in wishing Alain a full and speedy recovery.



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Making Sense of Irregular Border Crossings: New MLI Study by Dr. Christian Leuprecht

OTTAWA, ON (December 12, 2019): An increase in irregular migration has placed strain and scrutiny on Canada's immigration and refugee system. The controversy boils down to a question: under domestic and international law, who should qualify for asylum and refugee protection? On the one hand, Canada needs to ensure the integrity of our border and migratory regime. On the other hand, Canada must meet its domestic and international obligations.

MLI's latest study by Munk Senior Fellow Christian Leuprecht lays out the reforms necessary for Canada to square these two challenges. Titled *End of the (Roxham) Road: Seeking coherence on Canada's border-migration compact*, the study explains how asylum seekers and immigrants are discouraged from following proper legal procedure to enter the country and how irregular migration has lowered public support for immigration overall.

Popular sentiment against US President Donald Trump has fostered a narrative that attributes increased irregular migration largely to policy changes by the Trump administration. However, despite the convenience and appeal of such an explanation, the Leuprecht study reveals this version of events as an over-simplification that could lead us to the wrong policy responses.

In reality, the surge in irregular migration is due to a myriad of complex factors including but not limited to changing conditions in the US that predate the Trump administration, changes in Canadian border policies, and an array of international drivers over which both countries have little control.

Proponents of immigration are inclined to champion the underdog migrant who makes it to Canada to claim refugee status. However, such attitudes can lead to unintended consequences.

"This lenient attitude has effectively turned irregular migration into a back door to Canada," Leuprecht concludes. "A disproportionate number of refugee claims by irregular migrants turn out to be unfounded yet few rejected claimants ever end up being deported."

Although small in relative terms, the spike in absolute numbers is overwhelming the Canadian refugee system and undermining its integrity. Quebec is affected disproportionately; in 2017, the province experienced a 230-percent surge in crossings, primarily from New York state across the now infamous Roxham Road. Since 2017, around 20,000 migrants a year have been entering Canada irregularly. This number is anticipated to dip slightly this year to an expected 15,700, but total refugee claims from all sources – irregular border crosses plus claims lodged inland – are actually running higher this year than last.

Contrary to the popular belief that the exodus is driven by an inhospitable Trump administration, Leuprecht documents the widespread practice of migrants entering the US legally in order to then cross into Canada outside a designated border crossing.

"About two-thirds of asylum seekers cross irregularly into Canada by land actually enter the United States legally on a visa for the sole purpose of making their way to Canada," notes Leuprecht.



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Irregular Border Crossings (Continued)

Crossing by land from the US has become much more attractive since Canadian policies meant to target human traffickers and at-risk travellers have reduced the number of attempts to cross into Canada by air and sea.

The government is intent on renegotiating the *Safe Third Country Agreement* (STCA) with the United States beyond ports of entry to cover the entire land border. However, Leuprecht explains that this measure is unlikely to solve the complications that give rise to irregular migration to Canada in the first place.

Leuprecht lays out a strategy that honours Canada's longstanding migration and border compact based on an understanding that the only sustainable approach to irregular migration is premised on closer cooperation with the United States that includes:

- weighing the costs and benefits of changes to Canada's STCA with the United States;
- removing the need to cross between official ports of entry by reinstating the "Direct Back" provision under Section 41 of Canada's *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*, which would allow claimants to lodge their claims for refugee status from the United States;
- enhancing current bilateral and binational administrative, intelligence and enforcement cooperation; and
- acquiring better data to drive (more) informed and timely decision-making.

These measures are designed to instill confidence in Canada's commitment to managing its borders effectively, to facilitating the successful social and economic integration of migrants, and to protecting Canada's prosperity, while ensuring that Canada continues to meet its obligations in accordance with domestic and international law.

To learn more about innovative and viable approaches to irregular migration into Canada [read MLI's latest study here](#).

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Fraser Flight Updates

6611 Doug Cope—My news for 2019 is that we sold our house south of Ottawa as of the end of August and we are once again residents of sunny Ottawa. We live in a 3 bedroom apartment on the 9th floor in the west end. ... We still have a small cottage on the Rideau and in July Jacques, Clem, Fats and I plus Old Ern had a pleasant day by the water. I had not seen old Ernie since grad so it was a surprise.

Doug also provided recent photos of some of his flight mates:



6705 Wilson



6604 Carruthers



6602 Cale



6612 Corbett



6593 Bird



6611 Cope

6601 Ernie Cable—We spent a lovely week vacation at Loughborough Lake about a 30 minute drive north of Kingston with our two grandchildren. One of the highlights was discovering a Second World War Canso flying boat in an old hangar just north of Gananoque. Further investigation revealed that Canso 11093 was one of the aircraft that served on my Dad's 162 Squadron at Yarmouth, Dartmouth and Reykjavik, Iceland. Fortunately, some mechanics were working on it and offered us a tour inside the Canso. It is interesting to crawl through an aircraft that my Dad as W.O. I/c Maintenance worked on for three years. The grandkids thought it was really cool to see and touch an aircraft that their great grandfather worked on 75 years ago. Photo of my granddaughter and me and the entrance hatch is attached.





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Fraser Flight (Continued)

6612 Bruce Corbett—Since 2009, Lida and I have been spending our Christmases with our family here in Naples FL.

Now that we have probably all turned at least 76 this year, I hope that all of us continue to do relatively well health-wise. I mention this because at our age, things happen as did to me on Oct 29th. Three days after my arrival here in Florida, I suffered a detached retina. Didn't hurt at all but in the space of 3 hours, I went totally blind in my right eye and it is a long, inconvenient road back which will take me to the middle of January (providing there are no complications) with no water activity and no golf! Here, in Naples, it happens to more people than back in Ottawa because old age and prior eye surgery are key causes and there are many more people here in Naples, Florida who qualify. So, while there would have been great treatment for me at the EYE INSTITUTE in Ottawa, I am thankful that there is excellent medical talent here for that type of ailment.

6598 George Brown—We've been very busy this year, meeting old friends and traveling while we can - cruising from Florida to California through the Panama Canal, sailing up the Douro River from Porto, a trip to Sicily, and a visit to Spain with my son and his family. We had Thanksgiving in Ottawa, and enjoyed lunch with Cope, Cale, and Fats. Then off to Abu Dhabi when Bea's son and his wife are working. We will again be in Belgium for Christmas and the New Year..... We are getting soft..... no more trips to Canada in the winter.

Time rolls around so fast – and we find our grandchildren are growing up too quickly - one at Queens, one in Nursing, 2 in high school, and the youngest in Abu Dhabi just turning 8, fluent in Dutch, French, English and learning Arabic. [while I struggle in English - my language skills decreasing year by year].

6602 Jim Cale— We had a relatively quiet year. No serious health issues but the ones we do have prevented any travel this year, although I did manage a week long bike trip in Guelph and surrounding areas. I grew up there but I hardly recognized anything outside of the older parts of town. Even the "support" factory is gone!

We are looking forward to having the full family together at Christmas. Our grandson will be home from RMC, which he is enjoying, so it will be interesting to compare notes. His number is 29274. Hard to believe!

6600 Doug Busche— Things are going well enough that we have our first trip in two years planned for February to our favorite Caribbean destination: Aruba.

I have spent the last six months or so with a nasty bout of sciatica - bad enough that there is no hockey for me this year, and I really miss it. Physio has been successful and the pain is virtually all gone. However, the physiotherapist has urged me to take it easy for another six months or so. The joys of growing old.

6607 Ken Clarkson— Diane and I have joined the “Active Living Group” that hikes, snowshoes and bikes 3 times a week. We did a 3 1/2 hour hike in the Gattineau Park today and I can still type!! There was a lot of ice and crampons on the boots were a must. As an Ottawa Senators hockey fan it has been a frustrating year (sorry Doug re: your hockey situation; however, you should realize that you are too old to play hockey). Actually, keep it up. We are really looking forward to seeing you all at next year's reunion.





Fraser Flight (Concluded)

6610 David Cooper— Life is still good on the Island



6608 Pat Colbert—Glenna and I have slowed down our travelling somewhat this year...I particularly am finding long flights to be more fatiguing than I like. I used to be able to sleep on lengthy flights, but no more. However, we still did some shorter trips. We went to Puerto Vallarta in January for 2 weeks and had a great time with Mexican food, drinks and lots of heat. ... The mileage I do on the bike has dropped somewhat, and my plans for a big cycle trip have gotten smaller. Glenna and I had a 2 week cycle trip planned for Napa, the wine area in California, but the fires this year were quite severe, and we missed our window of opportunity. ...

Our summer this year has been much like other summers, 4-5 months back and forth from Port Moody to Ladysmith in the Gulf Islands, and about 2 weeks a month gunk-holing in the Islands. This year was wetter than usual, so I ended up doing a lot of "boatwork" which often consists of 3 or 4 hours of leisurely work, and several hours of contemplating a decent sunset or watching the local blue heron fishing off the break-water.

We are still in our smallish 1300 sqft town house in Port Moody, ... a strata that has many amenities including beautiful landscaping, a pool, gym, and an active strata that stays ahead of repairs, some privacy, access to public transit, and about 50 metres from a waterfront park. Also, a hospital about 2 km away, as well as walk-in clinics, etc. ... we hope our home of 15 years will continue to be so for awhile.

6603 Dean Carriere—Mira and I have had a long staycation this year. I have been plagued with mystery pains in one leg that the medics couldn't figure out. I went from a cane to crutches to a four wheeled walker but avoided the ubiquitous electric version with mandatory flags and teddy bear. A couple of months ago I started a different and more aggressive physical therapy regime and am now back to a cane and no pain killers. Needless to say we didn't travel abroad this year. Hamilton once known to many, especially some Torontonians, as the armpit of Canada has changed deodorants and is now a rather pleasant place to be stuck. There is vibrant cultural scene. According to Gord Downey a couple of years ago, "The hottest musical center in the country."

My two "kids" are doing well. Kelsey went back to university, obtained her masters in urban planning and now is happily employed in a small private company specializing in sustainable development. Judd is still trying to cop that elusive Oscar as a film maker. Difficult but he is having a lot of fun trying.



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17929 Tanya Taylor
By 6575 LT Taylor

Jim Cale's article in newsletter 123, prompts me to brag about my eldest, Tanya. She applied to enter into prep year at CMR when women could only be a Naval Architect in the Marine Engineering specification but wasn't accepted until the following year when women could go to sea and Mar Eng was open to her. 17929 Tanya Taylor entered RMC in 1987.



Ex-cadet weekend 1987



Graduation, Royal Roads, 1991

During second year in engineering, calculus became a problem and Tanya switched to a BSc in Physics and Oceanography at Royal Roads where she met her future husband 18490 Mark Koester an air force pilot who did all four years of his degree at Roads. Tanya retired this year (2019) as a Commander having worked on both coasts and in Ottawa. She was the engineering officer in HMCS Fredericton and deployed with it to the Persian Gulf. This was the only ship that she had as EO which bothered her since I had had 4 EO jobs and also Flight Engineering Officer of HMCS Bonaventure. She did get the job she wanted as a Cdr as the Flotilla Technical Officer, the seagoing Technical adviser to CanComFtlPac.

We both worked in Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott at one point. I was a civilian in the Engineering Department and she was a LCDR in the production department. It gave me great pride to have a Dockyard Trades and Labour Council shop steward come up to me and say that he found her very fair when carrying out a disciplinary hearing. I was also proud that she had followed me in my chosen profession.



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Class of 65 Book Authors

In the last edition, I previewed a number of books that had been authored by members of the Class of 65 and asked for additional inputs. The following is an impressive list provided by **Harold Merklinger**, with accompanying notes.

Progress in Underwater Acoustics, Harold M. Merklinger, Editor, ISBN 0-306-42552-1, Plenum Press, New York, 1986

This book is really the proceedings of an international meeting held in Halifax on the topic of Underwater Acoustics. Yes I was only the editor, but I feel as though I wrote about 30% of it. I did ghost-write one of the papers. Some of the papers were so badly prepared I felt I had to correct spelling, grammar and even some of the Maths! I did have help, though. Surprisingly, the book is still available and I have trouble understanding the high prices asked for it by some used book stores. The book did/does make money and has essentially funded one of the Canadian Acoustical Association's scholarships. (I didn't take any of the royalties, but turned them all over to the CAA.)

Interesting side story. Prior to this meeting it was typical that Eastern Bloc (and mainland China) authors would submit papers, but only one person would show up to present one or more of them. For this meeting, all the Eastern Bloc and Chinese authors showed up to present their papers (including the highest-ranking acousticians of the USSR and China)!

Maybe three months before the meeting our (Canadian) naval intelligence folks brought me some photos of an unusual-looking Soviet submarine. I could only guess that it had an experimental "parametric" sonar for high-resolution imaging of something. At the Halifax meeting, one of the last Russian papers presented showed us pictures of that same submarine and explained what it was all about! It was indeed a parametric sonar for studying the sub-surface bubble clouds created by sea surface waves. Unfortunately the author didn't leave a copy of his paper to be included in the proceedings. I would have loved to send a copy of it to our Intel folks!

The INs and OUTs of Focus, ISBN 0-9695025-1-6, self-published, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, August, 1990, and Ottawa ON, 1 June 1992

FOCUSING the VIEW CAMERA, ISBN 0-9695025-2-4, self-published, Ottawa, 1 March 1993.

These two self-published books are about some of the details of how to focus certain types of cameras (Including normal ones). They have a surprising international following: Google "Merklinger Focus" or "View Camera Focus", for example. They are not easy reading!

Seas, Ships and Sensors An Informal History of the Defence Research Establishment Atlantic 1968-1995, Robert L. Gaede and Harold M. Merklinger, ISBN 0-662-35773-6, published by Defence R&D Canada - Atlantic, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 31 December 2003.

Co-wrote this with retired Air Force officer Bob Gaede, then did the illustrations and layout.



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The Naval Service of Canada 1910-2010 The Centennial Story, Richard H. Gimblett, Editor, ISBN 978-1-55488-470-4, Dundurn Press, Toronto, with Department of National Defence and Government Services Canada, 2009. I contributed to 7 of the 11 chapters and provided 16 of the illustrations.

This was a strange one. Basically my contribution to the book was to provide sidebars on the Canadian technical contributions to the subject matter of 7 of the Chapters. The Table of Contents makes it look as though I did more than I really did. Peter McKay, who came to book launch, thought I must have written most of the book! I didn't.

My Christmas Wish

By 6533 Gord (N) Forbes

Christmas tends to bring good thoughts for most people. I do feel sorry for those who do not get enjoyment out of the season. But for those us who do get enjoyment out of it, the season seems to bring about feelings of good cheer. We tend to be kinder by wishing friends and strangers a happy holiday, being more charitable whether it's contributing to a food bank or a children's toy drive, or helping people who may need such help. In that way it is a wondrous time of year. But in most cases it doesn't last. Life gets back to 'normal' after the New Year. But should it be that way.

I recently listened to a Christmas song sung by John McDermott and written by J. Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn. The song titled "The Secret of Christmas" seemed to capture this fleeting feeling of Christmas with the following lyrics, "*It's not the things you do at Christmas time. But the Christmas things you do all year through.*" Isn't that a wonderful thought?

Suppose most of us could and would exhibit the kind of things that only seem to come out at Christmas time for all of the rest of the year. Suppose we continued to greet people with a friendly word including strangers, those who serve us in stores and restaurants, those who we encounter each day, and our neighbours. Suppose we were as charitable throughout the year by giving money or our time to worthy causes or people. Suppose we helped others on a regular basis and were thankful for those who helped us. Wouldn't that make for a more comfortable society? They say that one of the crises of our time is stress. Doing "Christmas things" all year round would no doubt lessen things feelings of stress and anxiety. Another problem we have is loneliness. At Christmas, we tend to socialize more and make more visits to family, friends and strangers. Think how much the lonely would appreciate such visits on a more regular basis. In addition to Christmas cards, send random cards just for the heck of it throughout the year. It will make the recipients feel good.

At Christmas there is a habit of giving unconditionally. Unfortunately, during the rest of the year, we expect a quid pro quo for any such giving. Instead give unconditionally always.

So, my Christmas wish for all is do "*Christmas things you do all year through.*"



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Closing Notes

All that remains is to thank all of you who have contributed to this newsletter over the past year—it's tenth year in publication, and to wish all members of the Class of 65 and their families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



FIRST ROW (left to right): J. MacDonald, S. Côté, L. Northcott, P. Godbout. —
SECOND ROW: P. Dedick, D. Harries, S. Stallard, B. Keefer, G. Gaucher.

1960 CMR Ski Team