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CASARA CLO PRESENTED WITH GORDON R. McGREGOR MEMORIAL TROPHY

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Our very own Capt. Rod Lanning was presented with the prestigious Gordon R. McGregor Memorial Trophy, in recognition for his outstanding and meritorious achievements in the field of air transportation. The award was presented to Capt. Lanning by the Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC) on 11 October 2003, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

"I was totally surprised and shocked," said Capt. Lanning. "It's nice to get a little recognition for the long hours I've spent away from home. I've been around the world and visited over 135 countries, some of them over 150 times each."

Capt. Lanning is recognized as a high-time flyer, a term used for pilots who have a high number of flying hours in the Air Force. Capt. Lanning managed to log in excess of 13,000 hours of flying time in his military career. He flew the de Havilland Chipmunk, the CT-114 Tutor, the Beechcraft 18 Expeditor, the Douglas CC-129 Dakota, the CT-133 Silver Star and the CC-130 Hercules aircraft.

Quite the history!



Capt Rod Lanning at Yellowknife SAREX last year
Photo by Darlene Searcy

Lt.-Col. Michel Latouche, Commanding Officer of 435 Squadron in Winnipeg, commended Capt. Lanning for his life long contribution to the Air Force and recognition by his peers and superiors, as an outstanding pilot and member of the air mobility community.

Capt. Lanning started his career with Air Force in 1967. He retired in 2002, and after a few short months transferred to the Reserve Force to be the 435 Squadron Liaison Officer for the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA). His responsibilities include planning, co-ordinating and conducting CASARA zone evaluations, and monitoring standardization and proficiency of CASARA across 23 zones in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Congratulations from CASARA on receiving this award, and your great life accomplishments!

Our thanks to Capt. Lanning, who has always made CASARA proud!

-----That Others May Live! -----



The CASARA Memorial outside the Air Command Headquarters Building in Winnipeg

Coming Events

If your zone has an event that you would like to have listed here, please send the information to the editor before the publication deadline.

Brandon Zone

Sunday 22 February – **SAREX Ice Melt**

Sunday 14 March – **SAREX Spring**

Sunday 4 April – **SAREX Warmup**

Winnipeg Zone

Wednesday 18 February – **Meteorology Refresher**

Saturday 3 April – **Navigation Refresher**

Wednesday 28 April – **Zone AGM**

Friday 14 May 2004 – **Annual Wings Banquet**

Provincial Zone

31 March – **Searcher Deadline**

29 May 2004 – **Provincial AGM**

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On Sunday, 21 December 03, twelve Winnipeg Zone members went for a spotter training flight on a 435 Sqn Hercules. The flight included a jump by SARTech Sgt Rick Henry.