

Georgetown man places second in national amateur pilot event

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flying a Cessna in the competition. He logged most of his flying time in the school's Bonanzas.

"There are slight differences but you rediscover it as you go," Wood said. "Generally they fly the same."

At the awards ceremony, competitors had a chance to meet members of the Snowbirds, Canada's aerobatic team, Air Canada's senior director of flight operations, Captain Hugh Campbell as well as executives from Transport Canada.

Wood got his first private flying licence a year ago but he originally started down another path, enrolling in Western's science program. But midway through his first year he decided flying was what he wanted to pursue. His grandfather, Bill Wood, was a pilot in the Second World War and Alex had always been interested in air shows. After talking to a neighbour, who was an Air Canada pilot, he decided to make the change.

He hopes to do some float plane and multi-engine training with the long-term



Alex Wood, with his grandfather and Second World War pilot Ron Wood, finished second in the Webster Memorial Trophy Competition for the best amateur pilot in Canada. Wood is entering his third year at Seneca College's School of Aviation and Flight Technology and hopes to become a commercial airline pilot. Photo submitted

goal of flying for a major airline. —By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

New officer added to Georgetown station

Ten new Halton Regional Police officers who were recently sworn in are now on the job throughout the region, and one of them is working in Halton Hills.

Const. Brenda Robbins began working out of the Georgetown station last month.

A native of Cambridge, Ontario, Robbins, who is fluent in Portuguese, worked as a dental assistant before deciding to become a police officer.

She enjoys many sports and activities and her husband is a police officer with a neighbouring regional service.

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