

✓ Four local cadets flying high after earning pilot licences

Milton's Jason Klip, Maciej Hatta, Paolo Dalbello and Daniel Lasby are flying high after a summer spent earning their pilots licences with the Blue Thunder Air Cadets.

But conquering the sky may be easier than taking to the roads for cadet corporals Dalbello and Kelly.

Though they earned their glider's license this summer, they still hold their G-1 (graduated) licences here on terra firma.

A six-week training course combined

with hours toiling at the Blue Thunder's ground school was what helped the pair earn the right to be at the helm of a glider.

For first Sergeant Klip, achieving his power pilot's licence came as a perfect end to his cadet career.

"A pilot's licence has been one of my goals and it is great to get it before I 'age out' of the squadron," said the 19-year-old Milton District High School student.

Meanwhile, first sergeant Daniel Lasby went south of the border to take his piece of the sky.

He was part of a U.S. exchange that whisked him to Dayton, Ohio and Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

He also sat in on a flight in a MIG jet as part of an international air show.



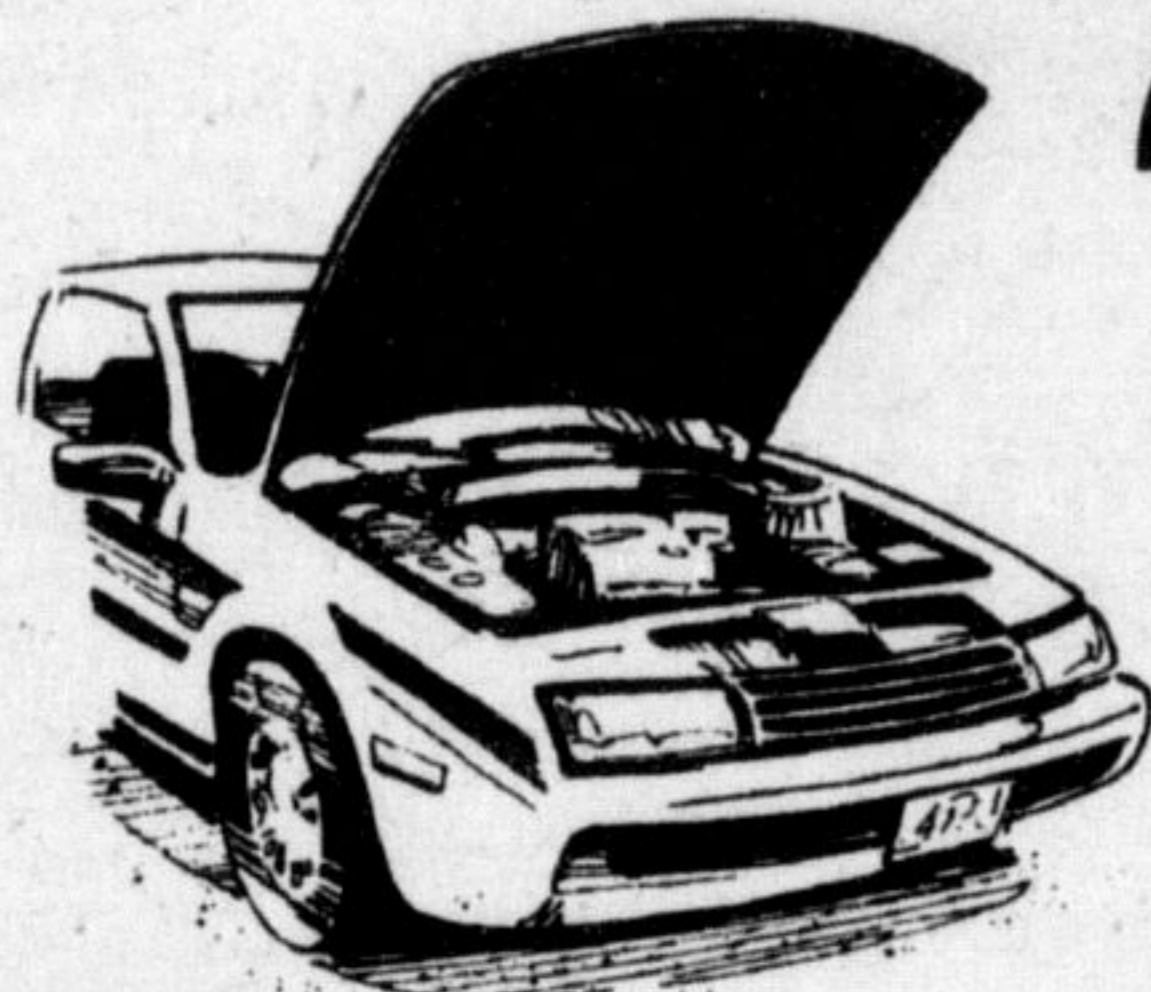
Blue Thunder air cadets (from left to right) F/ Sgt Jason Klip, Cpl. Philip Kelly, Cpl. Paolo DalBello and WOII Maciej Hatta earned their pilot's licences this summer.

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✓ 'Pictograph' fundraiser hits the roof at Grace Anglican Church

The picture is getting clearer at Grace Anglican Church.

For the past year, the church that was founded by Milton's early settlers has had a 5 foot by 8 foot-pictograph mounted on its rear wall.

It acts as a painted illustration of how far the 'Glorifying Grace' restoration project has come in the past 12 months.

It works like this. Each time \$5,000 is raised for the restoration project, a new square of the painting is filled in.

So far, 44 squares have been painted, adding up to \$220,000.

When the work is complete, the church will retain the fully-painted pictograph as a memorial of the

project.

Enough money has been scraped up to finish the year's largest job — keeping a lid on the house of God.

In other words, the church is now sporting a brand new, 100 per cent Canadian roof.

It replaces the old slate roof built in 1895.

The new top features Newfoundland slate enhanced with copper fascia and soffits, built to last about as long as the previous one.

Thanks to church fundraising efforts, the bill for the new roof has been paid in full.

Another two years of renovations is anticipated, at a cost of about \$180,000 additional dollars. Work is expected to begin in January, 2000.

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• Review communication distribution timelines. (Employees and school councils have said important information doesn't always reach them in a timely manner).

• Review the board's cleaning program in schools.

• Address needs and concerns of all employee groups. (Some staff say they feel isolated and overworked).

The commission is evaluating all Ontario school boards to see how restructuring is working for their students.

The recommendations are not binding, but they are being forwarded to the education ministry.

Ms Gardiner said it is good to have a review done by an outside organization.

"It's an excellent process," she said. "It looks at our system and it highlights the strengths and looks at our challenges."

Besides the accommodation issues, Gardiner Ms feels the policy governance recommendation is also important.

The board is currently working towards this model, which involves establishing a vision or mission statement to base policies and actions.

"Trustees would set and monitor policy and hold the director accountable," said Ms Gardiner. "It doesn't remove power, it just directs it in a different fashion."

She's also interested in considering an integrated transportation department with the Catholic board.

Currently, the two boards have an integrated transportation system, but maintain separate departments.

"Having one transportation department is something I'm not opposed to, but I'd have to see what it looks like," said Ms Gardiner. "On the surface, it makes sense."

Employee morale was listed as a major concern when the IC review team met with board officials in the summer.

Ms Gardiner said the rapid pace of change in education, such as the new curriculum, has been hard on staff.

"A tremendous load has been placed on all employee groups. There have been tremendous changes," she noted. "If it had moved a bit more slowly, we would've been better served in the long run."