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At Delawana Inn recently

Midland Power Squadron hosts anniversary conference

by Marion Sleep
 The Canadian Power Squadron (Georgian-Trent District) conference, hosted by the Midland Squadron at Delawana Inn, June 11, 12 and 13 was "one of the largest and best-organized ever held!" according to many of the delegates. Covering a large area from Kincardine to Barrie, the 19 squadrons represented have a total membership of 1050.

Charter Members
 The conference celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Midland Squadron. One of the highlights of the weekend was the attendance at the Saturday night banquet of eight of the charter members.

Honoured guests were Cecil M. Crealock, Earl Cumming, Bruce Gilbert, John Hanley, James Playfair, Hugh Riesberry, W. Douglas Strathearn and James W. Weeks. To the applause of the 420 dinner guests, the charter members were presented with Squadron Commander Citations by S. C. Donald McKee.

Head table guests included Chief Commander and Mrs. Bob Beale, Toronto; District Commander and Mrs. Neville Barnett, Sudbury; D/C

(R) Douglas Millington and Mrs. Millington, Sudbury; D. E. O. George Powell and Mrs. Powell, Gravenhurst; S. C. Donald and Mrs. McKee, Midland; and master of ceremonies D. A. O. Dave Hudson and Mrs. Hudson, Midland.

Also present from the national executive were Vice-Commander and Mrs. C.F. Dumaresq, Montreal; Vice-Com-

mander and National secretary Douglas Comber and Mrs. Comber, Uxbridge.

Graduates
 After introducing the 41 graduates of the 1976 Boating Course, including 13 lady members, their training officer Don McKee congratulated the class on 100 per cent success in passing. C. C. Bob Beale pledged the graduates and reminded them of their respon-

sibilities as Power Squadron members. A surprise presentation of gifts honoured S. C. Don McKee. On behalf of the graduating class, three of his students, Irene Donaldson, Janice Swick and Bob MacKinnon paid tribute to Don's many years of excellent teaching ability, his patience and high percentage of successful graduates.

Prior to adjournment,

D. C. Neville Barnett announced the 1976 District Bridge, Dancing and a late buffet supper supplied by the Midland P.S. ended the evening.

A "First"
 Midland's Silver Anniversary was the first to be held in the Georgian-Trent District. The credit for a smooth-running three-day schedule goes to conference chairman Ken Walker and his committee. Monthly meetings starting in Oct., 1976, planned each minute detail, starting with the Friday night welcoming "Wine and Cheese Landing Party," the presentation of goody-filled hostess packages to each registrant, and the many extra prizes, flowers and gifts given out at each evening, donated by visiting squadrons.

Dozens of boats, large and small, flag decorated and gleaming from springtime polishing

were competently docked. As well as P.S. personnel OPP officers and their patrol boat were in constant attendance. On Saturday, Wayne McGillivray, OPP Barrie, gave an interesting demonstration of police scuba diving techniques. Seminars and the Annual District meeting took place while a fashion show entertained the ladies.

On Sunday, Jack P. Grew boats presented several of the new line for inspection or short cruises. Many Midland members enjoyed acting as hosts for boat cruises on Sunday afternoon. In the words of S/C (r) John Corcoran AP "The influence of our graduates keeps spreading like ripples that travel outward. Thus the Squadron keeps on with its objective of training people in safe boating practices - and of course, having fun while doing so!"



Squadron graduates

The 1976 graduating class of the Midland power squadron took the oath of squadron membership at

celebrations held at the Delawana Inn recently. The Squadron also celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Women attend floral, fashion show

by Marion Sleep
 A beautiful sunny afternoon at Delawana Inn, Honey Harbour, failed to keep more than 100 women from attending a fashion show and floral display at the Midland Power Squadron District conference, June 12.

Sponsored by Leah's Boutique, with Mrs. Belle McKee as commentator and coordinator, the ladies were treated to a distinctive display of summer finery ranging from casual sportswear to elegant patio and evening wear. Jewellery, scarves and accessories from Leah's provided interesting variations to the "total look."

As the models, Barbara Hacker, Kathy Johnstone, Audrey Pady, Pat Teskey and Heather McKee moved through the audience, organist Al Dowder, from Dunlop's, supplied suitable background music.

A change of pace during the fashion show was provided by florist Dick Wood, Thornhill, whose humorous and often earthy dialogue amused and entertained his audience. Using as his theme "floral arrangements for boats," Mr. Wood deftly prepared many unique displays using ferns, fungi, milk weed and wild grasses, materials supplied by Ernie Cowden of Perrin's. "Natural growth found along your shores are much prettier and more appropriate than formal displays," he said, "all you need is a little imagination!" Prior to the show, each lady received a small gift and a lucky draw number. Winners of the two door prizes were Dorothy Watson, Bracebridge, and Donna Rowe, Midland. Enthusiastic applause endorsed Mrs. McKee's words of appreciation to Leah Bertrand and Mr. Wood, and the models for making the show such a success.

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