



All aboard

The 724 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets posed for this group shot aboard a Crash Truck at

Selfridge, a military installation in the U.S. they visited on the weekend.

Air cadets cross the border

Forty air cadets from 724 Midland Lions Squadron finished their 1986-87 training year with a three-day trip to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan.

The local air cadets were hosted by two squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol which operate out of Selfridge A.N.G.B.

Upon arrival at the base, the local air cadets were met by their Civil Air Patrol hosts and participated in a barbecue on the shore of Lake St. Clair. While on base, the cadets were billeted in military quarters.

Saturday was spent touring Selfridge A.N.G.B., the only base in the United

States which has units from the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps as well as the Air National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol.

The cadets toured maintenance areas where they were able to observe technicians working on A-7 Corsairs, the jets which are flown by the National Guard Units.

The cadets also had the opportunity to visit the A-7 Attack Simulator. This \$30 million computer-operated simulator allows pilots to practice a wide range of skills: everything from shooting down a "Mig" to aerial refuelling and carrier landings.

The cadets also visited

the Base Rescue Unit and saw a demonstration of aircraft crash rescue equipment. During the evening the Civil Air Patrol cadets hosted the local squadron to a dance and party.

On Sunday, the squadron visited the local Coast Guard detachment for a demonstration of rescue equipment, as well as the RADCOM (Radar control and communication centre). Here they were able to watch air traffic controllers handle a wide variety of tasks with both civilian and military aircraft.

The final point on the tour was a visit to the base museum where they saw memorabilia dating back to the early years of Selfridge

A.N.G.B. The cadets then said goodbye to their American hosts, boarded the bus and headed for home.

Although the Squadron has completed its formal training program for the 1986-87 training year, they are not going to disappear for the summer. The Squadron will be preparing to send over 25 cadets to summer camps, including one cadet on an international exchange and two cadets to CFB Trenton for summer employment. The training staff will be planning for the 1987-88 training year which begins in September.

Whale exhibit at Wye

Wye is Wye Marsh, best known for nature trails, birdwatching and wildflowers, featuring an exhibit on Whales this summer?

"Because whales are a symbol of endangered species, and Wye Marsh's aim is to raise awareness of endangered wildlife and their dwindling habitats before it's too late," says program director Eva Kaiser.

Whales - Fragile Giants of the Sea is on view at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre until August 17. The exhibit, and the programs designed to interpret it are fascinating to visitors of all ages, says Kaiser.

For children, there are puzzles and activities like a whale game, complete with whale costumes, in which kids can act out a whale's journey from calving grounds to feeding grounds, learning about the hazards it meets along the way. For older visitors, fact sheets and handouts help unravel undersea secrets. Everyone will enjoy looking at the photos, models and specimens in the exhibit, which explores the story of man's use and abuse of whales as well as the natural history of our world's largest sea creature.

"Among the most interesting things to see are an explanation of how a whale's ear works, and a baline plate from a whale's mouth. I've never seen anything so strange," says

Kaiser. "It looks a bit like a long venetian blind with fuzz all over it."

A highlight of the whales program at Wye Marsh will be a special guest speaker July 4 at 7:30 p.m. Biologist Frank Mariotti from Science North, who leads whale-watching expeditions to the east coast,

will bring whale bones and teeth to add a hands-on aspect to his slide presentation.

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is located just east of Midland on Highway 12, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information, call the centre at 526-7809.

Huron Park PTA draw winners

Sandy Ladouceur is the winner of the first prize in the Huron Park PTA draw.

First prize is one night in a Toronto hotel for two adults and two children (donated by Marlin Travel) plus four passes to Canada's Wonderland.

Four passes for a cruise on the Miss Midland

(donated by Penetang-Midland Coach Lines) were won by Doreen McFarland.

A one-year Wye Marsh Nature Centre family membership (donated by the PTA), was won by Jim Wallace.

The winning tickets were drawn on June 12.

No bylaw vacation

Midland won't be without a bylaw enforcement officer this summer.

The town's bylaw enforcement officer will be on holiday some time during July and August, and for another period he will be filling in for the vacationing building inspector, and unable to do both jobs at once.

The finance and general government committee considered going without a bylaw officer for five weeks, as the town once went without a bylaw officer for 18 months. Money for a replacement is included in the 1987 budget. "Summer is a bad time," committee chairman Deputy Reeve Nancy Keefe said.

Leitch graduates in N.B.

A local man has received his bachelor of science degree from the University of New Brunswick.

Timothy Kelvin Leitch of Midland graduated this year. He majored in mechanical engineering.

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