

Every which way but up

The Canadian Forces parachute demonstration team, the Sky Hawks, will appear at the Markham Fair at noon today (Sept. 27).
The ten-member Sky Hawks were formed in 1971 to demonstrate various parachuting techniques to the public on behalf of Canada's Armed Forces.
The Sky Hawks have appeared annually in numerous air shows and exhibitions throughout Canada since 1971. Last year, the team completed more than 2,000 parachute descents before an estimated 2,000,000 spectators.
Each man is an expert parachutist, with 150 to 1,000 jumps to his credit. He can fly his body through the air under absolute control, while performing acrobatics and formation flying as he falls.
He can also vary his rate of descent and move in any direction (except up) while travelling at speeds from 100 to 320 km. per hour.
Normally team members jump from their aircraft at 10,000 feet above ground.
Jumpers roll onto their backs and attach to their boots to help spectators follow their descent. Using an altimeter and a stop watch, the parachutist will freefall for as long as 45 seconds before activating his maneuverable canopy at a height of 7,200 feet.
With this steerable parachute, the jumper will control his descent for a pinpoint landing in front of the main body of spectators.
Team members are servicemen representing a wide variety of trades and classifications in the regular and reserve forces. When not on tour with the Sky Hawks, many members are employed in duties involving the development of parachuting techniques and training of military freefall parachutists at the Canadian Airborne Centre, Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, Alberta.



New records in offing for entries, attendance

Fair secretary Gerry Mann still is accepting entries for the fair and predicts there will be at least as many or more entries in this year's fair compared to last year's.
In some competitions, the entry deadline already has passed. But for others, such as some livestock shows, entries are accepted right until show time.
New classes for this year's fair, such as the photography class and the under-18 class for Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies, also are being well.
Mr. Mann added: "I hope that this year's fair will be better than ever but it all depends on the weather. With good weather, I imagine we will have a record attendance."

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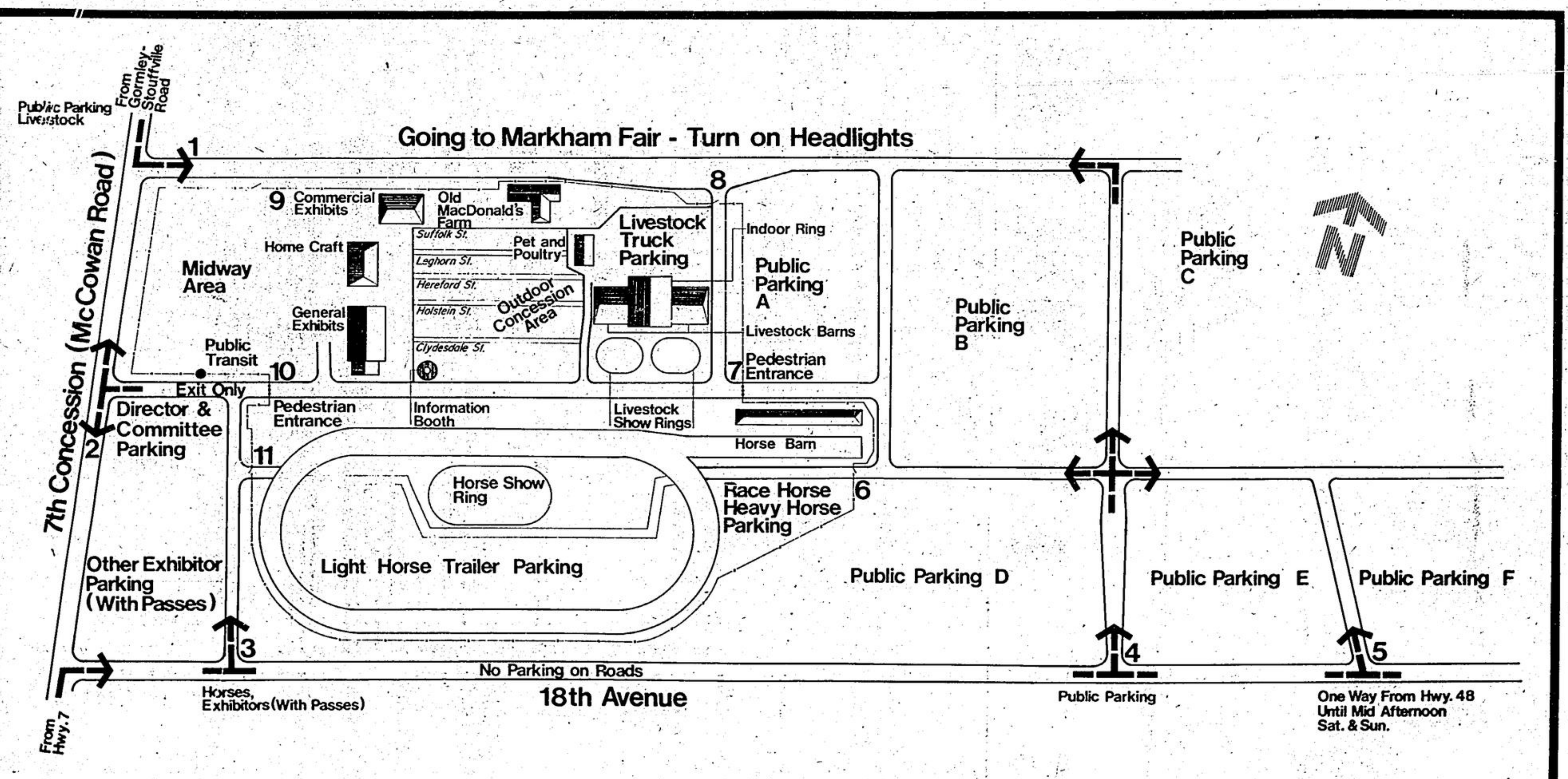
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At the new fairgrounds - 3 1/2 miles north of Hwy. 7 on McCowan Rd. at 18th Avenue