

Part three: July 16 Day of the finals Challenge of the Flags - Governor General's Cup



Bagotville, Canadian Forces Base Québec, Canada

July 16 – Day of the finals.
Beautiful flight across New Brunswick & Québec provinces cross the St-Lawrence to **Lac-St-Jean Blueberry Country**.



On approach to Bagotville, we followed the **Saguenay river** which runs along the bed of the only navigable fjord in North America and **Lake Saint-Jean**, a real inland sea of more than 35 km in diameter. The plains are surrounded by verdant mountains and high "plateaux" : breathtaking sceneries.

We landed at **CYBJ Bagotville's airfield** also used by civilian aircraft. Greeted by **Lieutenant Munoz**, Public Affairs officer. we took place onboard a military bus for a tour of the **Bagotville Canadian Force Base**, home of the **3rd Wing Unit**.

No pictures or filming allowed, we had the special authorisation to tour the base under heavy surveillance never setting foot on the ground. It was indeed a privilege to visit one of the two major **Canadian Forces Base** operated by Canadian Forces Air Command and seeing the CF-18 Hornet fighter/interceptor lined up on the tarmac.





As a coincidence, two days after our visit, the Canadian government announced the rapid deployment of 550 additional soldiers unit to the base. With the CF-18 modernization, the merger of the fighter squadrons, the introduction of advanced simulators and the increased aircraft maintenance capacity, **3 Wing Baggotville** is once again in the forefront of Canada's fighting force.

The **Governor General's Cup** trophy was presented by the **Honourable Colonel Boucher** and **Kevin Psutka president of the Canadian Owner and Pilot Association** to the media.



The winners, **Laurie Nadeau** and **Maggie George** from Sherbrooke, Quebec, received the trophy in the hall of the **Air defence museum**. The **Air Cadets Fanfare** accompanied the ceremonies. www.bagotville.net



We enjoyed the sight and sound of F-18 fighter planes taking off on training drills while having our last afternoon tea break with Aurel and family,

Pilots stayed at the Chicoutimi hotel www.hotelchicoutimi.qc.ca/

Special thanks to :

Colonel André Boucher, Head of the Bagotville 3rd Squadron

Captain Lacharité Air Space coordinator,

Adjc Émond, Air Defence Museum coordinator,

Captain Roberge, Public Affairs Officer.

Lieutenant Munoz, Public Affairs officer in charge of media and communications.

Kevin Psutka, president, Canadian Owner and Pilot Association who made a point to attend the ceremonies.

2007 Challenge of the Flag winning teams

Governor General Cup winning team :

M. George & L. Nadeau,
Cessna 180 - C- FSNI
Sherbrooke Qc.
195 points



2nd place

Brian & Nancy Pound
Beech B55 – C-GSHI
Charlottetown, PEI
185 points



3rd place

Don, Paula and Dale Lounsbury
Cessna C-182 - C-GZYU
Windham, Ont.
178 points

PARTICIPANTS LIST

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IFR				
1.	1. Brian Pound 2. Dico Reijers 3. Sarah Eford (Financial Post)	PEI, ONTARIO	Beech B55	C-GSHI
2.	4. Warren Staples	ONTARIO	Mooney M20J	C-GPKE
3.	5. Aurel Dan 6. Simone Dan 7. Cesar Dan 8. Robert Sirdey –journalist-	SWITZERLAND	Pilatus PC12	HB-FOP
4.	9. Pilot Francois GARDES 10. Catherine Tobenas 11. Gilles Cuerrier 12. Celine Roch “ 13. Werner Lizen 14. Jeannine Lizen	QUEBEC CANADA - BELGIUM	Piper Navajo	C-FDCY
5.	15. Phil Hurd 16. Gary Hurd	MARYLAND, USA	Piper Cher.	N- 9575J
6.	17. Mark Helseth 18. Alan Matson	MINNESOTA . USA	Cessna 172	N-8901B
7.	19. Ron Winkler 20. Lorraine Winkler	MINNESOTA, USA	Piper Arrow	N-3206R
8.	21. Camil Dumont 22. Michaëlle Dumont 23. Camil Dumont Jr. 24. Alan Matson	QUE. CANADA	Cessna C-185	C-FWZO
9.	25. Don Eisenberg 26. Pat Eisenberg	CALIFORNIA. USA	Cessna T210M	N-761CT
VFR				
10.	27. John Lutes 28. David Arthur	ONT. CANADA	Rockwell 112 Retract.	C-FCEO
11.	29. Dick Lubbersen 30. Ron Arsenault	PEI CANADA	Cessna 172	C-GDZA
12.	31. Laurie Nadeau 32. Maggie George	QUEBEC CANADA	Cessna 180H	C-FSNI
13.	33. Don Loundsbury 34. Paula & Dale	ONTARIO CANADA	Cessna C-182	C-GZYU
14.	35. Robert Tyler 36. Martin Leroux	VIRGINIA-USA FRANCE	Cessna 170B	N-8126T
SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT				
15.	Ghislain Lavoie (2)	QUEBEC	Piper PA28	C-GUBE
16.	Yvon Tremblay (2)	QUEBEC	Zenith CH-300	C-GDSYL
17.	Gilles Tremblay (2)	QUEBEC	Zenith CH-250	C-GDJV
18.	Jacques Larouche (2)	QUEBEC	Cessna 175	C-FLGS
19.	Jean Paul Vincent (2)	QUEBEC	Cessna C-172 XP	C-FBVM
20.	Sal D'Élia -Lead plane Brookhaven-Princeton (2)	NEW YORK USA	Beach Baron	N-
21.	Kevin Psutka, President,COPA (2)	ONTARIO	CessnaC-182	C-FBEK.
22.	Denis Poisson (4)	QUEBEC	Cessna 172	C-GGFE
23.	Samuel Depraz (3)	Switzerland	Cessna 172	?

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