

**Photo Historian Report - Tri Squadron
AGM May 8, 2021**

Commander Jenn, fellow bridge members and distinguished guests,

We had a very different year in 2020-21 as the Covid Pandemic kept us apart preventing any face-to-face social functions.

Two years ago, I had undertaken the task of scanning the photo albums of the early years of the Coquitlam Squadron. With the help of Allan Pope, we cleaned up some of these pictures to be shown at our 50th Anniversary Change of Watch.

During this past year I could not go forward so I started to go backward, I made some progress, but we still have a lot to do. The last time I checked my Squadron external drive contained 7,355 pictures and they still fit on a 16 GB memory drive in digital format.

The pictures of the first 10 years of our history are lost but the next 42 years of history were well preserved through the eye of Alex Herdman until the photo albums became redundant. With my little knowledge of Photoshop 7, (2002 version) I started to take over the management of the pictures. In 2009 the historian's position was not filled, and since 2010 I have been in the "photo guy's" chair.

I am dipping into this vast amount of resources and have offered to make a slide show for our upcoming Virtual Change of Watch. It could be shown before or after or in a break of the COW. I also could put together a standalone social function like the St. Patrick's Day event.

I hoped that the new CPS-ESP computer program can house our history and pictures, unfortunately it is low on the priority list. I have updated my SmugMug Photo Sharing site as it is the fifth year for this joint venture.

Here are the links to the individual albums which might be interest to everyone, just copy and paste to view any of the albums:

<https://gaborretei.smugmug.com/>

<https://gaborretei.smugmug.com/Coquitlam-CPS-50th-Anniversary/i-SpKJBjn>

<https://vimeo.com/user47457452>

<https://vimeo.com/310875367>

<https://vimeo.com/305272957>

<https://vimeo.com/292267791>

Many of the albums might be interesting for some other squadron members, so please help to distribute this information.

Respectfully submitted,

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