Welcome back "snowbird" - Don McClain

Thank you to Ron & Jim and Gord & Len. Tim Park feels that we should be able to sell the rest over the next two weekends.

Art Tremblay has asked Jack Wigen and Ken Huscroft to ride on our float in this year's "Blossom Festival" parade, as a tribute to Creston's past development.


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On launching the service May 15, 1928, Flynn had gained sufficient funding through support from industrialist HV McKay, medical doctor George Simpson, and Hudson Fysh, one of the founders of Queensland and Northern Territory Air Service (now Quantas). Quantas supplied the first aircraft, a De Havilland DH 50, dubbed Victory.

By 1932, due to the success from its operations and the increasing public awareness to this vital service, a national network of flying doctors was set up with sponsorship from the government. Many new sections were opened up.

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Its services today include:
- on site emergency first aid
- safe transport to hospitals as needed
- advice to remote situations via telephone, satellite-phones and portable video conferencing units
- transportation of a general practitioner for regular clinical visits to remote areas
- consultation, communications, and support for rural and remote doctors across Australia
- inter-hospital transfer of patients

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As of December 2009, the RFDS fleet (60):
- 29 Beechcraft B200 King Air
- 5 Beechcraft B200C King Air
- 2 Cessna 208B Grand Caravan
- 24 Pilatus PC-12

Statistics:
- 23 bases
- 521 employees (2003)
- travels 53,480km by air (2004)
- 159 landings (2004)
- 582 patients
- 82 emergency evacuations
- 161 telehealth sessions.


Birthdays & Anniversaries: March 20 - Verne Lee, March 21 - Rob Geddes

50-50: Welcome back Don McClain won the $100.
A 6 year old and a 4 year old are upstairs in their bedroom. The 6 year old asks, "You know what? I think it's about time we started cussing."

The 4 year old nods his head in approval. The 6 year old continues, "When we go downstairs for breakfast, I'm gonna say something with hell and you say something with ass."

WHACK! He flies out of his chair, tumbles across the kitchen floor, gets up and runs upstairs crying his eyes out, with his mother in hot pursuit, slapping his rear with every step. His mom locks him in his room and shouts, "You can stay there until I let you out!"

She then comes back downstairs, looks at the 4 year old and asks with an stern voice, "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?"

"I don't know," he blubbers, "but you can bet your fat ass it won't be Cheerios!"

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor:
She said, "If you were my husband I'd poison your tea."
He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

### WEEKLY CLUB PROGRAMS

**PROGRAM on March 22th is Art Rees**

Greeter is Ron Toyota and/or Art Tremblay