

Students Showcase at 12th Canadian Skills Competition

The 12th annual Canadian Skills Competition (CSC) was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from May 23 to 26, 2006 at the Halifax Metro and World Trade Centre. The CSC is an Olympic-style event that showcases students' technical, practical and leadership skills in fields required by the Canadian labour market. Students compete in challenges designed to test various skills required in the technology and trade sectors.

The primary objectives of skills competitions are to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs. The competitions allow students to access the newest technologies, information and procedures, and to

interact with industry experts, who as mentors affirm the value of the students' exceptional skills.

The Halifax Event

More than 40 competitions were held in everything from Aesthetics to Web Site Design. In the Aircraft Maintenance competition, Six students (representing British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island) competed in six different events. Each competitor was given two hours to complete each of the Skills and Knowledge tests: sheet metal splicing; control cable rigging, tensioning and safetying; daily aircraft inspection; the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) exam; magneto

removal, inspection and installation; and propeller removal, inspection and installation.

CAMC is proud of its participation in this prestigious event as a sponsor of the Aircraft Maintenance competition. Over the four days, CAMC met with many students, teachers, parents and delegates and had the opportunity to demonstrate its soon-to-be-released Interactive Multimedia Learning Tool (IMLT). The IMLT will provide the Leading Edge/Youth Internship Program schools and the Air Cadet League of Canada with an interactive, web-based tool that will supplement and enhance the existing CAMC Aviation Maintenance Orientation Program (AMOP) curriculum currently being delivered in schools across Canada.



Students are put through their paces at the Canadian Skills Competition:

Clockwise from top left:

Ryan Gillis watches as judges WO Dave Shortall and Val Kyte evaluate his work in the Magneto Removal and Installation skills and knowledge test

Royce Schaff reads a technical manual as he prepares to compete in one of the six skills and knowledge tests.

Royce Schaff (foreground) and Mikaël Chartrand compete in the Propeller Removal and Installation skills module and the Aircraft Daily Inspection skills module respectively.



Left: Competitors in the Aircraft Maintenance competition

Left to right: Marcel Olson (PE), Ryan Gillis (BC), Phil Arnould (MB), Royce Schaff (NT), Mikael Chartrand (QC), and Victor Amadio (ON)

Below: The three medalists in the Aircraft Maintenance competition

Left to right: Royce Schaff (silver); Ryan Gillis (gold), and Mikael Chartrand (bronze)



And the Winners Are...

The Council congratulates Gold Medalist Ryan Gillis (BC), Silver Medalist Royce Schaff (NT) and Bronze Medalist Mikael Chartrand (QC). Congratulations also to Phil Arnould (MB), Marcel Olson (PEI) and Victor Amadio (ON) for their hard work and effort in this competition.



Competitors and judges in the Aircraft Maintenance competition

Left to right, back row: Victor Amadio (ON), Mikael Chartrand (QC), Ryan Gillis (BC), WO Dave Shortall (judge), Cpl Hugh MacIntyre (judge), Jim Snowdon (judge), Michel Michaud (judge); front row: Val Kyte (Technical Chair and judge), Marcel Olson (PE), Phil Arnould (MB), Royce Schaff (NT), Rick Johnstone (judge), and Gary Mondoux (judge)

Hats Off to the Judges

CAMC also acknowledges the judges of the Aircraft Maintenance competition for their hard work and dedication to the industry: Rick Johnstone, British Columbia Institute of Technology; Jim Snowdon, British Columbia Institute of Technology; Michel Michaud, Collège Édouard-Montpetit École nationale d'aérotechnique; Gary Mondoux, Air Canada Technical Services; Val Kyte, Holland College; Warrant Officer David Shortall, DND 12 Wing Shearwater; and Corporal Hugh McIntyre, DND 12 Wing Shearwater.