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FEATURE

36 WINTER RENDEZVOUS

In 2019, COPA, with the help of the Quebec Bush Pilots Association, will take over the organization and presentation of Montebello Magic, the fly-in at the historic Chateau Montebello on the Ottawa River between Ottawa and Montreal. The event began in 1991 with a group of Challenger ultralight owners and has grown into the largest winter flying event in the region. COPA spoke with long-time organizer Claude Roy about the event.

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COVER ART: Winter is no excuse to stop flying and Montebello Magic attracts dozens to the ice of the Ottawa River. Photo by Jean-Pierre Bonin







PILOT **SHORTAGE GETS ATTENTION** MAINSTREAM MEDIA INVESTIGATING LABOUR ISSUES

The second week of January saw another story come out about the shortage of pilots (January 8 CBC news: "Who's going to fly the plane? Pilot shortage could get worse for regional carriers").

As air traffic grows somewhere around 5% to 7 % worldwide year after year, we just can't fill the seats in the flight decks around the globe fast enough. The biggest increases occur in the Orient and South-East Asia, where year-on-year growth rates can reach over 30% (IATA Annual review, 2017). So it's a domino effect taking place all over the world. The big airlines can't easily fill the void, they pick on the regionals that get their pilots taken and in return the regionals recruit the instructors in flight schools. I was recently interviewed by the CBC and the message I conveyed is that GA is the feeder system to all of this, where it all starts. The individual of any age that looks up to the sky and decides to give flying a try, whether soaring, paragliding, motorized fixed or rotary wings, starts with a dream realized at the local flight school or flying club. A local FTU needs a local aerodrome and a local aerodrome needs understanding and appreciation from its operator and neighbours. As our Economic Impact Study (available on our website) explains, GA is the core of aviation and has a \$9.3 billion dollar impact on the Canadian economy. Future flight instructors, corporate, regional, and airline pilots come from the same communities as any of us, but only if they have a desire to fly and an airport to go to.

To showcase our aerodromes and give a serious and well-needed taste for flying, there are plenty of opportunities we should never pass up such as our COPA for Kids events, Women of Aviation Worldwide Week coming up March 7 to 11 or what the Canadian Council for Aviation & Aerospace has done in partnering with groups and organizations like COPA to get something called the National Outreach Event going this summer, across the country.

We've got to keep that stream flowing before it's too late. It's our responsibility.

COPA AT WORK

Propellers: A few months ago I mentioned we were asking the regulator, Transport Canada, for an exemption to the mandatory ten year propeller overhaul on non-commercial light piston operations. The paperwork was submitted in mid-November and we expect to have an update within the next few weeks.

British Columbia hangar assessments:

Many BC members have seen their hangars reclassified as "Industrial Warehouses", a decision that puts the buildings in the same classification as commercial storage facilities in areas such as downtown cores. There may or may not be an impact on the taxes paid in the end, but COPA is looking at the bigger picture and working on a plan to have hangar owners treated fairly by the assessment agency. More details in our E-Flight and website.

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PÉNURIE DE PILOTES

Au cours du mois dernier, on a encore rapporté une nouvelle concernant la pénurie de pilotes (Radio-Canada, 8 janv. : « Recherche désespérée de pilotes d'avion »).

Quand le trafic aérien mondial croît annuellement entre 5% et 7% année après année, on ne peut tout simplement pas remplir les sièges du poste de pilotage au même rythme. C'est en Orient et Asie du sud-est où l'on retrouve des taux de croissance de plus de 30% (rapport IATA 2017). C'est donc un effet en cascade d'une portée mondiale. Les grandes lignes aériennes ne peuvent combler le vide, recrutent auprès les lignes régionales qui elles en retour, recrutent parmi les instructeurs dans les écoles de pilotage. J'ai récemment été interviewé par Radio-Canada et le message que j'ai transmis est que c'est l'aviation générale (AG) qui est à la base de tout ce réseau, qu'elle alimente tout le système.

Une personne de n'importe quel âge qui regarde en l'air et décide d'essayer de voler, que ce soit du planeur, du parapente, un appareil motorisé à ailes fixes ou tournantes, commence à réaliser son rêve à l'école de pilotage ou l'aéroclub local. Une unité de formation requiert un aérodrome local et un aérodrome local requiert de la reconnaissance de son opérateur et de ses voisins. Comme l'explique notre analyse d'impacts économiques (sur notre site web), l'AG est le cœur de l'aviation et apporte plus de 9,3G\$ à l'économie canadienne. Les futurs instructeurs, pilotes corporatifs, régionaux et de ligne peuvent venir des mêmes communautés que nous, mais seulement s'ils ont connu le désir de voler et un aérodrome où l'assouvir.

Pour mettre nos aérodromes en valeur et susciter les désirs pour l'aviation, plusieurs occasions s'offrent à nous dont nos événements COPA pour enfants, la Semaine mondiale des femmes de l'air qui a lieu du 5 au 11 mars ou ce que le Conseil canadien pour l'aviation et l'aérospatiale a concocté en partenariat avec d'autres groupes et organisations comme COPA, soit le Programme de sensibilisation nationale à l'aviation, qui aura lieu à travers le pays tout au long de l'été.

Il est de notre devoir de ne pas tarir la source essentielle au monde de l'aéronautique. N'y manquez pas.

COPA À L'OEUVRE

Hélices: Il y a quelques mois je mentionnais que nous allions demander à Transports Canada d'exempter de la mise à niveau obligatoire les hélices utilisées avec des petits moteurs à piston pour des opérations noncommerciales. La documentation a été soumise à la mi-novembre et nous attendons à retour d'ici quelques semaines.

Évaluations de hangars en Colombie-Britannique: Plusieurs membres de la C-B ont vu leurs « hangars » être catégorisés « entrepôts industriels », une décision qui les met sur un pied d'égalité avec les unités d'entreposage commercial que l'on retrouve au centre de certaines métropoles. Il pourrait y avoir un impact ou non sur les taxes payées, mais COPA analyse l'ensemble de la situation afin que les propriétaires de hangars soient traités équitablement par l'agence d'évaluation. Plus de détails sur notre infolettre ou notre site web.





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COPA Flight is the outlet for COPA members to let others know what they're doing to advance, promote and preserve the Canadian freedom to fly and we're here to share your stories.

Our Regions section publishes news about the myriad activities undertaken by COPA Flights across the country, our News section is the forum for stories of national interest that may be happening in your back yard and if you have something to get off your chest, write us a letter to the editor. We always appreciate nice, high resolution photos, whether to accompany your submissions or as part of our photo contest.

To help us deliver your message effectively and efficiently we ask that contributors follow a few guidelines.

The new format lends itself to concise, punchy stories that get the message across clearly and economically. Please keep event reports and local news stories to 300-400 words. Send them in a Word document without any formatting or inserted graphics.

News stories should be 500-1,000 words and make sure facts are checked and the statements made in the article are factual. We will edit out any libellous or erroneous material.

Letters should be no more than 500 words and be civil and respectful.

Photos must be sent in high resolution or we can't use them. A good rule of thumb is that if the image is 1Mb or larger it's good to go.

Remember that this is your magazine and among its roles is to reflect the activities, goals and objectives of COPA and we're happy to help you make COPA even stronger through an open channel of communications.

Send your submissions to russ@ copaflight.ca. by the first of the month for inclusion in the next magazine.



図 RADIOACTIVE AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTS

I once went to an aviation museum in Europe where there was a large, former military aircraft that I wanted to see. I had hoped to get inside, but it was closed to the public. When I asked an attendant why, I was advised that the aircraft instruments were radioactive due to radium 226 in the paint. Radium 226 was used during the Second World War in military aircraft, and in civilian aircraft flight instruments for almost another two decades. to produce luminescent dials. There are, according to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, tens of thousands of these radioactive flight instruments in Canada today, a statistic that should give us all reason to pause.

Many aircraft produced in the 1940s and 50s were equipped with these instruments; many remain in service today. Unfortunately, there are owners unaware that their aircraft are equipped with these radium luminous devices because, after a very few years, the paint on the dials loses its luminescence. Despite this, the radium, with a half-life of 1600 years, continues to emit alpha and beta particles and gamma rays. Consequently, there are many aircraft out there with radium 226 dials. Don't assume that your aircraft, constructed after the period when the use of radium 226 was terminated, doesn't also have these radioactive instruments; a used replacement flight instrument or dial may well have come from a period when the use of radium 226

was common practice. There are also many of these instruments on display, or in storage, and their owner may be unaware of the risks and liabilities associated with them.

Now that I have released the cat among the pigeons, so to speak, what can we do? Firstly, inform others who may not have access to the information contained in this article. If you have access to a radiation survey meter (commonly referred to as a Geiger counter), test any instruments that you have, either in your aircraft, in storage or on display. Many aircraft museums and, I suspect, avionics shops have such meters. You can also purchase them online for less than \$200. I will not delineate in detail the mitigation methods that you should follow; these are found in the information provided by following the website links below. If you discover that you have such instruments, you have some options. I believe that it would be prudent to sequester old stored flight instruments away from occupied areas and ensure that their cases or dial faces are not opened, ensure they are well labeled with an appropriate warning, and follow the recommendations of the appropriate authorities. My research suggests that these radioactive instruments, dials and even switches, if not handled in accordance with recommended protocols, can unwittingly be the source of long-term hazards to health and the environment. In my opinion, a proactive and considered course of action to mitigate the hazards associated with radium 226 in our aircraft instruments, or indeed, in any other items such as old luminescent clocks, watches, etc., would be a prudent and responsible thing to do.

nuclearsafety.gc.ca/pubs_catalogue/ uploads/CC172-41_e.pdf

nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/ frequently-asked-questions/radium*luminous-devices.cfm*

Fletcher R. Wade



I was disappointed with Bernard Gervais's article on space-based ADS-B (President's Corner, January 2018). I have three reasons for this.

First, who cares if Transport Canada and Nav Canada are at odds? Nav Canada is in a consultative process with stakeholders like us. In the end, what we all recommend gets embedded in legislation. Furthermore, going down this rabbit hole takes us away from the root problems with spaced-based-only operations for ATC.

Second, get rid of your ELT? The only statement on ELTs in the Nav Canada ADS-B Out Mandate Terms of Reference Document (TRD) is "Aireon will provide, free of charge to registered users, the location and flight track to assist emergency tracking and location of any ADS-B equipped aircraft anywhere in the world." This doesn't sound like an ELT replacement, even if it works. Who is going to determine what an emergency situation is in order to ask for information? Does one need to be on a flight plan?

The more important question for me is, if you update your existing transponder to the 1090ES (MHz) standard, will this work as an ELT replacement? Most transponder antennas are located under the fuselage, set up for terrestrial-based radar. Expecting a bottom-mounted antenna to work for space-based operation is, at the very least, an exaggeration. As Alan Hepburn anticipated in his COPA June 2016 article, a top-mounted antenna for TCAS and Aireon would be required. This would bring equipment costs up to \$12,000, from \$5,600, for his L-3 Lynx. The final installation cost is considerably more. Another TRD statement: "Operators will benefit in other ways if they equip with ADS-B. This will ensure they are visible to ACAS/TCAS systems of other aircraft, providing a safety benefit to both." Expecting a bottom-mounted antenna to work would be based upon satellites that are available near the horizon, and how far away are these? We all know the problems of radar coverage, even near a radar-rich zone such as Toronto.

Third, is this a smokescreen? This should be about service and safety at an affordable price. In the U.S., the FAA mandated ADS-B by 2020 and added a few carrots to get the EAA and AOPA on board. Although they split the mandate to 978 and 1090 MHz, they were very smart by offering real services and rebates on compliant installations. It also didn't force users to put in top-mounted antennas. Furthermore, the 978 MHz frequency includes traffic and weather services that cannot be practically added to 1090ES (especially for space-based applications). The uAvionix echoUAT in my homebuilt picks up these services very nicely, but only U.S. data is available. COPA should be focusing on effective safety prospects with an affordable price. I'm not replacing my ELT based on what has been said or promised so far. We need to ask for 978-type weather and data services based on Nav Canada's existing terrestrial networks of radar and radio communications. The Aireon option just isn't an affordable option for non-TCASequipped aircraft. Also, consider what happens when a U.S.-compliant ADS-B pops into Canadian airspace. The 978-compliant aircraft will not be seen by any Canadian ADS-B system, and American 1090ES aircraft may not be seen by the spaced-based Aireon. This is not acceptable. The 970 ADS-B on my homebuilt cost under \$2000 and runs on less than one amp. Let's keep Aireon for TCASmandated aircraft and concentrate on improved services with low equipment costs. The Nav Canada Terms of Reference have essentially nothing for GA, but it may exclude us from airspace that was formally transponder-only airspace.

I hope that when consultations with the local chapters begin this year, COPA members will carefully consider the importance of having cost-effective ADS-B solutions in Canada that benefit GA, not just commercial operators, and relay those concerns to COPA's management. Aireon holds great promise, but it will probably not be the magic bullet solution that it's made out to be — at least not for GA.

Lee Coulman COPA 202358

Bernard Gervais responds:

The essence of my message is that even though the path is still not clear (Transport Canada and Nav Canada at odds), it is an opportunity to do the right thing, to plan correctly and make the best use of all this technology that's available, any which way we could. Our chapters (COPA Flights) are being consulted for their input, including some of the issues you mention, and we will submit COPA's response in the next weeks.

☑ ACCIDENT FORGIVENESS

I just read Belinda Bryce's article in the January COPA Flight magazine. She states that they have convinced AIG, the underwriter of the COPA VIP GOLD Insurance program, to waive the increase in premiums and reduce the deductible that results from an accident if the pilot has, within the last six months, taken some form of recurrency training. This is a brilliant incentive — better than offering a small discount off your insurance now, it offers a larger amount, left up to the pilot's imagination, which I think will inspire many pilots to be more proactive in maintaining their currency. I think this is a truly great idea, and is another example of why using Magnes is the best choice to handle the COPA Insurance program.

Jeff Page





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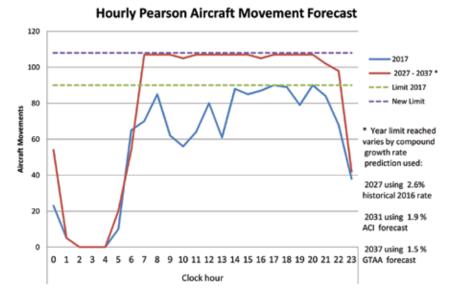


図 PEARSON PLANS FOR MAXIMUM CONGESTION

The GTAAs new master plan increases its maximum capacity by 20 percent without building any significant improvement to its airside infrastructure. How is it achieving this magical increase? During a five-minute discussion after a public meeting on Dec. 6, Michael Belanger, GTAA director of aviation programs and compliance, explained it by using Heathrow as an example. It appears that the GTAA Is ignoring its capacity issue by simply changing the model it uses to calculate its maximum capacity. That model is based, at least in part, on the experience of congestion management at Heathrow airport. These techniques of congestion management have been made infamous at Heathrow airport in the UK over the last decade.

What is Heathrow-style planned congestion? Congestion is the most visible consequence of operational inefficiency at an airport like Heathrow. It is accepting a reduced reliability and robustness of air travel. It allows even a small hold up, or marginal weather event at one airport to ripple across the system with delays or missed connections.

The GTAA is now planning for 100 percent runway utilization 17 hours a day, with no slack. This approach leads to planned congestion and zero growth at some point in the future.

With no slack in the system, there is no capacity to deal with unexpected events such as bad weather, delays at other airports or safety concerns such as turbulence or unruly passengers. The pressure on flight crews is also expected to increase. Gone is the margin of error that pilots expect today. Will a pilot still abort a bad landing when he knows there is no slack in the system that will allow him to overshoot and try again?

Heathrow is a maxed out airport on the other side of the Atlantic where half of all arriving aircraft enter a hold before landing. Heathrow should not be Toronto's model. It is operating on different rules, using different pavement, with milder weather, more homogenous flows of traffic and with different noise abatement procedures. After a decade of being London's chokepoint, it is also in the process of expropriating land and expanding. Is this solution also in Pearson's future?

How many more aircraft Pearson airport can handle is the wrong question. The right questions is, what is the cost of increasing congestion at Pearson airport? What is the cost to the consumer, the environment, the efficiency of our regional economy or the cost to the safety margins of the traveling public?

Mark Brooks



AERO 2018 IN GERMANY

BIG EUROPEAN SHOW AN AVIATION TRENDSETTER

BY FRANK HOFMANN



If you count yourself among faithful aviation aficionados and have not attended the biggest annual European general aviation show, then you owe it to yourself to witness it. In fact, it is a global show, not just a European one. Instead of going to Oshkosh or Sun & Fun year after year to find out what is new and great, I have gone to this European show. In 25 years it has never disappointed; it has always amazed me and shown me equipment and trends which did not show up on this side of the Atlantic until several years later.

The upcoming four-day show (Wednesday to Saturday, April 18-21, 2018) will be held inside 11 huge interconnected permanent buildings on an airport with jet service from Frankfurt. Although there are impressive outdoor displays, the main show is indoors, with each pavilion dedicated to a branch of recreational aviation

— certified, sport, ultralights, gliders, autogyros, avionics, maintenance and parts, electric aircraft, drones, etc., all of which have devoted pavilions or sections. Represented among the 600 exhibitors are flying clubs, technical universities, equipment suppliers, demonstrations and more from most of Europe's countries. Although the show is in Germany, most of what is displayed and communicated is in English.

The home base of AERO is Friedrichshafen, at the very southern edge of Germany on Lake Constance. Friedrichshafen is also the home of the Zeppelin — some continue to fly over the site. This town, with the majestic Alps framing the opposite side of the lake, is a popular tourist destination. If you plan on going, I recommend you go to their website at www.aero-expo.com, click on English, and explore.

It would be wise to use their accommodation service because many of Europe's aviation enthusiasts will be needing accommodation too. I have found bed and breakfasts to be fantastic, as are the hotels. If you rent a car, Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Austria are but an hour's drive away, and the historic towns along the lake are a tourist's delight. Google the Mainau for a highly recommended side trip - especially for spouses who may not share your enthusiasm for things aeronautical. A leisurely ferry ride lands you right on this island arboretum, where you can easily spend a day in a world-class garden environment.

Treat yourself to a different type of aviation show. Meet your friends over there. Make new friends. Enjoy some Bavarian beer and Bratwurst. Take a ride in a blimp. It is all there, waiting for your enjoyment.

LAST CALL FOR **NOMINATIONS**

COPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2018

Every two years half of the positions on the COPA Board of Directors are up for election. In 2018 a total of seven positions representing the following regions will need to be elected:

Quebec (2 positions) - currently held by Jean Messier and Jonathan Beauchesne.

Southern Ontario (3 positions) currently held by Phil Englishman, Conrad Hatcher and Cheryl Marek. Englishman and Marek will not run for re-election.

British Columbia & Yukon

(2 positions) - currently held by Joe Hessberger and 1 vacant position. Hessberger will not run.

Any COPA member in good standing may run for a position in the region in which they live. If you have a passion for personal aviation and feel you have something to contribute to COPA both on the Board and as a regional representative, please consider volunteering for this very important work. The term of office for this election shall commence at the summer Board meeting in June 2018 and continue until the summer Board meeting in 2022.

Nominations for these nine positions are now being accepted.

The deadline for receiving nominations is Thursday, February 4th, 2018. Candidates will be announced in the March COPA Flight and on the website.

The election will close on Monday, April 4, 2018. Ballots will be counted and results will be announced in the May COPA Flight magazine and on the website.

Based on the new Canadian Governance rules for no-for-profit guidelines, the slate of Directors elected in the regions will be presented to the COPA membership for ratification at the Annual General Meeting on June 23rd.

Candidates should:

- · have a strong belief in COPA's mission
- have a passion for aviation
- •have a high standard of personal
- want to make a lasting contribution to personal aviation
- be able to spend a minimum or 15 days per year on COPA business (at three Board meetings per year and at regional events)
- · have ready access to email for Board communications

Nominations for a Director must be made in writing by at least five voting members from the same region (defined as paid-up regular members, their family members and persons designated by corporate members when they applied for membership).

Completed nomination forms must be received at the COPA office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 4th, 2018.

You can mail the form below to COPA, 75 Albert Street, Suite 903, Ottawa, ON K1P 5E7

fax it to 613-236-8646 or email the same information to nomination@copanational.org

A list of candidates will be published in the March COPA Flight, along with information about the candidates and instructions on how to vote.

Members will be able to vote online. Alternatively, members will be able to request that a paper ballot be mailed to them.

In order to provide voters with comparative information on candidates, nominees will be requested to complete a candidate questionnaire and a 200 to 300 word biography, both which are to be submitted with the nomination form.

Facts to be included in the nominee's bio:

- Flying experience and currency
- Aircraft ownership if any
- · COPA Flight or flying club affiliations
- · What is your main reason for wanting to be a COPA Director?
- What is the single most important skill you feel you can bring to the Board?

Consider who you would like to see representing you on the Board and nominate them today, or if you would like to run yourself find a few members to nominate you. Don't hesitate. COPA needs good people to pursue its mission.

The COPA mission: To advance, promote, and preserve the Canadian freedom to fly.

Nominee biography/platform: Please include the candidate questionnaire, and in 200 to 300 words, a biography from the nominee that will be helpful to COPA members casting ballots in an election.

Interested candidates who wish to request an information package about being a COPA Director can email or call Heather McLaren, Manager Administration at 613-236-4901 ext. 110 or hmclaren@copanational.org 🐨



NOMINATION FORM FOR COPA DIRECTORS — 2018

Nominee:					
Address: City:	F	Prov:		Postal Code:	
Telephone: Home:	Work:	Fax:	E-mail:		
Nominators:					
1/ Name	COPA Membership #	Membership Expiry Date	Prov.	Postal Code	
2/ Name	COPA Membership #	Membership Expiry Date	Prov.	Postal Code	
3/ Name	COPA Membership #	Membership Expiry Date	Prov.	Postal Code	
4/ Name	COPA Membership #	Membership Expiry Date	Prov.	Postal Code	
5/ Name	COPA Membership #	Membership Expiry Date	Prov.	Postal Code	
FORMULE DE NOMINA	ATION — DIRECTEURS CO	DPA 2018			
Candidat(e) désigné(e): _					
# de membre COPA:					
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Téléphone: Maison:	Travail:	Facsimilé:	Courriel:_		
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Afin de fournir aux voteurs de l'information comparative au sujet des candidats, les personnes nommées seront requises de compléter un questionnaire aux candidats et une biographie de 200 - 300 mots, les deux documents devant être soumis avec la formule de nomination.

Poster à: COPA, 75 rue Albert, bureau 903, Ottawa, ON, K1P 5E7 ou par facsimilé au 613-836-8646 ou par courriel à : nomination@copanational.org

CALL FOR **APPLICATIONS**

NEIL ARMSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP

BY TREKKER ARMSTRONG



Applications for COPA's Neil Armstrong Scholarships are now being accepted. First place scholarship is valued at \$7,000, second place \$3,000 and third place \$2,000. To qualify for the first-place scholarship, applicants must be ab-initio flight students who have not yet, at the time of application, acquired more than ten (10) hours of formal flight training.

Detailed guidelines and applications forms are available at the COPA office or online under www.copanational.org Neil Armstrong Scholarship. Applications must be sent to COPA's office in Ottawa, Ontario by Thursday, March 1,

The Neil Armstrong Scholarship Fund was first established in April 1995 through contributions from friends of Neil Armstrong, COPA members and the Canadian aviation community. Contributions are made to the COPA Flight Safety Foundation, Neil Armstrong Fund from which a charitable tax receipt can be issued.

The purpose of the fund is twofold - to honour one of Canada's foremost aviation members and to provide flight training to worthy young people who might not otherwise be able to pursue their love of flight and who exemplify the fine character, optimism and love of adventure which were epitomized by Neil J. Armstrong.

Qualified applicants shall be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, not less than 15 years of age and not more than 21 years of age as of March 1st in the year of application. They will be assessed on the following basis:

- A demonstrated keen interest in flying and general aviation in
- A proven self-starter, willing to earn their wav.
- · Financial need.
- Participation and demonstrated contributions to their community. school as well as leadership attributes.
- · Reasonable academic skills as demonstrated by scholastic record.

Applicants may be considered eligible for the principle ab-initio scholarship award if they meet the following criteria:

- a) They have met the age, citizenship, and other required qualifications of the Neil Armstrong scholarships, and
- b) Have not, at the time of application, been granted any pilot privileges including, without limitation, a Private Pilots License, Recreational Pilot License, Ultra Light Pilot Permit or a Soaring / Glider License. (Applicants may however be the holder of a student pilot permit), and,
- c) Have not, at the time of application, acquired more than ten (10) hours of formal flight training. It shall be at the discretion of the Committee to consider candidates who otherwise qualify but who may have accumulated more than ten (10) hours flight training, particularly if such training has taken place over an extended period.
- d) Ab-initio candidates shall not, at the time of application, have received or been awarded any other flight training scholarship(s), including flight training through the Canadian Air Cadet program or any other program.

Scholarship winners will be notified by May 1st.

Scholarship recipients may select the flight training facility subject to COPA approval. The flight training facility shall be a licensed flying school or educational institute with facilities satisfactory to the COPA board. 🎾



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ATLANTIC REGION

A Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pilatus PC-12/47E (C-GMPM/SST011) on a flight from Moncton/Greater Moncton, NB (CYQM) to St. John's, NL (CYYT) conducted a missed approach at CYYT Runway 11 at 1500Z due to nose gear issues. The aircraft requested to divert to Gander, NL (CYQX) due to the nose gear and CYYT weather. Emergency vehicles were requested to be on standby. At 1550Z, the aircraft conducted a low and over Runway 13 at CYQX for the tower to observe if the nose gear was down (it was not down). After deciding to burn off fuel for approximately 45 minutes, the aircraft conducted an approach Runway 13 without nose gear. The aircraft rested between Taxiway "D" and "E". No injuries. Runway closed.

A Canlink Aviation Beech C90A (C-GDHS) on a flight from Moncton, NB (CYQM) to Fredericton, NB (CYFC) was cleared for takeoff and started 'weather cocking' while taxiing on icy surface. The left main landing gear collapsed when wheels hit bare/dry pavement. No injuries reported. Operational impact: CYQM 06/24 closed by NOTAM.

PRAIRIE AND NORTHERN REGION

C-GWEA, an Aerospatiale ATR 42-320 aircraft operated by West Wind Aviation, was conducting flight WEW282 from Fond-du-Lac, SK (CZFD) to Stoney Rapids, SK (CYSF), with 3 crew members and 22 passengers on board. At 1812 CST, shortly after takeoff from Runway 28 at CZFD, WEW282 collided with trees and terrain approximately 1400 feet west of the departure end of Runway 28. One passenger received fatal injuries and died 12 days after the accident.



Serious injuries were sustained by 5 passengers and 1 crew member, and minor injuries were sustained by 16 passengers and 2 crew members. The TSB, Transport Canada and Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses (BEA) of France deployed to CZFD. The aircraft was destroyed.

A privately operated Piper PA-23-250 aircraft, was conducting a flight from Gillam, MB (CYGX) to a private aerodrome 5.2 nm east of Baldur, MB. The aircraft collided with terrain .36 nm southwest of the intended destination. The pilot was the only occupant and was killed. TSB investigators were deployed.

ONTARIO REGION

TSB Report#A1700264: C-GOHS, an Aerospatiale AS 350 B-2 helicopter operated by Hydro One Networks, was operating in an area located 8 nautical miles North-Northeast of Tweed. ON when it crashed into a treed area. All four occupants on board suffered fatal injuries and the helicopter was destroyed. The TSB is investigating.

A Cessna U206-G aircraft was

conducting a training flight from the frozen surface at Sioux Lookout Water Aerodrome, ON (CKA6) with 2 flight crew members on board. During the landing at CKA6, the aircraft, equipped with tundra tires, hit a soft patch on the landing surface and control was lost. The aircraft's propeller and left wing contacted the ground and sustained substantial damage. There were no injuries. A post-incident inspection by the operator's maintenance also revealed damage to the nose landing gear.

A WestJet Boeing 737 800

(WJA2425) on a flight from Cancun, Mexico (MMUN) to Toronto/Lester B. Pearson, ON (CYYZ) was waiting for its gate when it was struck by a Sunwing Airlines Boeing 737 700 under tow. WJA2425 evacuated passengers and crew onto the ramp when the Sunwing Airlines Boeing 737 700 auxiliary power unit (APU) caught fire. Lane 1 and 2 and Taxiway AJ were closed. No other operational impact.

RÉGION DE L'ATLANTIQUE

Un Pilatus PC-12/47E (C-GMPM/ SST011) exploité par la Gendarmerie royale du Canada de Moncton/Greater Moncton (CYQM), NB, à St. John's (CYYT), NL, a effectué une approche interrompue de la piste 11 à CYYT à 1500Z en raison d'un problème de train avant. L'aéronef a demandé à se dérouter sur Gander (CYQX), NL. en raison du train avant et des conditions météorologiques à CYYT. L'aéronef a demandé à ce que les véhicules d'urgence soient placés en attente. À 1550Z. l'aéronef a exécuté un survol à basse altitude de la piste 13 à CYQX afin que la tour puisse vérifier si le train était sorti (il ne l'était pas). Après avoir décidé de brûler du carburant pendant environ 45 minutes, l'aéronef a effectué une approche de la piste 13 avec le train rentré. L'aéronef s'est immobilisé entre les voies de circulation. D et E. Il n'y a pas eu de blessés. La piste a été fermée.

RÉGION DES PRARIES ET DU NORD

Un Aerospatiale ATR 42 300

(WEW282) de West Wind Aviation assurant un vol entre Fond du Lac. SK (CZFD) et Fort Simpson, NT (CYFS) s'est écrasé peu après le décollage de CZFD. Il y avait 25 personnes à bord et de multiples blessés ont été signalés. Les services de police et d'autres services d'urgence se sont rendus sur place et de multiples avions Medevac ont été détachés. Aucun autre impact sur l'exploitation.

RÉGION DE L'ONTARIO

Rapport du BST no A1700264 :

C GOHS, un hélicoptère Aerospatiale AS 350 B 2 exploité par Hydro One Networks, volait dans une zone située à huit milles marins au nord nord est de Tweed, ON, lorsqu'il s'est écrasé dans une zone arborée. Les quatre personnes à bord ont été mortellement blessées et l'hélicoptère a été entièrement détruit. Le BST a ouvert une enquête. 🐨







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WOAW ADDS NEW AWARDS

CORPORATIONS, NON-PROFITS TO BE RECOGNIZED



Women of Aviation Worldwide has added two new community awards to its roster of honours for those who take part in events to foster female participation in the aviation industry.

The Most Female Friendly Association Worldwide and Most Female Friendly Corporation Worldwide will recognize companies who engage the most employees and non-profits that engage the most members in activities related to WOAW goals.

"The winners of the community Fly It Forward awards will receive a plaque for their office, a digital seal for their marketing communications, and free advertising in our website network for one year, enabling them to promote their brand to our 300,000 unique visitors a year," said Mireille Gover, founder and president of the movement.

"Members of associations such as COPA, the Ninety-Nines, and RAA -Australia have flown it forward in signif-

icant numbers to celebrate Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week since 2010. Likewise, corporations like Nav Canada, L3, Airbus, TEI have encouraged their employees to get involved and opened their doors to girls during the Week. We wanted to recognize the organizations that step up in a tangible manner."

She said volunteers across Canada and around the world are busy organizing events for the week, which runs from March 4-11 this year.

"Events that welcome girls of all ages and encourage them to experience the multiple facets of the industry, hands-on, in a nonjudgmental environment are critical to the advancement of women. 💮



MAKING IT YOUR OWN

HOMEBUILDERS CAN MODIFY DESIGNS



f you have worked on the wiring of components and instruments in front of your instrument panel you will have wished there was easier access, other than lying contorted in a cramped cockpit with your head under the panel.

Building my first RV, an RV-4, the instructions included a removable panel directly ahead of the windscreen and behind the firewall. This panel was fixed in place with No. 8 flushheaded AN screws. I found this to be extremely helpful when working in this confined area. Not all instruments could be accessible from above, but a

lot of work could be done. So, when we built our RV-9A, I thought I would modify the design to again have this panel removable.

TCCA allows us to build amateurbuilt aircraft under the 'Exemption from Section 549.01 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations and Chapter 549 of the Airworthiness Manual - Airworthiness Standards — Amateur-Built Aircraft.' Part VII of this Standard, Continuing Airworthiness, Para, 61 (ix) states in part: 'Repairs and modifications to amateur-built aircraft must conform to technical data acceptable to the Minister; sources of acceptable

A customized panel eliminated a lot of construction gymnastics.

data include, but are not limited to ' Then in Para 61 (x): 'Owners may devise their own data, which need not be approved but must be subject to an appropriate level of review or analysis, or shown to comply with recognized industry standards, or commonly accepted practice'.

Since aircraft fasteners (rivets) are designed to act in shear, I wanted to replace the rivets called for in the plans of the old panel with a new panel fasted by AN screws. To satisfy the above standard. I would need to prove that the screws I used would be equal to or greater than the cumulative shear strength of the originally planned rivets. I also found that by replacing approximately two rivets with one screw I could lay out an acceptable fastener pattern. I therefore replaced 165 rivets in the old panel with 83 screws in the new panel.

Now for 'technical data acceptable to the Minister': Reference data indicates the shear strength for this AN426-3 rivet is 186 lbs and the #8 AN screw is in the order of 1270 lbs. Total cumulative shear force of the rivets would be 165 x 186 = 30,690 lbs. My redesign would then require 30,690/1270 = 24.17 or 25 screws. Therefore, 83 - #8 screws gives me a safety factor of 3.3 over rivets. I think we can all agree this is probably 'overkill' and the rivet pattern is probably based on an appropriate pitch pattern. This data is recorded in my aircraft construction documentation.

The fun part of building your own aircraft is the opportunity to modify the design to suit your own specific goals provided that you accompany your decision with appropriate 'review or analysis' acceptable to the Minister.

SOLID STATE MAGS OFFER BENEFITS

RELIABILITY, COST SAVINGS ADD UP TO VALUE



was on a flight over Lake Erie when the left magneto powering the IO-540 in the Commander I was flying decided that its timing should change, resulting in a rough-running engine. I decided to land and have a local mechanic clean the plugs and adjust the timing on the magneto. Many of us have also experienced the impact of a failed magneto during a pre-flight run-up check. Magnetos are critical to the functioning of an aircraft during flight, and have changed very little in the last century. They are mechanical devices containing components which are adjustable, but wear over time and require overhaul at 500 hours. The traditional aircraft magneto (TAM) is an engine-driven electrical generator that uses permanent magnets and coils to

produce the high voltage needed to fire the spark plugs. As used in piston engines, they are known for their simplicity and reliability. They are often installed in pairs, or as a dual magneto, and require no external electrical source to operate. In an electrical failure, the engine will continue to run. Two of the most common are the Slick magneto by Champion Aerospace and the Bendix magneto by Teledyne.

But technology is advancing, and SureFly (surefly.aero) and Electroair (electroair.net) have developed solid state magnetos (SSMs) and electronic ignition systems for both certified and experimental aircraft. Electroair's system has more components and requires more labour to install than the SureFly system, which has a 2000hour life versus the TAM's 500-hour

◆Solid state magnetos cost more but are more reliable and last longer.

overhaul requirement. Unlike TAMs, an SSM has no moving parts, so the SSM is replaced, not overhauled. New TAMs are specific to each engine model, ranging in price from \$1200 to \$7500, with an average price of around \$1850 (plus installation), compared to \$1000 for a typical overhauled magneto. The SureFly SSM is \$1550 USD for a six-cylinder engine, \$1250 USD for the four-cylinder version. Electroair's EIS-61000 electronic ignition kit is STC'd for Continental and Lycoming engines, and costs \$4795 USD or \$5500 USD, depending on engine model. The average cost per flight-hour is \$4.65 for a new TAM, \$2.95 for an overhauled TAM and \$1.10 for an SSM.

SSM's value proposition focuses on cost, reliability and engine performance. The installation process for SureFly is roughly one hour, and requires a few new connections to the manifold pressure and battery. FAA rules require that a critical component have independent power sources. A traditional magneto does not require a power connection. However, as SSMs require a power connection, it falls within the scope of the regulations. Three types of aircraft configurations may have different regulatory compliance implications. Type A, let's say a Cessna 172, with a single SSM and a traditional magneto, may conform with no additional components. Type B, such as a Cirrus SR20/22, with two batteries and independent electrical buses, may have dual SSMs. Type C, an aircraft without independent electrical systems, which desires dual SSMs, may require a battery backup source for the second SSM. These requirements may change as the regulators

work through the certification process. SureFly is developing a battery backup electrical bus module which, to be compliant with regulations, will provide 1.5 hours of electricity. Sure-Fly's SSD for uncertified aircraft is shipping now, with an STC expected in early 2018. Electroalr's technology was developed in 1992 and has shipped over 2,500 units.

The reliability of SSMs is enhanced through the nature of solid state technology. Having no moving parts, wear and tear is eliminated. With 500-hour TBOs for TAMs replaced by the 2000hour lifetime of an SSM, maintenancerelated risk during flight is reduced by a factor of four; with dual SSDs installed, that risk could be reduced eight-fold. Engine performance is enhanced through the variable timing which SSDs deliver. The SureFly SSD monitors manifold pressure in real

time. In a non-turbocharged aircraft, manifold pressure drops as the aircraft climbs; an SSD's algorithms respond by advancing the timing, thereby improving the power performance of the engine. Furthermore, engine start-

HAVING NO MOVING PARTS. WEAR AND TEAR IS **ELIMINATED**

up is enhanced since an SSD delivers three times the spark energy of a traditional magneto.

As for hot-starting fuel-injected engines, an SSD helps but does not solve the problem, which requires a separate technological solution to

manage fuel-air ratios. IStartAir (iStartAir.com) has now developed a product that eliminates the three-handed hot start procedure (full throttle, mixture at idle cutoff and starter engaged) which is often required. SSDs will reduce fuel consumption during cruise flight by roughly 10 percent with variable magneto timing, a wider fuel-air range is provided allowing for more aggressive leaning. In cruise, the Commander consumes 14 gph which, at an average price of \$2.00 per litre, would deliver a saving of \$10.60 per hour. Aircraft innovation has been hampered by the regulatory certification process, costs and contingent liability. The avionics industry has set the stage to implement meaningful change which has impacted everyday flying. Engine technologies are next on the horizon to deliver technological change. 🎡



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CHECK THE INSURANCE OF CONTRACTORS

DAMAGE, INJURY CAUSED BY THEM COULD BE A PROBLEM

ecently, a longtime customer called to report that a gentleman he had invited to his hangar to assist with some electrical work injured himself when he fell off a ladder. In situations like this, the assumption is the individual is a licensed contractor with their own insurance while they are on the job, with little if any impact on us the consumer. However, reality is never that simple; it brings to light the importance of doing your due diligence whenever you are hiring a third party to do a job for you, whether it is a contractor or a mechanic. It is important that you verify that your contractors, subcontractors or mechanics carry a general liability policy that covers third-party bodily injury and property damage caused by that contractor. It is also important that you verify that they carry workers compensation insurance in the event they injure themselves while working.

Hiring a contractor without proper insurance puts you personally at risk. Specifically, you have no control over them, which increases the likelihood of losses. They will have limited or no way of repaying you for damages to your property they may have caused; you will become financially responsible and, most concerning, if they caused damage to a third party, it could bring significant financial exposure to you as the third party will likely pursue legal action against you.

Let's look at an example of why it is important to ensure that your mechanic or contractor is carrying general liability and workers compensation coverage. Aircraft mechanics are not required to carry liability insurance in Canada. If you and your aircraft are involved in an accident caused by mechanical failure because of faulty maintenance, it will range from being a minor nuisance to a major catastrophe. For a minor incident, if your mechanic has no coverage, you will either be out of pocket yourself for the repairs or will have to file a claim under your own insurance policy. In a worst-case scenario, such as an accident resulting in injuries or fatalities, you or your estate will most certainly be handed a large lawsuit for damages. While your own aircraft insurance policy should respond, will it be enough? How will it impact the cost and/or ability to purchase insurance in the future?

With respect to workers compensation, in Ontario, for example, the Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) provides no-fault insurance coverage for workplace injuries, meaning the contractors who are covered generally do not have the right to sue. However, regardless of the mandatory nature of this coverage, the reality is that many are not carrying any coverage and/or are exempted, which leaves you vulnerable to legal liability. If an individual you hired climbs a ladder and subsequently falls off and seriously injures himself while performing this work, and has no coverage, you can be held legally liable.

Due diligence is important when it comes to hiring contractors, whether it be for work in your hangar, at the airport, on your aircraft, or even in your home. Due diligence includes checking their liability insurance certificate and other documents that prove they not only have general liability coverage for causing bodily injury or property damage, but also have workers compensation insurance. No matter how skilled they might be, mistakes do happen. Ensure you make insurance a priority by creating and



Make sure third party contractors have insurance in place.

following a due diligence checklist that covers important issues including:

- · License numbers (where applicable, i.e. trades, mechanics)
- A written proposal / quote that includes the scope of the work, associated costs and timelines
- References
- Certificate of Insurance (and don't be afraid to call the insurance company to confirm coverage)

It's not just about your own insurance, it's also about taking the proper steps and exercising due diligence to ensure that those you are relying on to take care of your assets are also properly insured. Otherwise, you could take the full brunt of their negligence. And in the event you still plan to hire a contractor who does not require or does not carry any coverage, you should find out whether your insurance covers the liability if that contractor gets injured and sues you. 🐨

FAITES LES VÉRIFICATIONS NÉCESSAIRES AVANT D'EMBAUCHER UN ENTREPRENEUR

écemment, un client de longue date a téléphoné pour rapporter qu'un homme qu'il avait invité à son hangar pour l'aider à effectuer un travail électrique s'est blessé lorsau'il est tombé d'une échelle. Dans des situations comme celle-ci, l'hypothèse est que l'individu est un entrepreneur licencié avec sa propre assurance alors qu'ils sont sur le travail avec peu ou pas d'impact sur nous le consommateur. Cependant. la réalité n'est jamais si simple et elle met en lumière l'importance de faire preuve de diligence chaque fois que vous embauchez un tiers pour faire un travail pour vous, que ce soit un entrepreneur ou un mécanicien. Il est important que vous vérifilez que vos entrepreneurs, sous-traitants ou mécaniciens ont un contrat de responsabilité civile générale qui couvre les blessures corporelles et les dommages matériels causés par l'entrepreneur. Il est également important de vérifier qu'ils ont souscrit une assurance contre les accidents du travail s'ils se blessent dans le cadre de leur travail.

Embaucher un entrepreneur sans assurance appropriée vous met personnellement en danger. À savoir, vous n'avez aucun contrôle sur eux, ce qui augmente la probabilité de pertes, ils auront peu ou aucun moyen de vous rembourser pour les dommages à vos biens qu'ils peuvent causer et vous serez financièrement responsable. Le plus inquiétant, s'ils causent des dommages à un tiers, cela pourrait vous exposer financièrement, étant donné que la tierce partie engagera probablement une action en justice contre vous.

Regardons un exemple mettant en lumière pourquoi il est important de s'assurer que votre mécanicien ou entrepreneur a une assurance de

responsabilité civile et d'indemnisation des accidents du travail : Les mécaniciens d'aéronefs ne sont pas tenus de souscrire une assurance responsabilité civile au Canada. Si vous et votre avion êtes impliqués dans un accident causé par une panne mécanique suite à un entretien défectueux, cela va d'une nuisance mineure à une catastrophe majeure. Pour un incident mineur, si votre mécanicien n'a pas de couverture, vous devrez vous-même payer les réparations ou présenter une réclamation en vertu de votre propre police d'assurance. Dans un cas plus grave, un accident entraînant des blessures ou la mort, vous ou votre succession sera certainement remis une importante action en dommages-intérêts. Bien que votre propre police d'assurance d'aéronef devrait répondre, cela suffirat-il et quelle incidence cela aura-t-il sur le coût et/ou la capacité d'acheter de l'assurance à l'avenir?

En Ontario, par exemple, la Commission de la sécurité professionnelle et de l'assurance contre les accidents du travail (CSPAAT) offre une couverture d'assurance sans égard à la responsabilité pour les accidents de travail, ce qui signifie que les entrepreneurs couverts n'ont généralement pas le droit de poursuivre. Cependant, indépendamment de la nature obligatoire de cette couverture, la réalité est que beaucoup n'ont aucune couverture et/ou sont exemptés, ce qui vous rend vulnérable à la responsabilité légale. Si une personne que vous avez embauchée grimpe sur une échelle, tombe ensuite et se blesse gravement pendant l'exécution de ce travail, et n'a pas de couverture, vous pouvez être tenu légalement responsable.

La diligence raisonnable est importante quand il s'agit d'embaucher des entrepreneurs, que ce soit pour travailler dans votre hangar, à l'aéroport, dans votre avion ou même chez vous. Cette diligence doit comprendre la vérification de leur certificat d'assurance responsabilité et la preuve que non seulement ils ont une couverture de responsabilité générale pour des blessures corporelles ou des dommages matériels causés à des tiers, mais aussi avoir une assurance indemnisation des travailleurs. Peu importe comment ils peuvent être qualifiés, des erreurs se produisent.

Assurez-vous de faire de l'assurance une priorité en créant et en suivant une liste de contrôle de vérifications qui couvre des questions importantes, notamment:

- Numéros de licence (le cas échéant, c'est-à-dire les corps de métiers, les mécaniciens)
- Une proposition écrite ou devis qui comprend la portée du travail, les coûts et les délais associés
- · Les références
- Certificat d'assurance (et n'ayez pas peur d'appeler la compagnie d'assurance pour confirmer la couverture)

Il ne s'agit pas seulement de votre propre assurance, mais de prendre les mesures appropriées et de faire preuve de diligence pour s'assurer que ceux dont vous dépendez pour prendre soin de vos biens sont également adéquatement assurés. Autrement, vous pourriez supporter tout le poids de leur négligence. Et si vous prévoyez toujours d'embaucher un entrepreneur qui ne nécessite pas ou ne n'a aucune couverture, vous devriez vous informez à savoir si votre assurance couvre la responsabilité dans l'éventualité que cet entrepreneur soit blessé et vous poursuit en justice. 🐲

ANATOMY OF A SEARCH

CASARA VOLUNTEERS IN KEY ROLES



very CASARA volunteer plays a vital role in the success of the mission. There is no typical search; each one has its own challenges and the rule of the day is to always be flexible. The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) controller will use the best resources at hand for each individual case. By way of a simulated search, I will show you how it all works in harmony with our Canadian Forces partners at the JRCC.

It's early in the evening and a frantic call has just come in to the JRCC. An aircraft was supposed to have landed more than two hours ago, but there has been no sign of it. The JRCC has a highly evolved protocol for ramping up to what could be a major search. They gather information and begin their overdue aircraft protocol. Once the JRCC becomes confident that the aircraft has in fact made an off-airport landing, the search begins. Depending on where the search takes us, there are a variety of different search and rescue (SAR) assets that could be deployed to initially look for the missing aircraft. They start by flying the route of the missing aircraft at a relatively high altitude in an effort to quickly

hear an emergency locator transmitter (ELT) signal.

In this scenario, the military has been unable to quickly locate the search object and the process of ramping up to what is called a major search is now underway. This involves activating secondary SAR assets like CASARA. One of the many strengths of CASARA is the ability to quickly create a "force generation". Within a very short period we can launch numerous aircraft with certified and current crews capable of assisting and working directly with military SAR assets. In addition, CASA-RA can deploy ground teams that can assist the JRCC. Like the air crews. ground teams can listen for an ELT signal too. In fact, often it is CASARA that is the first to be on scene. Sometimes aircraft antennas are damaged in a crash or may not be pointing up, resulting in a weak signal. The ground team may therefore be the only ones capable of detecting it. All CASARA ground crews are trained to be first on scene and all have current first aid training.

Another strength of CASARA is our ability to support communications. When an aircraft is engaged in a search low to the ground, it can be dif-



Ground searchers home in on FLT signal.

ficult for it to communicate. CASARA serves as a communications platform on the ground and in the air by climbing to a higher altitude over other SAR assets and relaying messages back and forth to the JRCC.

As we go back to our scenario, many things happen very quickly. A call is made to the search coordinator for each zone who then begins the process of calling together an air and or ground crew. Once they have a crew together, they are briefed by the search coordinator. Final preparations are made by the air and ground crews and, before deploying, a final call is made to the JRCC for any last-minute updates. The crews then launch and travel to the search area. Once at the point where the search is to commence, a call is made to other SAR assets in the area and to the JRCC. The crews fly or drive the patterns assigned to them. In the air, crews are listening for the distress beacon and, most importantly, in the back the spotters are busy scanning the ground for physical evidence of an off-airport landing.

Today is a good day and we locate the aircraft in an open field. A quick low-and-over and we see an individual frantically trying to attract our attention. We make radio contact with the individual and confirm him as the person we have been looking for. We immediately notify the JRCC and any other SAR assets, using a coded message format, and remain orbiting until other assets appear on scene. A CASARA ground crew searching a short distance away is also tasked to the scene to render whatever first aid is necessary until the SAR technicians (SAR Techs) arrive. SAR Techs are specially trained paramedics who can jump or rappel to the accident scene and immediately deliver advanced medical treatment. Once the individual has been identified as the missing person, the JRCC releases us and we make our way back home. The missing person is no longer missing and goes home to his family.

This is the outcome that we look for and, in typical Canadian fashion, we will expend many resources, both in time and money, to locate anyone in distress in our beautiful and rugged country. However, with three coastlines and huge landmass, such an undertaking would simply not be possible without the dedication and commitment CASARA members. On every major search you can count on CASARA being involved and on any given day you can count on CASARA members being ready to go at a moment's notice, regardless of the time of year or the weather.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Always have a backup plan. One idea to consider is purchasing a SPOT tracking unit. For very little money you can have a 5-minute update rate of your flight's progress that you can later share with friends via social media. The JRCC could also use this to find you if you ever need help.



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BEAVERLODGE, AB: Flight 184's monthly meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 1930 hrs in the Board Room on the second floor of the Grande Prairie Airport Terminal Building.

BORDEN. ON: Flight 84's Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at Edenvale Aerodrome (CNV8) at 1900h. www.bordenflyingclub.com.

CALGARY AB: The Aerobatic Club of Alberta would like to invite you to our monthly meeting which occurs at 1930 the second Tuesday of each month. Get together and socialize with others who; have a casual interest or curiosity in aerobatics and aerobatic aircraft, occasionally conduct an aerobatic maneuver or are currently pursuing aerobatic competition. We meet to discuss various club events, aerobatic training, aircraft's and participate in various social activities. Location of the monthly meeting does change so please visit our web site www.aerobaticscanada.org for details and more information about the club. events, contest results/photos and contact information.

CARLETON PLACE, ON: Flight 121's Monthly meetings are held on the last Saturday of every month at 1000h at the Carleton Place Airport.

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI (CYYG): COPA Flight 57/PEI Flying Assoc. Every Saturday at 0800 hrs join our members for breakfast at Razzy's Roadhouse, 161 St. Peters Rd., Charlottetown. Also on the first Saturday of the summer months we have our Saturday Fly-in & Burgers from 1200 until 1400 hrs. No Ramp or landing Fees. For more information or to arrange a ride from Apron 2, please contact Brian at 902-626-6963 or Barry 902-626-5882, pound@pei.sympatico.ca.

EDENVALE, ON (CNV8): Every Thursday from January 5-December 15, the Edenvale Classic Aircraft Foundation restoration shop is open and we invite everyone to fly over, or drive by and pay a visit. Membership flights are available in all our tail-dragger aircraft, including the Tiger Moth and Fairchild Cornell. For more information, contact Bryan Quickmire at 705-818-2223 or info@classicaircraft.ca. Visit our website at www.classicaircraft.ca.

EDMONTON, AB: COPA Flight 176 regular monthly meeting. 1st Thursday of the month at 1930 held at the Alberta Aviation Museum - 11410 Kingsway Avenue NW in the lecture area. For more information, please see our website or contact Janis at treasurer@copaedmonton.ca.

ESTEVAN, SK (CYEN): Regular COPA Flight 3/ Flying Club Meeting, held 2nd Tuesday of even numbered months, February, April, June, etc. at 1930 in main terminal building. For more information, please contact Neal Linthicum at 306-421-7629 or nealandnadine@hotmail.com.

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR, NL: COPA Flight 195 Regular monthly meeting (excluding June, July and August) held 3rd. Tuesday at 1900 in the community room of IBEX Fuels, 46 Hardy Ave. All welcome whether you are a seasoned pilot, or just getting interested in aviation come on out.

GUELPH, ON: COPA Flight 1's meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month, 1930hrs at the Guelph Airpark Café.

HANOVER, ON: Flight 54 Monthly meetings on every 2nd Saturday of the month at the CYHS SMA Boardroom from 0930 to 1030. Everyone welcome!

HAVELOCK, NB: COPA 27-The Havelock Flying Club invites you to fly-in or drive-in for breakfast any Sunday of the year. Our weekly Breakfasts are served between 0800 and 1000. For more information check out our website at www.havelockflyingclub.ca

HAWKESBURY EAST, ON (CPG5): COPA Flight 131 monthly breakfast meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month from 0830 to 1100 hrs. Come and talk about aviation with passionate flyers, make new friends and enjoy the friendly, homey atmosphere. For more information, please call Michel at 819-923-6767 or HawkesburyFlyingClub@ gmail.com. The airport web site is http:// www.easthawkesburyairport.com

HAWKESBURY EST, ON (CPG5): Escadrille 131 déjeuner mensuel les 1er samedis du mois de 8h30 à 11h. Venez parler aviation et faire de nouveaux amis dans une ambiance amicale.

Pour plus d'information, contactez Michel 819-923-6767 ou HawkesburyFlyingClub@ gmail.com. Notre site web pour l'aéroport est http://www.easthawkesburyairport.ca

HIGH RIVER AIRPORT, AB (CEN4): First Thursday of every month at the 187 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadet Hangar the EAA Chapter 1410 has their monthly meeting 1830 - 2100. Whether you have a casual interest in aviation, you are an active pilot, or you are an avid homebuilder of aircraft, we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning. We meet to learn from informative speakers, participate in various social activities, and are active in the flying community. Come by and visit! Please contact Paul evenings at 403-271-5330 or eaahighriver@shaw.ca. Visit our website at www.eaahighriver.org for more details.

HINTON. AB: COPA Flight 126 is also the Hinton Flying Club. Meetings on the second Friday of the month at 2000 hrs at the Hinton/Entrance Airport Clubhouse/Terminal Building.

KELOWNA, BC (CYLW): COPA Flight 36, Kelowna Flying Club, Apron III Event General Meeting, 1st Tuesday of each month. Premeeting BBQ starts at 1800; meeting starts at 1900. Join us for news and updates, guest speakers and fellowship! For more information, please contact John Itterman at Info@ kelownaflyingclub.com or go to our website at http://kelownaflyingclub.com.

KITCHENER, ON (CYKF): COPA Flight 26, Breslau Flyers. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (September-June) at 1900 hrs in an upstairs classroom at the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre. A variety of speakers present a range of interesting aviation topics. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Flight Captain Gordon Millar at gordon.millar@rogers.com or visit the website for the Breslau Flyers at http://www.copaflight26.com%22./

LETHBRIDGE, AB: The Lethbridge Sport Flyers, COPA Flight 24 would like to invite you to our weekly Saturday morning breakfast, 0730 held at Smitty's Pancake House, 2053 Magrath Dr. S. in Lethbridge, Alberta. We encourage you to call ahead if you're in the area. If you catch us at a Fly-In instead please feel welcome to join us there. All of our activities including the postings of our monthly meetings can be found on our Event Calendar at http://www. lethbridgesportflyers.com. To contact us, please call our club President, Mic Thiessen at 403-327-8808 or send us an email at Lethbridge-Sport-Flyers@telus.net.

ON THE HORIZON

LINDSAY, ON: Kawartha Lakes Flying Club COPA Flight 101 has a regular monthly meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1900 at LCVI High School, 260 Kent Street West, in Lindsay. Enter through the cafeteria's east door. We meet to discuss various club events with a focus on promoting aviation interest within the Kawartha Lakes. No meetings are held in July (BBQ) and December (Christmas Party). The Kawartha Lakes Municipal Airport, Lindsay consistently has the lowest fuel prices and the Airport View Restaurant, a "pilot's restaurant," serves up what are commonly referred to as, "The World Famous Butter Tarts." The airport supports an active float-based membership. For more information, please contact Bob Burns at bobklfc@gmail.com, or visit the Kawartha Lakes Flying Club at klfc.ca.

MEDICINE HAT, AB (CYXH): Flight 171 Medicine Hat (Gas City Aviators) Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Club Hanger at 1900. Additionally coffee and donuts every Wednesday from 0900 to 1030 at the club hangar.

NANAIMO, BC (CYCD): Welcomes you! Nanaimo Flying Club holds regular meetings; Third Sunday of every month 0930, followed by guest speakers & lunch. Meet & greet breakfasts or brunches held first Saturday of every month. Keep the dust off your wings; join our "Truancy Squadron" callout offering weekly impromptu fly-outs. The cost is free - the fun, priceless. Visit for a round of golf next door, or join the BC-Social-Flying group on Yahoo to see what's happening. Special events & theme parties held throughout the year. Social activity suggestions to encourage flying and relations with other clubs always welcome. Co-ordinates are lat 49.1683°, long -124.0357°. For more information, please contact Don at 250-758-3540 orpresident@nanaimoflyingclub.org. Visit our website www.nanaimoflyingclub.org.

OKOTOKS, AB (CFX2): Foothills Flying Club, COPA Flight 81 regular meeting at 1930, last Monday of the month, Okotoks Elks Hall. 58 Elizabeth St. Okotoks AB. For more information, please contact Robert at foothillsflyingclub@icloud.com or 587-226-9753, or visit our website at http:// www.foothillsflyingclub.com/

OLDS/DIDSBURY, AB (CEA3): COPA Flight 142 fly-in second Saturday of each month 0900 until 1300hrs. Discounted Fuel, coffee and donuts. Everyone welcome to come and meet fellow pilots and take advantage of the discounted fuel. For more information, please contact Ed Shaw at 403-701-1600.

L'ORIGNAL, ON: CPG5 East Hawkesbury airport every first Saturday of the month for breakfast from 0830 to 1100.

PONOKA. ON: COPA Flight 187 monthly meeting is held on the first Monday of every month at 1900, at the airport terminal.

PENTICTON, BC (CYYF): Penticton Flying Club / COPA Flight 50 holds its monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 1900 hrs at the club house on 126 Dakota Way. All pilots and members of the public interested in aviation are welcome. We also meet every Thursday morning at 1000 hrs for an informal coffee chat at the club house. Fly-ins are always welcome! For more information about both events, please contact Ron Johnson, ronjohnson@telus.net 250-493-0441.

PICTON, ON (CNT7): COPA Flight 53, breakfast on the second Sunday of every month starting at 0800 a.m. April-December. Located at the Prince Edward Flying Club, coordinates N 43 59 21 W77 08 21. For more information, please call Jeff & Jackie Douglass at 613-471-1868.

PITT MEADOWS, BC (CYPK): Aero Club of BC is holding its traditional fly-in and fuel sales. Every 3rd Sunday of the Month 09:00 to 18:00. Free hot dogs and coffee between 1100 and 1500. Regular Meetings are held on every (first) 1 Wednesday of the month starting at 1930 for Aero Club events please connect to our http://aeroclubofbc.ca/ and join our Facebook Page.

PLYMPTON-WYOMING, ON: Sarnia Flight 7 holds their monthly meetings at 1900, every fourth Monday of the month at the Naval Association located at 403 Wing, 1430 Lougar Avenue, Sarnia.

POINTE CLAIRE, QC: Every 3rd Thursday except June, July, August & December, the Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society features a guest speaker at their 1100 hrs meeting at the Pointe Claire Legion Hall, 365 St-Louis. Light lunch provided, \$5 voluntary landing fee requested. Anyone interested in the history of civil or military aviation is welcome. For more information, please call Ron at 450-463-1998.

PONTIAC, QC: COPA Flight 169 Pontiac Monthly breakfast meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month. Come and talk about aviation with passionate flyers! Wives and children are welcome. For more information, please contact Maurice at 819-360-0706 or Andre at 819-329-2830.



PONTIAC, QC: Escadrille 169 Pontiac: Déjeuner mensuel les 1er samedi du mois au restaurant Avlmer BBQ situé au 134, rue Principale (Aylmer), Gatineau, 819-684-4372. Venez parler aviation avec des pilotes passionnés! Les conjointes et les enfants sont bienvenus. Pour plus d>information contactez Maurice 819-360-0706 ou Andre 819-329-2830.

QUEBEC. QC: Escadrille 169. 3e Lundi de chaque mois 19:30 hr. À divers endroits chez divers membres. Flight 169, 3rd Monday of every month, 1930 / Call for information / Téléphonner pour information (418) 889-9023

RED DEER, AB: Red Deer Flying Club / COPA Flight 92 meet on the 3rd Monday evening of each month (except July & August) at the Flying Club building directly north of the Red Deer Airport Terminal Building. Meetings start at 1930. Always an interesting program or speaker. For additional information call Bert at 403-350-5511 or visit reddeerflyingclub.org.

SEDGEWICK, AB (CEK6): Iron Creek Flying Club, COPA Flight 157 regular monthly meeting, second Thursday of each month at 1930 at the Flagstaff Regional Airport terminal building. Drive or fly in. Cardlock fuel available 24 hours and courtesy vehicle. Everyone welcome. For more information, please contact Shelley at shellev@cciwireless.ca.

SHOAL LAKE, MB (CKL5): Shoal Lake Flying Club/COPA Flight 162 holds general meetings on the second Tuesday of every second month (Feb, April, ...) at 1930 at the Airport Terminal Building, visitors welcome. The December meeting is a potluck supper followed by a short Annual Meeting and a social event. Check the meeting schedule by clicking on the News and Events tab at www.slflyingclub.com. Email slflyingclub@ gmail.com for more information.

SUNDRE, AB: Sundre Flying Club meetings second Thursday of the month at 1930. Hamburgers and hot dogs and snacks anytime at terminal-self serve. For more information, please contact Myron Bignold at 403-638-7370 or winnmy@telusplanet.net.

ON THE HORIZON

STAR CITY / TISDALE, SK: COPA Flight 93. Monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month Sep-Jun at the Tisdale Airport Terminal Building.

VAL D'OR, QC: COPA Flight 192's monthly meetings are on every 2nd Tuesday of the Month. 1800 at Hangar Q-60, Val-D'Or, QC.

VERNON, BC (CYVK): COPA Flight 65 hosts a regular monthly meeting every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1900 until September 18th inclusive. There is a BBQ before the meeting Apr, May, and June, 1730 hrs. Potluck BBQ but no Meeting in July and Aug, 1730 hrs. The AGM is held the 18th September 2018, at 1900 hrs. There is also a monthly Pancake Breakfast every fourth (4th) Sunday up to and including August 2018, 0900-1100.

VICTORIA, BC (CYYJ): COPA Flight 6 usually meets the first Tuesday of each month from 1900 until 2100. You do not need to be a member of the VFC or of COPA in order to participate. For more information, please contact copaflight6@gmail.com.

WESTLOCK, AB (CES4): Copa Flight 139 (Westlock Flying Club) regularly meets on the third Thursday of every month at 1900, in the terminal building at Westlock Airport. For more information, contact Dan at dan@syz.com or 780-961-2213. We look forward to seeing you!

WIARTON/GEORGIAN BLUFFS, ON: COPA Flight 68 monthly meeting is held the 1st Saturday of the month at 0930hrs at the Wiarton/Keppel International Airport CYVV at the airport Terminal Building. For more information, please contact Don Colter at 519-793-3473 or dshcolter@cabletv.on.ca

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

DECEMBER 2017

DECEMBER 9, EDMONTON, AB: Mark your calendars. All members of the 99s are invited to the First Canadian Chapter, Ninety-Nines annual Christmas Party. Location will be posted as the date gets closer. For more information and to RSVP contact: robin@firstcanadian99s.com or 705-309-3007

FEBRUARY 2018

FEBRUARY 1, WINNIPEG, MB: COPA Flight 35 is hosting a Rust Remover from 1900 -2130. At the ANAF Veterans Hall 3584 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB. For more information, e-mail pokornikd@wclc.com.

FEBRUARY 10, HAWKESBURY, ON (CPG5): Hawkesbury Flying Club / COPA Flight 131:

Ski Fly-in at the East Hawkesbury Airport. 11 am to 1 pm. Sloppy Joes served by the HFC president, There will also be coffee, drinks and deserts. Skiplanes only! But you are also welcome if you drive in. For more information contact Stephen Farnworth at (h) 613 632-3185 or (c) 613 678-0325 or HawkesburyFlyingClub@gmail.com

10 FÉVRIER, HAWKESBURY, ON (CPG5): Hawkesbury Flying Club / COPA Escadrille 131: Ski Fly-in à l'aéroport de Hawkesbury Est. 11h00 à 13h00. Sloppy Joes servis par le président de HFC. Des boissons gazeuses, du café et du dessert seront aussi servis. L'atterrissage sur skis seulement! Bienvenues aux visiteurs en voitures. Pour plus d'informations contacter Stephen Farnworth à (h) 613 632-3185 ou (c) 613 678-0325 ou HawkesburyFlyingClub@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 17, VANKLEEK HILL, ON -EOPA CURLING BONSPIEL: The Eastern Ontario Pilots Association in collaboration with the Hawkesbury Flying Club / COPA Flight 131 host the annual EOPA amateur curling bonspiel and pot-luck dinner. Fun filled evening open to all, including firsttime curlers! Starting at 5:30 pm at the VKH Curling Club, 136 Bond St, Vankleek Hill, ON. For more information contact Geoff Anderson at geoff.fiona@outlook.com

FEBRUARY 17, MIDLAND/HURONIA, ON, CYEE: RAA Chapter — Ski Fly-In (Wheels also welcome). 9:00 till 13:00, for coffee, hot chocolate, pea meal burgers, and chilli. Temporary snow packed runway will be available on west side of runway 16/34. Fuel discount in effect. Unicom 122.85. For further information please contact Rob MacDonald at 705-549-1964, Ray McNally at 705-717-2399, airport at 705-526-8086 or raa.midland@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 19. LACOMBE. AB: COPA Flight 155 - Gull Lake Family Day Fly In. Come for hayride, campfire and weenie roast (c/o the Summer Village of Gull Lake!). Ice runway (2500ft x 65 ft) cleared on south end of Gull Lake - 10 miles west of Lacombe, Alberta. Elevation 2950ft. Direction will be approx 12 / 30 use Lacombe Unicom 122.80. Please contact Jim — iimw@telus.net for runway conditions.

FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 108 MILE RANCH, BC. Aerial Escapades is hosting a Pilot Refresher and Ski Fly In at CZML - South Cariboo Regional Airport and the adjoining 108 Mile Golf Resort. The theme will be "Winter Operations for the recreational pilot" and this will be followed by a Ski Fly-In event on Sunday and into the week subject to weather and interest. Please feel free to visit http://bit. Iv/2AwBPDx for further details.

FEBRUARY 24 & 25. LAC LA BICHE. AB: COPA Flight 165. Land your wheeled aircraft on a prepared ice runway or on skis next to the runway. Ice conditions vary therefore exact location TBD near CYLB on Lac La Biche Lake. Runways 13/31 (RH on 31), call Lac La Biche Ice on 123.20, CYLB AWOS 122.125 or call 780-623-4050. Watch car, snowmobile, and motorcycle ice races. Check www.laclabicheflyingclub.ca for conditions/updates. Phone for runway conditions/procedures prior to launch. Contact Ken 780-623-0673 kzach@telusplanet.net or Oriana 780-213-4647 orik1313@hotmail.com. USE ICE RUNWAY AT OWN RISK.

L'ESCADRILLE COPA 169 est fier de vous inviter au célèbre Mo's flvin (le 29e) sur la rivière des Outaouais, 1 mille à l'Ouest du VOR d'Ottawa le 24 février 2018! Une piste pour avions sur roues sera aménagée si les conditions le permettent.

COPA FLIGHT 169 is proud to invite you at the well known Mo's flyin (the 29th) on the Ottawa river, 1 mile West of the Ottawa VOR. on February 24, 2018. A runway for wheelplanes will be built if possible.

MARCH 2018

MARCH 3, KARS, ON: RAA Chapter 4928 16th Annual Winter Ski Fly-In BBQ RAA4928, Ottawa-Rideau Chapter's 16th Annual Ski Fly-in at the Rideau Valley Air-park, CPL3 Co-ordinates 45°06°N 4075°38°W. Talk-in on 123.4 Mhz. Home cooked food will be served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, PUBLIC WELCOME. Drive-ins: The field is south of Dilworth road at the Rideau River, Take the Dilworth exit off Hwy 416. Contact Chris Williams at 613-296-3391 for field conditions before leaving.

APRIL 2018

APRIL 29, FLIGHT 54. CYHS Hanover Saugeen Annual Rust Remover, 0830 registration, 0900 presentation start and 1130 finish.

MAY 2018

MAY 5, VERNON, BC: Vernon Flying Club, COPA Flight 65, will hold its annual "Rust Remover" recurrent pilot training on Saturday 5th of May 2018. Registration 0800 hrs. Training sessions 0900 to 1500 hrs with lunch supplied. Visit their website http://www.vernonflyingclub.org/ for more information.

MAY 12. DRAYTON VALLEY. AB: (Rain Date May 13) Fly in Breakfast, Drayton Valley (Flight 186) at CER3 8am to 11am. Donations for meal. Fly or drive in. Contact Jason Colby 780-542-1485.

MAY 27, CAMROSE, AB: Camrose Flying Club / COPA Flight 137 annual Fly-in Breakfast from 0700h to 1200h.



JUNE 2018

JUIN 9, RIMOUSKI, QC: Association Aéro-Sportive de Rimouski - Club COPA 202 (CYXK). 9 juin 2018. Rendez-vous aérien et portes ouvertes. Au programme : Dîner hotdogs de 11h30 à 14h00, breuvages, cafés, collations. Visite des installations de SOPFIM et de l'aéroport, simulateur (Beech Baron 58). La plus cordiale des bienvenues ! Remis au lendemain en cas de pluie. / 9 June 2018. Flyin and open doors: lunch with hot-dogs from 11:30 to 14:00, beverages, coffee, snacks. Tour of the installations of SOPFIM and of the airport. Simulator on-site (Beech Baron 58). A warm welcome! Postponed to 10 June 2018 in case of bad weather.

JUN 9, DRAYTON VALLEY, AB:

(Rain Date June 10) Copa for Kids, Drayton Valley (Flight 186). Contact Jerry Greiner 780-621-2555 for info.

JUNE 10-15, CAMP ANJIGAMI, ON: Fly from Otsego Lake's splash-in, directly to Camp Anjigami, then fly directly to Grand Marais' splash-in. Make it a week of flying, a splashin "Trifecta"! Where: Camp Anjigami, Ontario, Canada (NO47.50.36 W084.35.36) Cost: \$150.00 USD per person / per night (stay 1 - 4 nights) (plus HST tax) (This special rate applies to this event only) Price includes: Accommodations (2 adults per room), Meals (BYOB), Boats motors and gas (2 per boat), Advice and help with border crossing (Procedures can be found @ www.CampAnjigami.com, click seaplanes, border crossing). Does not include the cost of fishing licenses (www.Ontario.ca/outdoorscard). RSVP required, please call or email as soon as possible, accommodations are limited. williams@ CampAnjigami.com or (239)588-0560.

JUIN 16, FLIGHT 54. CYHS Hanover Saugeen COPA For Kids. 0830 registration, 0930 flying start and 0200 flying finish.

JUNE 21-23, SAINT JOHN, NB (CYSJ): The Atlantic Flight Centre and COPA Flight 193 (Saint John) will be hosting the 2018 COPA Convention and Tradeshow. Stay tuned for more details.

JULY 2018

JULY 14, KARS, ON (CPL3): Kars Rideau Valley Airpark (CPL3): RAA Chapter 4928 16th Annual Kars 'n' Planes Summer Fly-In BBQ. Comm 123.4 RWY 26/08 Glider activity in area. Homebuilt, Classic and Antique Aircraft, Rideau Valley Soaring Club, BBQ served from 11 AM till 2 PM. Sausages on a Bun, Steamed hot dogs plus assorted beverages. PUBLIC WELCOME. Dilworth Road just East of Highway 416. For more information on the field conditions please



call Larry Rowan 613-489-2332 or Chris Williams 613-296-3391.

JULY 14, MIDLAND/HURONIA, ON, CYEE, UNICOM 122.85: Annual RAA Northern Regional Fly-In (NRFI), hosted by the Midland RAA chapter. A Transport Canada approved seminar is scheduled for 10:00. Zenair factory and the Midland Model Railway Association, both located on the field. will hold coincident open houses. Antique/ Classic cars and motorcycles will also be on display. Breakfast and lunch will be available. For further information, please contact Rob MacDonald at 705-549-1967, Ray McNally at 705-717-2399. airport at 705-526-8086 or raa.midland@gmail.com

JULY 21, VERNON, BC (CYVK): Join COPA Flight 65 for COPA For Kids. 0800 - 1200. Visit the website http://www.vernonflyingclub.org/ for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER 8. FLIGHT 54. CYHS Hanover Saugeen COPA For Kids. 0830 registration, 0930 flying start and 0200 flying finish.

EVENTS OVER THE HORIZON

APRII 2018

APRIL 10 - 15, LAKELAND, FL: Sun 'n Fun is generally accepted to be the first show of the season and the weather in central Florida is generally warm and welcoming. In addition to a major air show, the event features a massive trade show and educational forums and seminars.

JUNE 2018

JUNE 10, CARMAN, MB: Airport Day. Flyin, brunch, events. Contact: (204) 745-0426; jcarley@mymts.net

JULY 2018

JULY 23-29 OSHKOSH, WI: EAA AirVenture OshKosh, come and meet us at the COPA booth and join us at the great Canadian Cook-out, sponsored by Magnes and AIG.



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WINNING INSPIRATION

MANNY ROSARIO HONOURED FOR BEST EVENT

BY GORD MAHAFFY



COPA is recognizing aviators who have made outstanding contributions in eight categories through its awards program.

This year Manny Rosario, owner of Oshawa's Enterprise Air and Durham Flight Centre, was honoured with the Best Aviation Event award. The event was Girls Take Flight — 2017, which was conducted from the Enterprise Air hangar. If you think this was a small undertaking, consider this: 2017 was the third year in a row that Rosario turned his large hangar over to volunteers who moved most of the aircraft outside, then set up displays to encourage young women to consider aviation as a career.

The event has been growing each year; 2017 saw more than 100 girls given

a free airplane ride over Oshawa. Just as important as the free rides, the event was open to the public who toured the displays. These included flight simulators, representatives from the air cadets, a police helicopter, representatives from Nav Canada, Transport Canada, Scientists in Schools and several aircraft dealers. Visitors were invited to climb into a small corporate jet and view videos, all of which revealed some of the opportunities available in aviation to girls who, up until then, may not have considered such a career.

Probably the most impressive display was one of Porter's newest Dash 8s that arrived with an all-women crew and a passenger load of school girls. This was the first Porter aircraft to visit Oshawa airport (YOO). After

From left to right: Ken Ruffo (Operations) Manager for Enterprise Air), Cheryl Marek (COPA director for Southern Ontario) Manny Rosario, holding his award certificate (Owner of Enterprise Air), Lesley Page (Representing Women of Aviation) and Gord Mahaffy (Captain of COPA Flight 70 Oshawa).

the event was over, all the displays had to be taken down and the hangar restored to normal operations.

In recognition of Rosario's willingness to accommodate this event, Lesley Page (from Women of Aviation), Cheryl Marek (COPA director for Southern Ontario) and Gord Mahaffy (COPA Flight 70 Captain) met with Manny and, on behalf on COPA, presented him with the award "Best Aviation event of 2017 -Girls Take Flight".

FLY THE DREAM WINNER

FUTURE MISSIONARY PILOT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP BY DOUG RICHARDS



Presenting the award at the Flight's recent Christmas gathering are (L-R): Kathy Martin (Mason), Jeremy Mason Memorial; Chris Redfearn, COPA Flight 177 Exeter; Elijah Stowe, recipient; and Darren Mason, Jeremy Mason Memorial.

COPA Flight 177 Exeter's Fly The Dream scholarship was awarded to 2017-winner Elijah Stowe of Paris, Ont.

The scholarship program, worth \$2400, is co-sponsored by the Jeremy Mason Memorial, established in memory of Mason's love of flying.

The bursary provides assistance to a worthy young person to help with the cost of earning a recreational pilot permit or a private pilot licence. Stowe has so far financed his flight training at the Brantford Flight Centre through summer jobs and part-time work during the school year. He is currently in Grade 11 and volunteers at his church and local sporting events.

Once he finishes high school, Stowe plans to study aviation at a community college with the goal of becoming a professional pilot. He is currently working on his private pilot licence, which he will complete early in 2018. One of Stowe's long-term goals is to work for Mission Aviation Fellowship, where he can combine his love of aviation with helping people. For more information on the scholarship, visit copaexeter.ca.

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COPA, BCGAA INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF GA

BY CARTER MANN



In follow-up to an article before Christmas about a proposal by Alpha Aviation, operators of the Boundary Bay Airport (CZBB), to implement landing fees on all aircraft, we are pleased to report that after discussions between COPA, regional GA stakeholders including the BC General Aviation Association (COPA Flight 192), and management at Alpha Aviation, a moratorium is being implemented on fees for general aviation aircraft under 3,000kg (6,600lbs) and those aircraft will not be subject to a minimum fuel purchase for visits up to two hours in length.

COPA applauds management's decision and commends Alpha for its continued commitment to supporting general aviation at the Boundary Bay Airport, one of the busiest airports in Canada. "Alpha Aviation and the

Boundary Bay Airport have a wellestablished track record as friends of general aviation, including hosting COPA Flight 5's annual COPA for Kids event — one of the most successful COPA for Kids events in the country," said President and CEO Bernard Gervais. "We are pleased that management was willing to listen to the concerns brought forth by COPA and others in the GA community that implementing these fees would have a serious negative effect on GA in the region."

As part of its interventions to Alpha, COPA highlighted the statistics in its 2017 Study on the Economic Impact of General Aviation in Canada, explaining that airports known to be "GA-Friendly" are consistently some of the most active airports in Canadian communities and can be major economic drivers in their regions. General Aviation con▲ Boundary Bay Airport management have backed off on plans for transient aircraft landing fees

tributes approximately \$9.3B in direct and indirect economic output to the Canadian economy and supports approximately 36,000 jobs in businesses such as airport restaurants, maintenance facilities, and other services - many of which are found at Boundary Bay. COPA takes an active role of promoting to the GA pilots airports that are known to be friendly to the industry. We encourage pilots to do their part to support these airports by visiting often, patronizing tenant businesses, and purchasing fuel. For more information and to find airports recognized by COPA as GA Friendly, visit the Places to Fly page on our website at: http://www.copanational. org/places-to-fly.

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▲ Lac La Biche COPA Flight 165 will host an ice fly-in Feb. 24-25.

conditions and procedures prior to launch. Contact Ken at 780-623-0673 (kzach@telusplanet.net) or Oriana at 780-213-4647 (orik1313@hotmail.com). Use of the ice runway is at the participant's own risk. 🐼



REGIONS QUEBEC

RIMOUSKI - UN NOUVEAU CLUB COPA ET **UNE ANNÉE 2018 PLEINE DE PROJETS**

TEXTE ET PHOTOS: JONATHAN BEAUCHESNE, DIRECTEUR COPA POUR LE QUÉBEC



Le 9 décembre dernier, l'Association aérosportive de Rimouski (AASR) a tenu son assemblée générale annuelle. Pour l'occasion, une quinzaine de membres ont assisté à la présentation du compte rendu des affaires et démarches entreprises par l'AASR durant la dernière année.

À l'image de ses membres. l'AASR a connu une année 2017 remplie de projets passionnants. Entre autres, grâce à l'association, l'aéroport de Rimouski (YXK) a vu naître une école de pilotage qui fonctionne déjà à pleine capacité malgré qu'elle ait ouvert en septembre, soit à la fin de la haute saison. De plus, l'AASR a commencé à organiser des déjeuners réguliers entre ses membres afin de maintenir les liens déjà forts entre ses pilotes dévoués au développement de l'aviation générale dans leur région.

L'année qui vient ne sera pas en reste. Grâce à une saine gestion des activités et des finances de l'association par le conseil d'administration, celle-ci peut se permettre d'aller plus loin

encore dans l'offre de ses activités et des services qu'elle désire offrir non seulement à ses membres, mais également aux pilotes itinérants qui volent dans leur région.

Au printemps, en plus de l'école de pilotage qui poursuivra ses activités, un nouveau fournisseur de carburant devrait faire son apparition à l'aéroport. Malheureusement, au cours des dernières années, l'aéroport de Rimouski a développé la mauvaise réputation d'avoir le carburant le plus dispendieux du secteur (sans oublier les heures de service réduites et totalement inadaptées à la réalité de l'aviation générale). Ce sera bientôt chose du passé puisque l'AASR se fera un point d'honneur d'offrir du carburant abordable et disponible presque en tout temps.

De plus, l'association analysera l'opportunité d'offrir un service de restauration bonifié par l'entremise d'un concessionnaire. L'intention claire de ces deux projets (carburant et restauration) est d'améliorer l'intérêt

There have been many major improvements at Rimouski Airport.

de l'accessibilité de l'aéroport de Rimouski.

Le 7 avril, une formation de mise à jour des connaissances sera offerte dans les locaux de l'aéroport grâce à l'association provinciale Aviateurs. Québec. Par la suite, le 9 juin, un rendez-vous aérien aura lieu de même qu'une journée portes ouvertes pour que la population environnante puisse découvrir ses installations aéroportuaires et les bienfaits qui en découlent. D'autres activités s'ajouteront sans doute à l'agenda en cours de route.

Pour bien compléter cette année 2017, cette association locale est officiellement devenue le Club COPA 202. S'ajoutant à la grande toile canadienne de clubs qui parsèment notre pays, cette association est la première du Bas-St-Laurent et de la Gaspésie à se joindre à nous. Bienvenue à bord, membres de l'AASR.

FUEL, FOOD FOR RIMOUSKI BIG PLANS FOR NEW COPA FLIGHT 202



The Aerospace Association of Rimouski (ASAR) held its annual general meeting last December, at which time it became COPA Flight 202 Rimouski, the first COPA flight in the Bas-St-Laurent — Gaspé region of Quebec. But that wasn't the only exciting event that ASAR instigated in 2017; last September saw the founding of a new flight school at Rimouski airport (YXK) and it is already operating at full capacity.

The coming year will see yet more initiatives. ASAR plans to arrange for a new fuel supplier at the airport, putting an end to Rimouski airport's reputation for having the most expensive fuel and most inconvenient hours of service around. This will benefit not only local pilots, but also

COPA Flight 202 was officially constituted last September.

those transiting through. Not content with these improvements, ASAR is also looking into offering food service by inviting a concessionaire to the airport. Taken together. these two projects are expected to greatly improve Rimouski airport's attractiveness. April 7 will see a rust remover, thanks to the provincial association Aviateurs.Québec. A fly-in and open house are also scheduled for June 9, when ASAR will showcase their improved airport to both the local community and the flying public.

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ATLANTIC CLUB EYES GROWTH

SOUTH SHORE FLYING CLUB LEASES AIRPORT TERMINAL



The South Shore Flying Club in Greenfield, Nova Scotia has signed a 13-year lease with Queens County to take over the terminal building and about an acre of airport land to allow growth in the club's activities.

"Following a period of growth and development over the past year-anda-half since they began the lease for the South Shore Regional Airport, the South Shore Flying Club determined some additional needs that would increase the capacity of the group," David Dagley, mayor of the Region of Queens Municipality, told the South Shore Breaker. "Council has been happy to see the flying club moving forward, actively promoting the airport and growing its membership as well as increasing and improving on the infrastructure at the airport."

Greenfield is south of Wolfville and the club is hoping the new lease will be a catalyst for growth in the local aviation sector.

"We signed the management lease to operate the South Shore Regional Airport in June 2016. It is our hope that we can grow the facility to attract new pilots, and existing pilots from other areas and around the South Shore. Also to attract new businesses to the area; knowing they would have a viable airport within the South Shore to help grow their business. Obviously this could be a vital link to getting their products or clients in and out of the area quickly and efficiently," said Peter Gow, vice president of the South Shore Flying Club. "The area would also benefit from having this airport in place, in case of fire (as happened two years ago) to get fire fighting aircraft into the fire area quickly, or in case of natural disaster, to be able to move people in and out effectively. Air ambulance services would also be able to use the airport. A long-term goal would be to offer fuel for aircraft which we do not have now. This is a



The South Shore Flying Club has a new 13-year lease on the airport terminal and an acre of land.

very expensive endeavour; so we want to start small and get established before we look into that possibility."

In the past 18 months, the club has improved airport signage and markings and generally spruced up the facility, which has a 3,933X75-foot runway. It is also home to the Greenfield Dragway, which is operated by the Nova Scotia Drag Racers Association.

STEPHENVILLE ILS PRESERVED

COPA INTERVENES TO MAINTAIN INSTRUMENT APPROACH

Nav Canada has canceled plans to decommission the ILS at Stephenville, NL Airport and COPA was among those who asked the air navigation services provider to take a second look. Nav Canada was set to pull out the ILS because it's so infrequently used but as COPA and many others pointed out, it's a valuable alternate for St. John's. There was a good example in late October when an American Airlines Boeing 777 made an emergency landing there with a cracked windshield.



"It bears recognition that the low CYJT IFR traffic levels would not normally support the retention of the ILS; however, its importance in supporting CYJT as a regional IFR alternate was highlighted through the consultation

process," said Marcel Pinon, the manager for level of service and aeronautical studies at Nav Canada. "As a direct result of stakeholder feedback the current ILS equipment is to be retained and replaced in 2018." 🎡





MEET YOU IN MONTEBEL

ANNUAL SKI FLY-IN GETS COPA, APBQ INVOLVEMENT BY CARTER MANN

As of 2019, COPA, with the help of the Quebec Bush Pilots Association (APBQ), is taking over the organization and hosting of Montebello Magic, the annual fly-in held at the famous resort on the Ottawa River between Ottawa and Montreal. COPA staff will be key contributors to the success of this year's event, being held Jan. 26-28. COPA sat down with long-time organizer Claude Roy to discuss the history and future of one of Canada's largest winter aviation event.









Every January for more than 25 years, pilots and devotees of the venerable Quad-City Challenger have converged on the shores of the Ottawa River to share tips, experiences, and discuss all things ultralight. Held annually since 1991 and since 2002 at the historic Fairmont le Chateau Montebello, the Challenger Winter Rendezvous has become one of the biggest wintertime aviation events in Canada - regularly drawing over 100 aircraft and three-times as many enthusiasts. The Winter Rendezvous has become a major staple of the season in the resort town of Montebello, Quebec, and enjoys enormous support from the hotel and the surrounding community. This year's theme of Montebello Magic "celebrated the powerful Montebello Magic that makes the Challenger Winter Rendezvous so special and a must-attend event."

Announced at this year's fly-in was the news that long-time event organizer and director of the Canadian Challenger Owners Association, Maj. (ret'd)

Claude "Crash" Roy and his wife, Joan, would be retiring from their roles. Also announced was that COPA, the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, working with the support of the Quebec Bush Pilots Association (APBQ), would be taking over the reins in 2019 to continue the Winter Rendezvous legacy. COPA Flight sat down with Roy and COPA President Bernard Gervais ahead of last month's event to discuss the transition, what it means to have built up an event of this caliber, and what pilots and fans can expect in years to come under COPA's stewardship (Note: answers have been edited for length).

CF: Tell us a little about the history of the Winter Rendezvous?

CR: It all started with a Challenger aircraft owner who, in the late 1980s, held the first event of what became an annual event at his cottage on a lake near Mont Tremblant. As attendance grew over the following four years, we searched for places that

could accommodate the growth. We decided to alternate between Vaudreuil and Montebello, creating a sort of competition between both locations. My logbook tells me this began on February 9, 1991. Our biggest year was 2005; we had 34 Challengers at Montebello and around 190 people at the banquet. It was almost a full crowd since the room had a maximum capacity of 200. Members of the Quebec Bush Pilots Association (APBQ) and local pilots too, all with their planes on skis, showed up. Throughout the entire weekend, we had about 100 planes visiting. In 2001 or 2002, we settled on Château Montebello — we would book their place every year, since it was the preferred location. We offered to make the hotel our exclusive hotel for the event and to book the last weekend of January, for a minimum of 10 years. Before this, we did not have a proper weekend. We tried early January, but it was too close to Christmas. We tried mid-February for a couple of years, and the weather conditions were not

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consistent enough since it sometimes rained. So, we were happy to get the last weekend of January, which may statistically be their coldest weekend of the year. We've held it then ever since.

CF: Can you explain the concept of the Winter Rendezvous?

CR: The concept originated with a friendly group of flyers getting together who were big on education and helping each other. The ultralight world is very special in the sense that there is no real association for them

at the local level. So the idea was to get together, share the passion and learn from each other. We made mistakes along the way due to a lack of understanding about the whole thing. After the first years, however, we became more organized; we started having conferences and an entire program of events. Many participants were asking for this, and there were knowledgeable people wanting to help.

CF: What has the attendance been like over the years?

CR: It started going up from the early 1990s, continually growing until 2005. It then plateaued with about 30 or so Challengers. Then, in 2008, a downward trend began that did not turn around until 2015. It has plateaued again: discretionary funds for aviation appear harder to come by. Legislative issues also make flying more difficult. However, ultralights have generally been spared from additional regulation.

CF: What do you think attendees expect from the event? Are they expecting more every year, or more of a consistent and friendly gathering?

CR: There is an expectation that it will continue for the foreseeable future. One thing I have noticed as an organizer is that it is usually the same attendees, year after year, who come to meet with their friends: they come to socialize, learn about safety and look at a completely new set of photos and videos of Challengers from the area. There is very little regeneration with the group.

CF: Obviously you and your team have put significant effort into building the legacy of this event and it must have been a big decision about who to approach to take it over. Why did you approach COPA and what is it about the organization that attracted your attention?

CR: In terms of COPA, a normal progression was expected. It was always in the works to me, and it was a natural decision. Before offering it to COPA I asked the Challenger group, and no one wanted to take over the project as of 2019. Joan has been such a huge help, and with me being bilingual and retired, this was a project that made sense for me. Others were not in that position at that point in time. With COPA hiring an Event Coordinator as well, it was a natural progression.

CF: What are some of the things you would like to see COPA accomplish, working with APBQ and other partners, in the coming years as hosts?

CR: Montebello is the best place, and safest place to go for a fun winter event. I want that with COPA'S involvement, for the Annual Winter Rendezvous to be the Main and Number 1 Winter Aviation Event. If there is a place to be in the winter of skis, it's Montebello. Having COPA and APBQ involved, I expect that this change will re-generate and generate some new people. With COPA taking the lead and with APBQ walking in step, we see endless possibilities. It is a beautiful place to have this type of event. It is a safe place too since we use the marina docks to tie down the airplanes. All you need to bring is a rope to tie to the dock.

CF: Why was it important for COPA to agree to take this on?

BG: It was important because we have a responsibility to the aviators of the country to advance, promote and preserve the Canadian freedom to fly. In this case, the path to do so is already paved so it was a natural thing. The Montebello Winter Rendez-Vous falls exactly within the mandate of our mission. This is one of the most popular fly-in events of the season in the country and as such, we are there to advance and promote safe and fun winter flying. Pilots love to have a "mission" on their fly-outs so why not do it in a cozy, five-star country retreat? It is also important for COPA to be there to highlight the importance of ultra-light aircraft in the present and future of general aviation, as they are an essential solution to fun and affordable flying.

CF: What does it mean for COPA to be a part of this long-standing tradition?

BG: It means a lot! It is a big honour that Claude deemed COPA worthy of approaching to take this on. It means that this event can continue to live and be a big part of our community of pilots for Eastern Canada and perhaps more. It means the organizers recognize and trust COPA as the group that can pull it all together to

keep this going with the expertise and professionalism associated with our organization.

CF: What are some of the things COPA has in mind for the future of the event?

BG: Ultralights, especially Challengers, are the backbone of this event and we look forward to continuing to celebrate this aspect of general aviation. Although we plan to work with APBQ to extend the invitation to aviators from all over the Eastern part of the continent, the essence of the event will be to showcase ultra-light aircraft through the trade-show and presentations. The Montebello Winter Rendezvous is here to stay and to grow. 🆃



AVIATION LABOUR SHORTAGE IS REAL

COMPANIES SCRAMBLING TO TRAIN FUTURE WORKFORCE

BY RUSS NILES



The mainstream media is now reporting what aviation news sources have been talking about for more than a decade: there aren't enough trained people to keep aviation growing.

A couple of well-researched stories carried by the CBC in early January highlighted many of the issues that have been analyzed and sweated over by the industry for more than a decade. A confluence of sagging prestige, high training costs, low wages and relentless shift work have made aviation less attractive to a well educated and savvy generation of new workers who value work-life balance above many of the traditional attributes of career choices.

Even though the numbers, with some adjustments, have been evident for years, it wasn't until regional airlines started cancelling scheduled flights that the mainstream media took serious notice.

As many as 20 years ago, labour analysts started sounding the call that unless the pace of training picked up, aviation would be gripped by a serious labour shortage. There simply weren't enough young people entering the many different career paths that keep the complex system operating to sustain the exploding growth in air travel.

At the time, young people practically had to be born to careers as pilots, and to a lesser extent, the trades and professions that give pilots safe and reliable aircraft to fly. Times were good, wages were high and even though aviation is an industry that relies heavily on long-term planning, it seemed the labour issues weren't getting much attention.

A couple of things happened that also made the looming crisis seem

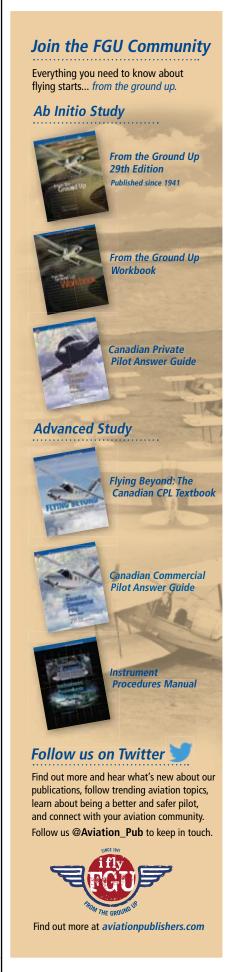
 Airlines are hiring at an unprecedented rate and that's putting pressure on flight schools.

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HOW TO HELP

COPA Director Cheryl Marek mobilized her network of contacts to spread the word about the work already being done to address the aviation labour shortage

- Do you know teens or young adults who aren't sure what career path to choose? Adults in established careers wondering if that's all there is?
- A one-hour introductory flight at their nearest flight school could give them fresh ideas — if not to become a pilot then perhaps an avionics technician, maintenance engineer, charter operator or airport manager. An introductory flight makes a cool graduation, Mother's or Father's Day gift.
- Did you know student pilots get a one-year free membership to COPA. The monthly magazine is currently featuring stories about the pilot shortage and training. It also has a "why join?" ad. Anyone who flies in Canada — private, commercial, military, fixed or rotor wing aircraft - owes it to her/himself to be a member of COPA (since 1952, thanks to Margaret Carson, John Bogie, and Bill Peppler). Everyone starts at exercise one in "From the Ground Up". COPA also dialogues with Transport Canada on many issues including pilot training and testing practices, which should be of interest to instructors.
- Did you know one needn't be an aircraft owner, a pilot or a wanna-be-pilot to be a member of COPA?!
- Did you know COPA has \$2,000, \$3,000 and \$7,000 scholarships? Check out the Neil Armstrong scholarship at www.copanational.org to see how to qualify and see the biographies of previous recipients.
- Do you know a new pilot who never heard about COPA or the free COPA membership, who isn't sure of its value? Maybe they are deserving of their first year membership as a gift from you for having gotten this far!
- And yes, girls fly too! Locally http://girlstakeflight.ca will be updated soon with the 2018 April pre-registration and program information.
- Check the COPA magazine for similar events in other parts of the country.
- The COPA Web site gives coordinates for about 200 other COPA Flights that maybe closer to the inquirer. You may meet a pilot who'd take you for a short flight or invite you as a passenger to a fly-out!
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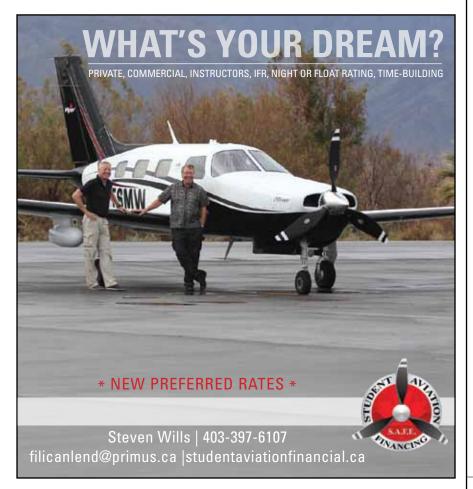
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less serious. The mandatory retirement age for airline pilots increased from 60 to 65 and military forces around the world shed thousands of excess pilots in an outbreak of relative peace. Many disillusioned young pilots who had spent about \$100,000 to train as pilots found themselves stocking shelves and waiting tables as the airlines snapped up the low-hanging fruit.

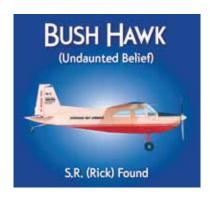
Now that the supply of readytrained jet pilots has been all but exhausted, the process is continuing but in a potentially more insidious way. Airlines have now turned to their last source of more or less cockpitready candidates and are hiring flight instructors at unprecedented rates with predictable results. Instructor iobs are going begging at schools that have traditionally attracted the best and brightest to start their aviation careers.

"They just can't continue to take everybody and leave no one behind with any experience or depth to teach the next generation. We just can't do it," Terri Super, who owns Super T Aviation in Medicine Hat, told the CBC.

"The airlines can't get the quality and experienced people they want, so they take from the smaller operators, so now the smaller operators don't have experienced people they can keep, so the industry takes from the flight training industry which means there are no flight instructors to train the upcoming commercial pilots," she said.

The shortage ripples through the system in insidious ways, she noted. Inexperienced pilots who are essentially training on the job are barred from flying in all but ideal weather and other challenging circumstances which puts pressure on the other pilots.

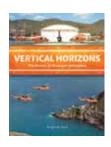
In the meantime, for young people with the interest to succeed in any of the dozens of aviation careers, there has never been a better time to get started and based on the numbers that are coming out of labour market analyses it will be that way for some time.



BUSH HAWK (UNDAUNTED BELIEF)

An important chapter of Canada's aviation history is told for the first time in a new book by S.R. (Rick) Found titled Bush Hawk (Undaunted Belief) The Found family's name is famous among bush pilots, worldwide, for having built a tough little freighter aircraft designed for hard service in Canada's wilderness. The author's father, Sherman, along with his uncle Nathan (Bud) Found with financial backing from department store magnate John David Eaton took on the herculean task of gaining FAA certification for their dream aircraft. Despite both financial and engineering set-backs they hung in and produced an airplane that outperformed anything being then imported from the United States. So why, with an industry begging for the plane, were only 27 aircraft produced? Financial consultants and timid bankers did the trick and crashed the Found FBA-2C before it could gain altitude. For 15 years the rights to manufacture lay in Eaton's vault, but (Undaunted) Bud Found did the Phoenix from the ashes thing and the Bush Hawk flew once more. Don't wave the maple leaf just yet as what is known as angel money became the devil's own and the Founds lost their Bush Hawk to investors once more—this time across the seas from where it is about to reappear in international skies.

By S.R. (Rick) Found Publisher: Canadian Aviator Publishing Ltd. Imprint of Coast Dog Press List price \$29.00 CAD



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Author Doug Grant was a longterm employee of Okanagan Helicopters and has put together

an amazing fluidly written and comprehensive history of this pioneer company. OK, as they soon became known, achieved world renown from humble beginnings in British Columbia's interior by developing a mountain flying technique that is still a fundamental of helicopter flight training. Teaching the US army was just one of the achievements of founder, Carl Agar, who became known as Mr. Helicopter as he took the company into world prominence. Grant has not missed one other outstanding feature of Okanagan Helicopters—hundreds of former employees still speak of the pleasure they experienced in working for this pioneer Canadian company.

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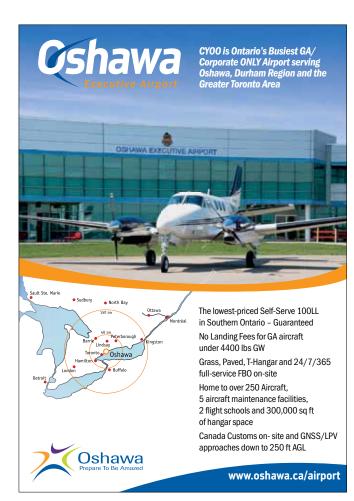
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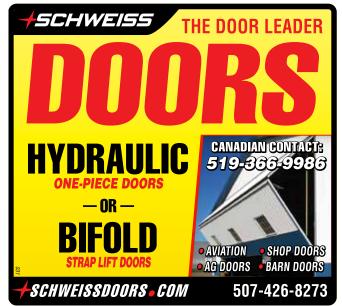
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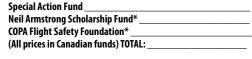
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