



## JULY 2017

**1. RFC Board approves installation of Garmin G5/Garmin Nav/Com-** in GTM. In addition, we are also developing an avionics plan to replace and standardize our fleet avionics going forward. As well as ordering the G5's/Nav Com, we are installing two new 406 Mhz. ELT's to complete our fleet conversion from 121.5 Mhz. ELT's. Upon completion of the upgrades to GTM, the Club will be increasing the hourly rental cost a small amount for GTM to reflect the more modern avionics package.

**2. On-line “Shop” -now on RFC website.** We are pleased to add to our website the ability to purchase, Gift Certificates (in any denomination) as well as Discovery Flights/Pilot for an Hour experiences. Members will also be able to “load their RFC account” from the convenience of home or your mobile device. Please visit our website and have a look/try the “Shop” features and share with your friends.

**3. Staffing changes-**Farewell to **Matt Skwara** who has accepted a position as First Officer on a Beech 1900 with North Caribou Air. Thanks for your service to the RFC Matt.

Welcome back to **Dave Atkinson** who has returned to Regina from B.C. and will re-join our Instructor ranks! Dave is a Class 2 Instructor with 4,500 hours and will shortly be accepting both new Private, Commercial and Multi-Engine students.

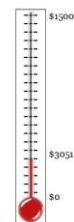
Also, the Club has been advertising for 1-2 Flight Instructors to replace those who have left recently for other aviation jobs. The increased demand for commercial pilots and instructors is causing the Club to think differently on how we can attract and retain instructors going forward. More to come.

The Board is currently conducting interviews of a number of candidates for the Business Manager position and hope to announce the new Business Manager in the near future.

**4. Pilot Lounge-**Construction is progressing with electrical rough-in starting next. Capital campaign is also progressing with us having raised \$3,051 or 20% of our \$15,000 target. Great thanks to the following donors!:

McNair Business Development Inc.	\$1,000.00
Michael Harrison	\$ 300.00
Ken Etter	\$ 500.00
Jim Goldie	\$ 501.00
Wayne & Greg Runyon	\$ 250.00
Rick Barks	\$ <u>500.00</u>

**Total to date** \$3,051.00



**5. Co-Pilot Course-**Beta testing is now complete and we are delighted to offer this course to interested individuals. Standard course includes one hour ground briefing and three hours in yours or our aircraft.

This can easily be tailored to your desires and promises to make you a more comfortable and knowledgeable Co-pilot. Call our office at 306 525-6194 to book your course today.

**6. Open house-** Date changed to Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7. New Staff member-** Jessalyn Spooner- Summer Student Ramp attendant. Jessalyn is attending Jamestown University on a Wrestling Scholarship.



**8. Congrats-** to Solo and License recipients!

**First Solos**



FIRST SOLO!!  
July 12, 2017  
Jill Becker  
Instr: R. Grubb

Jill Becker



FIRST SOLO!!  
July 7, 2017  
Jeff Boutilier  
Instr: M. Meehan

Jeff Boutilier



FIRST SOLO!!  
July 7, 2017  
George Brown  
Instr: R. Grubb

George Brown



FIRST SOLO!!  
June 16, 2017  
Justin Bruch  
Instr: R. Grubb

Justin Bruch



FIRST SOLO!!  
July 7, 2017  
Jeff Bugera  
Instr: M. Meehan

Jeff Bugera



FIRST SOLO!!!  
June 12, 2017  
Brent Smith  
Instr: M. Meehan

Brent Smith

**Private License**

Jayvee Olfindo

**Multi Engine**

Marielle Caron

Rylan Grubb

**Multi IFR Renewal**

J.T. Marx

**9. RFC Member Survey-** Thanks to those who took a few moments to share your thoughts about your Club with us. 355 surveys were e-mailed out and 73 were received. We will share the salient points of your comments in the near future.

**10. Member Benefits-** Don't forget your RFC membership provides preferred pricing at Enterprise Rent-a- Car, Days Inn, and Home Inn and Suites. RFC discount code for Enterprise is LC63186 and the Hotel discount code is 00003940.

**11. Next Private Pilot Groundschool-** starts Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please share with those who may be interested.

**12. Upcoming Seminars/Socials**

**“RFC Pub night”-**August 10<sup>th</sup> 18:30-22:00 hours

**“Engine and Aircraft Maintenance-What the pilot needs to know”** with Shamus Lee and Jason Power of Prairie Flying Service- Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM RFC hangar.

**“How to purchase an Aircraft- Selection, Management and Costs”-** Presented by Tom Ray- Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM RFC Classroom

**“Pilot Decision Making and Risk Management”-** Presented by Mike Meehan- Date and time TBD.

**“Aviation as a Career”** Information session for those interested in finding out more, and registration for fall Groundschool- Date being determined-Watch our website.

**13. RFC Logo short sleeve shirts-** Mens and Ladies. Embroidered RFC shirts (like Instructors wear) are available as per the attached. Cost is \$44.95 each + Taxes. Colours available as shown but exclude **#480 Blue** which is reserved for Instructors and staff. Sample sizes will be at the office shortly.

To order, please e-mail the office at [reginafly@sasktel.net](mailto:reginafly@sasktel.net) with your size, colour and quantity by July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will place the order following that date.

**14. Old Esso sign refurbished-**Sincere thanks to Degelman Industries, Jim and Lorrie Legendre, Mark Meadows, Ken Etter and Jim Goldie!

**15. Wheels “n” Wings Lottery-** Tickets available at the office. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$70,000.00. Tickets \$50 ea or 3 for \$100.00. Proceeds to the Aviation Museum and Learning Center, Saskatoon.

**16. RFC on Foreflight.-** If you use Foreflight, check out our featured ad under FBO’s (Fixed Base Operators) at CYQR. Feel free to add a comment on our service. (hopefully positive!)

### **17. President’s Message-July**

I am pleased to provide my second update as the Club’s President.

We continue to make progress on a number of fronts in support of the implementation of our 2017 Business Plan. I look forward to soon being able to announce our new Business Manager who will continue with the work that Rick has started as Interim Business Manager.

There is some great flying weather this time of the year yet our fleet of planes is being underutilized so please consider enjoying some flying this summer, or contact us if you need a refresher or check out. Also, we are looking to improve our availability of flight

instructors...both for private ratings and for advanced instruction. The return of Dave Atkinson will be of great help. Welcome back Dave!

I am excited about the commitment to upgrade the avionics of our fleet, over time.

The flight school needs more students and we can use your help promoting “Aviation as a Career.” We will be undertaking a campaign shortly to promote our services as a Flight School, ideally we would like to have two Ground Schools starting this fall.

Our pilot lounge “project” has slowed however it’s still our intention for completion, we need more capital donations to keep the project going.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we will be updating our bylaws to reflect a more modern Club over the next few months, and we will be looking to improve our financial stability. Plus I will be looking to set up a long term strategic planning committee to think about “what do we want to look like in 10 years.” This will be an ad hoc committee and only need to meet 2 or 3 Saturday mornings for some brainstorming in the fall. This group will help to inform the Board and the executive on some longer term issues and opportunity. E-mail me if you are interested in participating.

The Club can also use some help with so many initiatives underway, let me know if you are in a position to help us through some good steps forward over the next few months and to position the Club going forward.

I welcome feedback and advice at any time. Blue skies!

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