# REGINA FLYING CLUB







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# AIR SCOOP

# **APRIL 2013**

# WINGS NIGHT - MAY 11, 2013

On Saturday, May 11, the Regina Flying Club will present Pilot Wings to all pilots who have received a rating or license since May 2012. Awards will also be presented at this time to outstanding graduates and the RFC Special Award recipients. The Guest speaker is yet to be confirmed. All pilots who have received any license or rating since last May will receive a special invitation by mail. Get a group together and help us congratulate everyone on their achievements!

# OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 9, 2013

Write this date on your calendar. The Regina Flying Club Open House will take place on **Sunday**, **June 9**, **2013**. The Open House will feature an array of both great static aircraft and aviation displays. The displays will open at 10:00 a.m. with rides beginning earlier. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the show!

# RECURRENCY SAFETY SEMINAR

All pilots who fly as PILOT IN COMMAND of aircraft are required to complete a TWO year recurrency training requirement as noted in Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). COPA is hosting a Recurrency Safety Seminar at the:

ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE 1600 Elphinstone Street SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013 9:00AM – NOON

Topics included will fulfill the two year recurrency requirement for pilots. Regina Flying Club instructors will be presenting again this year. There will be \$15.00 cost to cover the recurrency seminar and the soup and sandwich to follow. Please preregister as soon as possible by phoning Rem Walker at 306-352-6442. Send your \$15 cheque to:

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#### **AIRCRAFT CHANGES**

The Regina Flying Club fleet has seen significant changes recently. C-GWXQ, the oldest and highest time C-150, has been sold. C-GWPG, the C-172R, has been taken off lease. The 180hp C-172, C-FXZB, is now renting for the same price as WPG. It has a great radio package, auto pilot with altitude hold and about 15 knots faster.

# **GROUND SCHOOL STARTS**

A new cycle of Private or Recreational Pilot Ground School will begin on Monday, April 15 and will meet every Monday and Wednesday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

April 15 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight

May 13 - Meteorology and Navigation

Sept. 16 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight

Tell your friends that Ground School starts Monday, April 15 and be sure to bring them in!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So, is anyone else tired of the snow yet! That said, the flying weather hasn't actually been that bad for this time of year. It's been colder than usual, but relatively clear and calm.

With spring comes the Regina Flying Club's annual sustaining members meeting. In the Regina Flying Club, sustaining members are responsible for nominating and electing your Board of Directors. This year, three board positions were up for reelection. I wish to congratulate Jim Moser, Ken Etter, and Frank Schuurmans on their re-election to the board.

Club Members, please mark April 18 in your calendar to attend the Regina Flying Club Annual General Meeting. It will be held at 19:00 in the RFC classroom.

With the relatively early sunsets, what a perfect time to complete a night rating. Flying at night can be truly enjoyable, and the great visibility and smooth air make those cross country flights extra enjoyable. Talk to one our instructors about the requirements for a night rating, and get started tonight.

As I looked through the airshow calendars for 2013, I saw that Minot is planning their airshow again on July 4 this year. Unfortunately the July 4 U.S. national holiday is on a Thursday this year, but if anyone wants to take this day off and use it as an opportunity to have a little mentoring on flying into and out of the U.S., let me know at <a href="mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca">president@reginaflyingclub.ca</a>. There are other pilots in the club who have gone through the process before and are willing to help you through it the first time. Flying into the U.S. doesn't have to be intimidating, and having someone ride along the first time who has done it before helps. Don't wait until the last minute though, the first time takes a few weeks to get everything organized.

Speaking of places to fly, an update just came in to the RFC Facebook group that the Brandon Air Show will be on August 24, and they are hoping to get CAF B-17 'Sentimental Journey' for the day. That promises to be a real treat. Keep an eye on the Facebook group and the RFC bulletin board in the classroom for other fly-in opportunities this summer.

For those who flew and loved our Cessna 150, WXQ, I'm sorry to report that she has been sold to a couple of Regina pilots who will give her the TLC she needs in her later years. WXQ had the highest number of hours on the airframe, but somehow still managed to be the fastest 150 in the fleet....perhaps due to some slight hail damage to the wings. I'm sure the new owners will give her a good home and take good care of her.

Until next time, fly safe!

Keith Bjorndahl President - Regina Flying Club

#### **NEW MEMBER INCENTIVES**

Our current members are our best sales people bar none. Your promotion of the Regina Flying Club is what has kept us going all of these years.

As an incentive for a current member to bring in a new member, the following rewards are in place:

For a new member who gets the full ground school package and a membership – One Free Solo Hour in a Cessna-172 to the current member!

When that same member completes his or her First Solo – One More Free Solo Hour in a C-172 for the recommending member!

When that same member completes his or her Private License – Another Free Solo Hour in a C-172 for the recommending member!

When a current member brings in a new Commercial, Multi or IFR student from another flight school – More Free Hours in the C-172, talk to Tom.

If you fly the C-150 or the twin, an equivalent credit will be put on your account. Help us make 2013 a Great Year for RFC!

#### BRIAN FINDLAY MEMORIAL FUND

Brian Findlay, a long time member and past employee of the Regina Flying Club, passed away suddenly several years ago. Brian is missed as a controller, pilot, teacher and friend. So that others may know and remember Brian, his friends have created the Brian Findlay Memorial Award, to be presented annually to a Regina Flying Club instructor who demonstrates a high degree of dedication to his/her students and a high degree of professionalism in his/her work. The award will consist of a permanent trophy plus an annual plaque and cash award. Donations may be sent to:

Brian Findlay Memorial Fund 2274 Baldwin Bay Regina, SK, S4V 1H2.

Tax receipts will be issued. This award is presented at the annual Wings Night of the Regina Flying Club.

# **STAFF CHANGES**

Recently, there have been no changes to the Instructional staff. Mike, Jeanie, Aaron, Josh, Tom, Dave and Jim still fly the aircraft. Matt, Mike H., Kurtis and Jamie do the ramping. Tanys works on the aircraft and Cindy keeps us all in line or at least attempts to.

#### **NEW FUELING PROCEDURES**

The Regina Flying Club is out of the fuel sales business. As many of you know already, Esso will no longer pump into our fuel tank. Shell has the same policy. Wholesale fuel dealers from out of province won't service us because of our small tank volume. Lancaster fuels (West Wind and Shell's bulk dealer) will give us some fuel once every 3 or 4 weeks if there is enough demand in this area of the province for them to make a trip from Saskatoon.

Esso is now doing our fueling into-plane at an extra cost of course. This "no fueling storage tanks" is a national policy made-in-Toronto so there is no way we are going to get an exception or change their mind.

What is necessary is for our renters, students and instructors to be patient with our new system while we get used to it. Plan ahead and let us know what fuel volume you will need. Usually we will be filling the aircraft to ¾ unless requested otherwise, ahead of time. With the emergency fuel we have in our tank, we will fill the occasional RFC airplane if Esso can't come over for an hour or two. Typically, we will have Esso over between 8-9 am and 2-4 pm. These times are not carved in stone but depend on the airline schedule and whether Esso is available or not. Private aircraft will have to make their own arrangements for fuel. If you arrange to have your airplane out on the north side of the hangar, we may fill it when if we are fueling our aircraft.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 RFC HANGAR CLASSROOM 7:00 p.m.

**Everyone Is Welcome!** 

### **CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!**

Congratulations to the following pilots on their recent achievements:

#### FIRST SOLO

#### PRIVATE LICENSE

Yolanda Marx Brandon Oberdorfer Marral Thomson Brandon Oberdorfer

#### **NIGHT RATING**

#### **MULTI RATING**

Foster Brunanski Carly St. Onge Adam Schellinck Kurt Schindel

# **NEW FIRST SOLO STUDENTS**



FIRST SOLO!!! March 27, 2013

Yolanda Marx Instr: J. Phillips

# **NEW FIRST SOLO STUDENTS**



FIRST SOLO!!! Feb. 14, 2013

Brandon Oberdorfer Instr: J. Patterson



FIRST SOLO!!! Marral Thomson March 2, 2013 Instr: J. Patterson

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