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AIR SCOOP

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DEPARTING THE FIX – ALMOST

Tom Ray, who has been the General Manager of the Regina Flying Club since 1994, has decided to step down as General Manager. For those who have been involved with the RFC for a while you will know Tom as a “FIXture” around the Club. Tom was a part-time Instructor in the late 1970s, joined the RFC as a full-time Instructor in 1990 and was then appointed General Manager in 1994. During his time as General Manager Tom has also held the positions of Chief Flight Instructor and Operations Manager/Chief Pilot. Although Tom is stepping down as General Manager he will continue to contribute to the success of the RFC in the role of Operations Manager/Chief Pilot for our aerial work and air taxi operations. The RFC certainly acknowledges and sincerely appreciates the significant effort that Tom has put in and will continue to put in to making the RFC the quality flying services organization that it is. Thank you Tom!

NEW MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE – RFC

With Tom Ray stepping down Dave Atkinson has been appointed by the Regina Flying Club as General Manager effective March 10, 2014. Dave has been associated with the RFC since 1981 when he started training towards his Private Pilot License. In 1984 Dave became a part-time Instructor and Charter Pilot and performed in that role for a couple of years. In the late 1980s Dave commenced a period on the Board of Directors of the RFC and for 1992 and 1993 was the President of the RFC. In 1997 Dave returned part-time, commenced full-time in 2001 and returned to part-time in 2005. Prior to commencing full-time with the RFC in 2001 Dave completed a 25 year career with the Saskatchewan public service in senior management and leadership roles in Human Resource Management and Labour Relations.

NEW MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE – RFC (cont.)

With these changes the management and operational structure of the RFC is:

General Manager – Dave Atkinson
Chief Flight Instructor – Dave Atkinson
Operations Manager/Chief Pilot – Tom Ray
Office Administrator – Cindy Wilson
Maintenance Coordinator – Tanys Sheelhaase

Instructors are Mike Meehan, JT Marx, Josh Patterson, Kurt Schindel, Lindsay Bowers and Jim Thompson. Mike Meehan and JT Marx are also Charter Pilots.

Ground Services staff are Jamie Fitzel, Mike Humeny and Matt Costella.

JIM THOMPSON – NEWS

Jim Thompson has been a part-time Instructor and Charter Pilot with the RFC since 1993. Jim is also a pilot with Saskatchewan Government Executive Air Service and currently is their Chief Pilot. As of April 1, 2014 Jim will be taking over as head of Saskatchewan Government Air Ambulance. With this new assignment Jim will still maintain his part-time Instructor association with the RFC. Congratulations Jim.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

At the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Corporation, elections were held for three Director positions for three year terms. Bill Thorn and Al Bateman were re-elected and Eric Peterson was newly elected. Bill Thorn was also elected to the position of Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

Regina Flying Club - Board of Directors

2014- 2015

President	Keith Bjorndahl
Vice-President	Bill Thorn
Treasurer	Jim Moser
Secretary	Ken Behl

Past-President	Bill Thorn
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Board Members	Al Bateman Ken Etter Doug Keam Eric Peterson Frank Schuurmans
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So, is anyone else tired of the cold yet! I think we're all about ready for spring now - not having to plug aircraft in over night - not having the inside of the airplanes frost up while we taxi. I'm sure better weather is just around the corner!

I'd like to take a moment to welcome Dave Atkinson as the new General Manager of the Regina Flying Club. As many of you know, Tom Ray decided to step down as GM, but remains at the head of our charter operations. Dave has some big boots to fill, but we are all confident in his ability to help make the RFC all that it can be and more. Thanks to Tom for his many years of hard work as GM.

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 re-election. I wish to congratulate Eric Peterson on his election to the board, as well as Bill Thorn and Al Bateman on their re-election to the board. Many thanks to Jim Goldie for all his hard work on the board over the last few years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE(cont.)

Club Members, please mark April 17 in your calendar to attend the Regina Flying Club Annual General Meeting. It will be held at 19:00 in the RFC classroom.

Our annual Wings Night will be held on May 10. Please attend to support our new pilots and those progressing on to more advanced ratings.

We hope to have a night selected for our next 'Movie Night' soon. Watch the RFC Facebook page and your inboxes for an invitation coming soon.

With the still 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 of our instructors about the requirements for a night rating, and get started tonight.

Until next time, fly safe!

Keith Bjorndahl
President - Regina Flying Club

RECURRENCE/SAFETY SEMINAR - COPA

In accordance with the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) in order to legally fly as pilot in command of an aircraft all pilots are required, within a two (2) year time period, to complete a recurrent training program. One of the means to meet this currency requirement is to attend an approved recurrent training program specifically designed to update pilot knowledge and which includes human factors, meteorology, flight planning, navigation and regulations subject matters. On April 26, 2014 COPA Flight #4 will be holding a seminar that meets the CARs requirement. The information for the seminar

is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, April 26
WHERE: Royal United Services Institute
1600 Elphinstone Street
TIME: 9:00 – 12:00 (noon)
COST: \$15.00

Regina Flying Club senior Instructors Tom Ray and Mike Meehan will be presenting at the seminar again this year. Lunch is included. To pre-register forward payment as soon as possible to Rem Walker, 2348 Garnet Street, Regina, SK, S4T 3A2. Rem can also be contacted at (306) 352-6442.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO PILOTS

There are numerous authorizations, tests and bits of paperwork for pilots to successfully navigate through in order to attain or maintain their license. In regards to some of these the Regina Flying Club provides services to pilots. Specifically the RFC provides the following: Radio License Testing and issuance, English language proficiency testing (part of aviation license issuance requirements) and pilot verification for issuance or renewal of the aviation document booklet. Tom Ray is the authorized person (AP) for radio license testing and issuance and for English language proficiency testing. Both Tom and Dave Atkinson can provide pilot verification for issuance or renewal of the aviation document booklet.

Pilots whose aviation document booklet is about to expire are advised to initiate the renewal process at least two months in advance of the expiry date. This timing is recommended due to the length of time it takes Transport Canada to process applications.

WINGS NIGHT – MAY 10, 2014

Our annual celebration of flying, pilots and RFC member contribution will be held on Saturday, May 10. This annual celebration will acknowledge all

pilots who received a license or rating in the previous year, will present several outstanding pilot achievement awards and will recognize members and their significant contribution to the success of the RFC. All pilots who received a license or rating in the last year will receive a special direct invitation to this year's event. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend to help us celebrate.

OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 8, 2014

Another important date to mark on your calendar is Sunday, June 8...our annual Open House. The RFC Open House is organized and conducted to invite the local public to have a firsthand experience and encounter with aviation. The event will bring together numerous aviation related organizations from the aviation community and will showcase the Regina Flying Club as the central focus of general aviation in Regina. As in past years the 2014 event will include several aircraft on static display and the RFC will be providing airplane rides throughout the day. The event organizing committee will be looking for volunteers to help prepare for and work during the day. If you are interested and can give some of your time to help out let us know in the office and we will ensure that the organizers are made aware of your interest and ability to help. Thanks.

NEW GROUND SCHOOL – APRIL 14, 2014

The last cycle of Private/Recreational ground school before the summer break starts April 14 and goes to June 11. The next ground school will start on September 15. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning to fly and obtaining their permit or license please let them know about us...we would be extremely pleased to meet with them and get them started. The RFC has incentives for members who refer new students to us. Contact the office for more information about these incentives.

POTENTIAL IFR GROUND SCHOOL – SPRING

We are in discussions and pursuing putting on an IFR ground school this spring. The plans are being worked on and it would be organized and presented in a three (3) day workshop format (Friday to Sunday). One of the objectives will be to prepare participants for successful writing of the INRAT Exam (Instrument Rating Examination). As more information becomes available we will let you know. As we consider this school, let us know if you might be interested....that will help in our planning. Thanks.

RFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING – APRIL 17, 2014

WHEN: Thursday, April 17
WHERE: RFC Classroom
TIME: 7:00 pm

All members are welcome!

CONGRATULATION PILOTS!

FIRST SOLO

Troy Stengler
Dustin Biesenthal

PRIVATE LICENSE

Ashley Balysky
Matt Saul

COMMERCIAL LICENSE

Gui Shi

NIGHT RATING

Nick Fox
Richard Line
Yolanda Marx
Matt Saul
Mark Teulon

MULTI RATING

Justin Bryksa

IFR INITIAL

Gui Shi

INSTRUCTOR RATING

Alexey Klimov

IFR RENEWAL

Marc Elder

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FIRST SOLO PICTURES



FIRST SOLO!!! Dustin Biesenthal
Feb. 25, 2014 Instr: J. Patterson



FIRST SOLO!!! Troy Stengler
Feb. 7, 2014 Instr: M. Meehan

