

# REGINA FLYING CLUB



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## AIR SCOOP

### JANUARY 2011

#### **HANGAR RENOVATIONS ONGOING!**

The Regina Flying Club has been in a renovation process for several months now. The second part of the hangar reconstruction has commenced. The roof was recovered back in the fall. The south wall refurbishing began a couple of weeks ago. The old siding has been removed (along with the snow), parts of the wall have been repaired and currently the supports are being installed for the new metal siding and insulation.

In the classroom, the old heating duct has been removed and the ceiling repaired and recovered. The classroom has been painted as well as the back briefing room. The carpet in the back office is being replaced in the next month as well. Many thanks to Ken Etter, Jim Goldie, Al Bateman, Ken Behl and Keith Bjorndahl for their work on the classroom and briefing room.

#### **YOUR 2011 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE!**

Unless you renew with the Regina Flying Club now, your membership will lapse and you will not be able to book an aircraft online.

#### **THIS IS YOUR LAST NOTICE!**

Keep your privileges of membership!

**IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A MEMBERSHIP  
CARD SENT TO YOU OR HAVE NOT PICKED  
ONE UP, YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YET!**

This will be your last newsletter until you renew!

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

**KEEP YOUR ONLINE PRIVILEGES!**

Regina Flying Club  
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2010- 2011

President	Bill Thorn
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General Manager	Tom Ray
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### **NO AIR CADETS IN 2011!**

The Regina Flying Club received notification recently that the air cadets will not be returning to Regina next summer. Winnipeg, Steinbach, Medicine Hat and Red Deer schools are the recipients this year. The Regina Flying Club received air cadet students last in 2009. The runway renewal project next summer probably affected the decision.

### **GROUND SCHOOL STARTS**

A new cycle of Private or Recreational Pilot Ground School will begin on Monday, Feb. 14 and will meet every Monday and Wednesday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

February 14 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight  
March 14 - Meteorology and Navigation  
April 18 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight

Tell your friends that Ground School starts Monday, February 14.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

If you have not been by the hangar in the past few weeks, you will be in for a surprise!

The work on replacing the damaged areas of the south wall, and the insulating and re-cladding have finally begun! Before long, we will have a very different looking hangar - at least from the outside. As you may recall, the roof was replaced last fall. Once the wall work is completed, the renovations will be complete for now. We would still like to replace the main hangar doors, however this may need to wait for a few years in order to raise the funds.

The clubhouse sale has been completed. As you may have heard, the building was purchased by Gary Redhead, who intends to build a new hangar for his fleet of aircraft on the site. While this does bring to a close a two year process, not to mention a piece of RFC history, it was necessary to preserve our main building and operations. You will likely see work on that site begin in the spring.

As you likely heard, we had an incident earlier this month with KGF putting down in a field in white-out conditions. We are all thankful that the pilot, one of our instructors, was not injured and took appropriate actions to ensure his safety. Aircraft can be replaced or fixed, people cannot. Pilot safety is always our first and foremost concern. In this case, the aircraft was significantly damaged, and Tom reports that it will be written off by the insurance company. Our plans are to replace it, likely with another C-172 without retractable gear. While KGF was a good cross-country machine, the maintenance costs on balance with the real need for complex single do not support acquisition of another similar aircraft. We do hope, however, to find a C-172 with a larger engine and capacity that will bring us close to the performance of KGF.

As you might have guessed, the poor weather has hampered our training and rental operations, resulting in a slower than normal winter. Please take advantage when the weather does break, and continue your training or rental flights. I am sure it will pick up soon, but we do have some ground to make up for many grounded days due to wind, snow and poor ceilings.

If you have had aspirations to become a board member please be sure to see Tom at the hangar and attend the Sustaining members meeting at the hangar on March 24. This is your opportunity to get directly involved in the strategic management of the RFC. Likewise, the AGM is coming up on April 21 and is open to all members to learn about the past year, plans for the coming year, and to ask any questions of the board and management. Please make plans to attend.

Fly safe!

*Bill Thorn*

### **NEW LICENSE REMINDER**

Have you got your new Canadian Pilot License yet? The application and details on applying are available at the Regina Flying Club office or at this website:

[http://www.tc.gc.ca/wwwdocs/Forms/26-0726\\_0811-02\\_BO.pdf](http://www.tc.gc.ca/wwwdocs/Forms/26-0726_0811-02_BO.pdf)

Your old format license is no longer valid. Get your medical and renew today.

### **COPA REFRESHER**

COPA will be sponsoring a Pilot Refresher/Recurrency on April 2, 2011 at the United Services Institute! Watch the March Airscoop for details.

### **AIRCRAFT CHANGES**

C-GSWM, one of our high time C-150's is being replaced by another C-150 of similar vintage but with about 8,000 hours less total time on it. This aircraft will also be called C-GSWM as we deregistered the older SWM. The early SWM is being parted out. The newer and better radios of the old SWM have been moved to the new model. The new SWM is just about ready to roll out of the shop and should be on line in a week or two.

RFC is also on the hunt for two lower total-time C-172's, one similar to GTM and the second with a 180 hp conversion. Now that the clubhouse has been sold, we can replace LJU. There has been much discussion about the replacement for KGF, our 172RG, but the consensus seems to be leaning to a fixed gear, C-172/180 with a good radio package.

### **JOHN LOVELACE SASK. ADVENTURE**

John Lovelace of "Wings Over Canada" fame, is planning an all Sask. Aircraft Adventure this summer. This week long trip could involve up to 100 aircraft in Northern Saskatchewan. If you are interested, check out the poster in the RFC office or go to:

[www.crosscanadaflight.com](http://www.crosscanadaflight.com)

### **ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011  
RFC HANGAR  
7:00 p.m.**

## WINTER FLYING TIPS

Included in the November edition of the Airscoop was our annual WINTER FLYING TIPS. Now that we have felt more winter, maybe everyone will read the tips included in it. If anyone needs another copy, drop into the office or email us with your request.

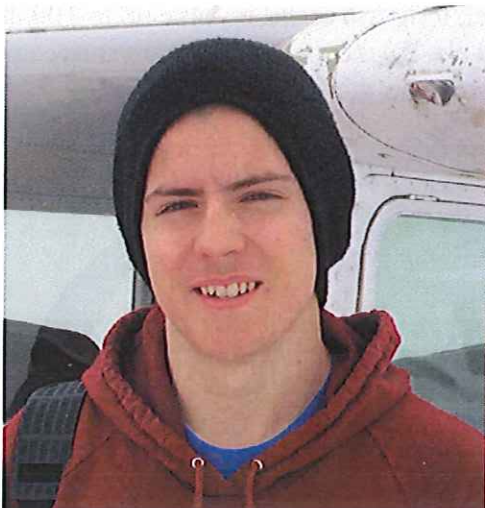
## PILOT ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST AIRSCOOP

### FIRST SOLO

Justin Bryksa  
Scott Gullacher  
James McCusker

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

### NEW FIRST SOLO STUDENTS



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
Jan. 6, 2011

Justin Bryksa  
Instr: J. Zaporzan



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
Jan. 25, 2011

Scott Gullacher  
Instr: J. Zaporzan



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
Jan. 21, 2011

James McCusker  
Instr: J. Zaporzan

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