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AIR SCOOP

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RFC ONLINE BOOKING UPDATE

Genav Systems, our online booking provider, recently updated our system to accept more Web Browsers than the current Microsoft Explorer. Microsoft Explorer still remains the browser of choice for our booking system but if you use a Mac product or are unable to access our system through Explorer, now you have an option. If you currently have a codename and password, they may be used on the new system. If you are currently flying and would like to access the system, drop into the office and Cindy or Tom can put you in the system and give you the necessary information to enter online.

Complete instructions were emailed to current members of the Regina Flying Club. Following is the address to access the new online booking system:

booking.genavsystems.com

Both addresses will be posted on the website soon. Call the office if you have any questions!

YOUR 2013 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!

A CURRENT LIST OF 2013 MEMBERS IS BEING KEPT AT THE FRONT DESK! THERE WILL NOT BE MEMBERSHIP CARDS ISSUED THIS YEAR.

This will be your last newsletter until you renew!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

KEEP YOUR ONLINE PRIVILEGES!

Regina Flying Club Board of Directors

2012-2013

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GROUND SCHOOL STARTS

A new cycle of Private or Recreational Pilot Ground School will begin on Monday, Feb. 11 and will meet every Monday and Wednesday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

February 11 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight March 11 - Meteorology and Navigation April 15 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight

Tell your friends that Ground School starts Monday, February 11.

Our best salespeople are our members!

NO AIR CADETS IN 2013!

The Regina Flying Club received notification recently that the air cadets will not be coming to Regina next summer. Winnipeg, Medicine Hat and Red Deer schools are the recipients this year. The Regina Flying Club received air cadet students last in 2009.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we launch into 2013, we look forward to a good year, good flying weather, lots of students, and safe flying for all. Last year, in spite of an early spring, many days of low ceilings, wind, and rain presented challenges to the club, our students, and our members. This fall and winter haven't been much better, but we're all holding out hope for better flying days to come as we start looking forward to spring. Make sure that when the weather is good that you take advantage, book a plane, and go flying. It's hard to stay current this time of year, so take advantage of the good days when they come.

When the good days come, booking an aircraft is easier than ever. Previously, our on-line booking really only worked for users of Internet Explorer, but bookings can now be made using any reasonably modern browser. Just go to http://booking.genavsystems.com to book your flight. Special thanks to board director Al Bateman for working with our vendor to install this upgrade.

As we move towards spring, what better time to think about a night rating. The long nights and short days provides an excellent opportunity to earn this rating, and still be home before too late. Contact one of our instructors to get started.

When I first travelled across the border in to the U.S., I was glad to have along another pilot who was familiar with the process. In 2012 three RFC pilots took advantage of my offer to go along with them on first time flights in to the U.S. For those who are not comfortable crossing the border and dealing with U.S. and Canada Customs, talk to any of our instructors at the Regina Flying Club, and I'm even willing to make the trip with you if you feel more comfortable having someone along who has gone through the process a few times. You can contact me at president@reginaflyingclub.ca.

As spring starts to get closer, keep an eye on the Regina Flying Club's Facebook group and the bulletin board in the classroom for fly in breakfasts and other opportunities to stretch your wings. In talking with some of our members, there also seems to be some interest in more social flying at the club, maybe some group trips or poker derbies, things like that. One idea currently on the table is a trip to the amazing Wetaskiwin aircraft museum. If anyone has any ideas or is interested in helping plan some of these types of activities, please contact me at president@reginaflyingclub.ca.

Details regarding the club's 2012 year will be made available at our Sustaining members meeting in March, and the AGM in April. Thank you to Tom and the entire RFC staff for all of their hard work during the year!

Our Sustaining Members meeting is coming up on March 19 at 19:30 in the Regina Flying Club classroom. All Sustaining Members are encouraged to attend. At this time, the Board of Directors will be elected for the coming year. The Annual General Members meeting is scheduled for April 18. All members are asked to attend. This is your opportunity to hear details of the business side of the club, ask questions, and offer your thoughts and ideas. I hope to see you all there in April!

Keep May 11 open on your calendar for the RFC's annual Wings Night. Come welcome the new pilots in to the aviation family, trade stories, plans, and dreams about flying, and meet the family and friends who support our newest pilots in their aviation dreams.

Thank you once again for your support in 2012 and all the best for a safe, prosperous and happy 2013!

Keith Bjorndahl President - Regina Flying Club

COPA REFRESHER

COPA will be sponsoring a Pilot Refresher/ Recurrency on Sat., April 27, 2013 at the Royal United Services Institute! Mike Meehan and Tom Ray will be presenters. Put it on your social calendar! Watch the March Airscoop for more details.

ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERS MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 RFC HANGAR 7:30 p.m.

(following a 6:00 pm Board Meeting)

WINTER FLYING TIPS

Included in the November edition of the Airscoop was our annual WINTER FLYING TIPS. Now that we have felt a lot 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

PRIVATE LICENSE

Shawn Delgaty

Tim Ayre Steven Chernick Greg Doti Sreeja Molletti Jason Plumb Stephen Thompson

COMMERCIAL LICENSE

Lindsay Bowers

NIGHT RATING

MULTI RATING

James Clare Kurtis Schindel Lindsay Bowers Alexey Klimov

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

UPDATE ON THE TAXI PROCEDURES

It has been a year now since the Regina Airport has incorporated the new taxi and run-up procedures.

We can't emphasize enough that this manner of taxiing first and then getting a clearance is unique to Regina and should not be used at any other controlled airport.

Following are some reminders to pilots flying out of Regina. Before moving from the hanger line or any other apron used for general aviation parking, first listen to the ATIS, 127.0, for current information and secondly monitor Ground Control on 121.9 before beginning to taxi. The following diagram shows the taxi and run-up areas.

When you taxi out without communicating with Ground Control, if you encounter another small aircraft on taxiway Charlie, be sure to pull well to the right. There is room for both aircraft to taxi. If you encounter any aircraft larger than one of ours, like a Sask. Government King Air, inbound or outbound, move to the right and do a 180 degree turn on the taxiway and go back to an apron.

It is also important to do your run-ups where marked and not restricting movement of larger aircraft in and out of Apron 2 or to and from Taxiway Charlie. Ask your favourite instructor if you need clarification.

If there is traffic on the main apron and you wish to cross, don't hesitate to confirm with Ground that it is okay to cross. If you see that you need to hold on either side of the apron, tell Ground that you will hold for the other traffic. If there is a situation where you wish to do a run-up other than the normal place for the runway you are going to use, just request it from Ground Control. The moral of the story, if you are doing or want to do anything out of the ordinary, COMMUNICATE!

FIRST SOLO PICTURES



FIRST SOLO!!! Dec. 29, 2012

Tim Ayre Instr: M. Meehan



FIRST SOLO!!! Steven Chernick Jan. 21, 2013 Instr: J. Phillips



FIRST SOLO!!! Jan. 26, 2013

Greg Doti

FIRST SOLO PICTURES (cont'd)



FIRST SOLO!!! Nov. 28, 2012

Sreeja Molleti Instr: J. Phillips



FIRST SOLO!!! Dec. 10, 2012

Jason Plumb Instr: M. Meehan



FIRST SOLO!!! Jan. 12, 2013

Stephen Thompson Instr: M. Meehan

