

REGINA FLYING CLUB



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AIR SCOOP

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OPEN HOUSE 2012 – A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all the members and staff who helped make the Regina Flying Club's Open House 2012 a success. This year's features included a new catering service with proceeds to a school trip, simulators for the kids (big kids too), popcorn for our charity and the usual array of aviation clubs and organizations.

The variety of static aircraft this year was next to none. Vintage Wings brought in their Stearman for the whole weekend. Todd Lemieux put his vintage warbird, the T-28 on display. An experimental CT-114 Tudor was also on the ramp. Locally owned aircraft present included the RCMP Pilatus, STARS helicopter, Air Ambulance King Air 200, Provincial Airways (Moose Jaw) Turbine Thrush, Prairie Flying Service Navajo, a Amphibious Caravan, a Cirrus, a Falco, a Cessna 182, and one of RFC's C-150's.

Many thanks to the Open House Coordinator, Al Bateman. His efforts leading up to the day made it the success that it was!

GROUPON SOLD WELL

The Regina Flying Club took part in a Groupon Promotion in June and it was very successful. With General Manager Tom expecting well less than 100 in sales, we sold over 280 hour-long flights. To date over 75 flights have been made with the Groupon clients. Hopefully, some of the many purchasers will get bitten by the aviation bug and join our September 10th Ground School.

XZB COMPLETED

C-FXZB, the 180 hp C-172, is finally back on line with its new radio package. A Garmin 430 WAAS GPS and Bendix King KR87 ADF are the new additions. The auto pilot is coupled with the VOR, ILS and GPS. As well as being IFR certified, it flies the fastest (125 kts), the farthest (50 gal. usable) and carries the best useful load (974 lbs) of all the singles in the fleet.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer is well upon us, and the flying club is bustling with activity.

After a long break getting some avionics upgrades, our 180 HP 172 is back on line. It now has a KR87 ADF receiver and a Garmin 430 WAAS GPS, coupled to the autopilot with GPS Steering. It is now very well positioned as a cross country machine and equipped nicely as an IFR trainer. Come on by and check it out.

When planning those cross country flights, keep in mind the club has a Garmin 496 with XM weather as a rental option. For those of you who are not familiar with the XM aviation weather service, it shows you satellite images, weather radar, METARs and TAFs, lightning, and other services while you are in flight. On a long cross country, the situational awareness provided by having the weather information overlayed on the navigation information really is a game changer. Ask any of our club instructors for a demo and consider it for your next cross country flight.

You may see more visitors than usual at the club. The RFC recently used GroupOn to promote flying in Regina. With well over 200 packages sold, the club has an opportunity to introduce many new potential pilots to aviation. The wide eyed 10 year old going for their first flight may be an eager student a few years from now. If you see them, make them feel welcome and talk up the wonders of general aviation!

Fly in breakfast season is well underway, and when the weather cooperates, they have been quite well attended. The Lemberg fly in breakfast is Saturday Aug 11. If you want to find out about these events in time to attend, join the Regina Flying Club group on Facebook and we'll keep updates coming there, as well as on the bulletin board in the classroom as usual. COPA Flight 4 (Regina) also keeps a calendar of events.

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GROUND SCHOOL STARTS

A new cycle of Private or Recreational Pilot Ground School will begin on Monday, Sept. 10 and will meet every Monday and Wednesday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

September 10 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight
October 8 - Meteorology and Navigation
November 12 - Air Regulations and Theory of Flight

The Sept. ground school is usually well attended and may require two sets of classes, so it is best to phone in advance and reserve a seat.

I've had three pilots take me up on my offer to show them the ropes regarding flying in to the United States. All were from Regina to Minot and back. Would you like to fly into the U.S., but not sure you are ready to tackle all of the process, paperwork, fine print, etc. involved with making a border crossing? If you are interested, I can arrange a cross border flight with mentors who have done the trip before. If you are interested in this, email president@reginaflyingclub.ca or post a note in the Regina Flying Club facebook group.

Fly safe!

Keith Bjorndahl

President-Regina Flying Club

STAFF CHANGES

There are a couple of staff changes, both ramp and instructor. Brad Dykstra has joined us to be the evening ramp attendant for the summer. Brad just finished high school and plans on attending SIAST in January. His did get his Private License last year through air cadets.

Josh Patterson started as an instructor for us in July. Josh has done all his training with RFC and did attend SIAST. Welcome to the Regina Flying Club team, Josh and Brad.

BUSY FLY-IN TIME OF YEAR

For those of you who are Canadian Owners and Pilots Association members, you will know how busy the Fly-In activity is right now. COPA sends out notices of Fly-In breakfasts, barbecues and just about anything aviation related. These events highlight Fly-In's from all the Prairie provinces and adjacent states. The Regina Flying Club will post all the individual notices in the Flying Club classroom, as they are received. Drop in and see if there is one you and some friends may be interested in attending.

FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

Pilots N Paws Canada is a non-profit charity that connects general aviation pilots with responsible Canadian rescue groups and shelters to help in the adoption process for animals at risk of being destroyed. Volunteer pilots under their program help move animals from areas they are threatened, to areas that their chances of adoption are increased, thereby reducing the number of healthy animals killed every year because no-one could or would care for them.

If you are interested, check out this website:

pilotsnpawscanada.com

PILOT ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST AIRSCOOP

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MacKenzie McMillan
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PRIVATE LICENSE

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NIGHT RATING

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FIRST SOLO PHOTOS



FIRST SOLO!!! MacKenzie McMillan
June 22, 2012 Instr: M. Meehan



FIRST SOLO!!! John Schulte
June 18, 2012 Instr: M. Meehan