

# REGINA FLYING CLUB



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## AIR SCOOP

### JULY 2014

#### TRAINING AREA (SOUTH) – PROCEDURE

Up to this time the unofficial procedure and practice when flying in the training area south of Regina has been to stay on and monitor Tower frequency once ATC clears our aircraft en-route. Recent events have come into play where we have had to look at this matter and consider a more formal policy and a change to our communication procedure for flight training and RFC flights in the Regina training area.

Effective immediately the policy and procedure for communication in the training area south of Regina shall require RFC pilots, once cleared to en-route by ATC, to switch to en-route frequency (126.7) and monitor 126.7 while in the training area. The procedures are as follows:

- once cleared en-route by ATC switch to 126.7
- on 126.7 broadcast your aircraft, location (position and altitude) and intentions for flight in the Regina training area
- monitor 126.7 while in the training area
- if need be communicate with other RFC aircraft in the training area on 126.7

- upon departure from the training area switch to Regina ATC Tower frequency (118.6) and inform them of your aircraft, location and intentions

Also, a reminder, if you intend to conduct a flight in the south training area you must receive and retain on board a training area section card and conduct your flight within the boundaries of that section.

If you have any questions please check with an Instructor....thanks.

#### WEBSTER TROPHY COMPETITION RFC PARTICIPANT

The RFC is pleased and proud to say that we have a participant in the annual Webster Trophy Competition this year....Matt Skwara. Matt is currently enrolled in the SIAST Commercial Pilot Diploma program and is working to achieve his Commercial Pilot License this summer before he returns to the second semester of the SIAST program in Saskatoon in September. You may have seen the recent article in Leader-Post where Matt was interviewed.



For those RFC members who are not familiar with the Webster Trophy competition it is held annually to determine the top amateur pilot in Canada and is sponsored by Air Canada. Matt will be competing in August at Kitchener-Waterloo. Please join us in wishing Matt all the best in the competition...good luck Matt.

### **C-FXZB (C-172) – UPDATE**

The new engine for XZB will be here soon and we should have the aircraft back with the fleet at the end of July or the beginning of August. We will keep you informed as to the status of things.

### **MAINTENANCE MANAGER NEW APPOINTMENT**

We are very pleased to announce that Tanys Scheelhaase has been appointed as Maintenance Manager and Person Responsible For Maintenance (PRM) for the RFC and its operations. Tanys's appointment meets the Canadian Aviation Regulations with respect to maintenance operations under the Flight Training Unit and Commercial Services provisions. Tanys has been in the Maintenance Coordination and Quality Assurance roles with the RFC since 2011, has extensive aircraft maintenance experience and is highly regarded in the local aviation community. Please join us in welcoming Tanys to the new role.

### **NEW PART-TIME FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR – ALEXEY KLIMOV**

Alexey Klimov has joined our staff as a part-time Instructor. Alexey received his Instructor Rating with the Regina Flying Club this spring and will provide flight training to assigned trainees. Alexey worked for the RFC as a ramp attendant for a time when he was working on his Commercial Pilot License and Instructor Rating and we heartily welcome him to our Instructor staff.

### **TRANSPORT CANADA – PROGRAM VALIDATION INSPECTION (PVI)**

We have been informed that Transport Canada will be conducting a program inspection of our operations in August (August 18-22). The RFC management team (Dave Atkinson, Cindy Wilson, Tanys Scheelhaase and Tom Ray) will be working together over the next several weeks to prepare for the inspection. There should be no interruption to our services and operations while we prepare for and during the inspection.

### **RFC POKER DERBY**

The RFC Poker Derby is set for August 10. Recently you may have received a copy of the event poster. The event was a fun filled and enjoyable experience last year. The RFC will be holding a ground briefing for all RFC members who rent RFC aircraft to participate in the derby. The briefing will include a review of uncontrolled aerodrome regulations and procedures and soft/rough field take-off and landing procedures. If you plan to rent a RFC aircraft and participate in the derby we will be including you in the briefing. Have Fun!

#### **Regina Flying Club - Board of Directors 2014- 2015**

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## **PRESIDENT REMARKS**

Welcome to summer everyone, and all of the opportunities to fly that it brings. June was wet....very wet, but July is shaping up to be a much better month for flying.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2014 Wings Night. What a privilege it was to spend an evening with our newly licensed pilots, and help celebrate the achievements of so many club members. It was especially nice to be able to give outgoing GM Tom Ray a gift on behalf of the board of directors, and allow him a moment to say a few words.

For those who were able to attend our annual open house, it was a great day up until the weather started to act up. I would like to thank all of the exhibitors who were able to attend to show off their hobbies, aircraft, and models. Thanks also to the air cadets who helped with the flight simulators and other tasks during the open house. Proceeds from this year's open house went to the Big Brothers association, which also operated the concession stand at the open house keeping us all fed and watered.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or the bulletin board in the classroom for fly-ins throughout the summer. The season is already in full swing with Brandon MB the weekend of July 18 and Russell MB, always popular with RFC members, on July 27.

Also coming up is the Regina Flying Club Poker Derby on August 10. This is a chance to fly to some local airports you may not have visited before. It is also the same day as the Lemberg Fly-in Breakfast, so you can stop there and get your first cards and join the derby from there. Other airports on the list are Regina/Aerogate, Disley, Moose Jaw Muni, and Odessa/Strawberry Lakes. For more information, see the Regina Flying Club Facebook page, or email [pokerderby@reginaflyingclub.ca](mailto:pokerderby@reginaflyingclub.ca)

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. So far in 2014, two more 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](mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca).

Have a fun and safe summer, and take a friend flying.

Keith Bjorndahl  
President - Regina Flying Club

## **NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

A reminder about the RFC new member incentive program. There are incentives for a current member who introduces a new member to the RFC. The introducing member is eligible for free flight time at certain milestones: when the new member signs up for membership, ground school and purchases the ground school kit; when the new member achieves their first solo and when the new member achieves their permit or licence. For more information about this program and how you can participate please contact the office.

## **CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!**

### **FIRST SOLO**

Rylan Grubb

### **PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE**

Matt Skwara  
Iram Adam

**CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS! (cont.)**

**INSTRUMENT RATING (INITIAL)**

Reagan Schroeder  
Justin Bryksa

**VFR OVER-THE-TOP**

David Fowler

**NIGHT RATING**

Greg Salmers

**FIRST SOLO**

