# REGINA FLYING CLUB







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# AIR SCOOP

### **MARCH 2012**

#### WINGS NIGHT - MAY 12, 2012

On Saturday, May 12, the Regina Flying Club will present Pilot Wings to all pilots who have received a rating or license since May 2011. Awards will also be presented at this time to outstanding graduates and the RFC Special Award recipients. The Guest speaker is yet to be confirmed. All pilots who have received any license or rating since last May will receive a special invitation by mail. Get a group together and help us congratulate everyone on their achievements!

#### OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 3, 2012

Write this date on your calendar. The Regina Flying Club Open House will take place on **Sunday**, **June 3**, **2012**. The Open House will feature an array of both great static aircraft and aviation displays. The displays will open at 10:00 a.m. with rides beginning earlier. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the show!

#### RECURRENCY SAFETY SEMINAR

All pilots who fly as PILOT IN COMMAND of aircraft are required to complete a TWO year recurrency training requirement as noted in Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). COPA is hosting a Recurrency Safety Seminar at the:

ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE 1600 Elphinstone Street SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012 9:00AM – NOON

Topics included will fulfill the two year recurrency requirement for pilots. Regina Flying Club instructors will be presenting again this year. There will be \$15.00 cost to cover the recurrency seminar and the soup and sandwich to follow. Everyone must pre-register by April 28, 2012 by phoning Rem Walker at 306-352-6442.

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#### **AIRCRAFT CHANGES**

The Regina Flying Club fleet has seen little change recently. C-GYQR, the newest C-172, is running well and receiving good utilization. The only change on the horizon is for the 180hp C-172, C-FXZB. We are planning to install a Garmin 430W and Bendix King KR87 ADF to the radio stack. C-FBFM will be off line April 2-16 to have the propellers overhauled.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, what a great spring it has started out to be. The snow is mostly gone, and the weather has allowed us to start the spring with more flying hours per month than we have seen for a couple years now.

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 Ken Behl and Jim Goldie on their re-election to the board, and I welcome Doug Keam as he returns to the board after some time away. We also say goodbye, for now, to board member Doug Wilson, and thank him for his support on the board over the past years.

With the unseasonably warm temperatures and 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 our instructors about the requirements for a night rating, and get started tonight.

As I looked through the airshow calendars for 2012, I saw that Minot is planning their airshow on July 4 this year. Unfortunately the July 4 U.S. national holiday is on a Wednesday this year, but if anyone wants to take this day off and use it as an opportunity to have a little mentoring on flying into and out of the U.S., let me know at <a href="mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca">president@reginaflyingclub.ca</a>. There are other pilots in the club who have gone through the process before and are willing to help you through it the first time. Flying into the U.S. doesn't have to be intimidating, and having someone ride along the first time who has done it before helps. Don't wait until the last minute though, the first time takes a few weeks to get everything organized.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to our newest member of the RFC staff. Meet Maverick, the Regina Flying Club's new mouser.



He's young and still has a thing or two to learn from Oakey, but under the watchful eye of the RFC staff and cats, I'm sure he will do just fine.

Until next time, fly safe!

Keith Bjorndahl President - Regina Flying Club

#### BRIAN FINDLAY MEMORIAL FUND

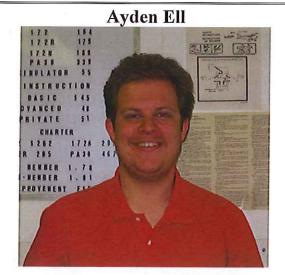
Brian Findlay, a long time member and past employee of the Regina Flying Club, passed away suddenly several years ago. Brian is missed as a controller, pilot, teacher and friend. So that others may know and remember Brian, his friends have created the Brian Findlay Memorial Award, to be presented annually to a Regina Flying Club instructor who demonstrates a high degree of dedication to his/her students and a high degree of professionalism in his/her work. The award will consist of a permanent trophy plus an annual plaque and cash award. Donations may be sent to:

Brian Findlay Memorial Fund 2274 Baldwin Bay Regina, SK, S4V 1H2.

Tax receipts will be issued. This award is presented at the annual Wings Night of the Regina Flying Club.

#### **STAFF CHANGES**

Recently, there have been no changes to the Instructional staff. Mike, Jeanie, Aaron, Paul, Tom, Dave and Jim still fly the aircraft. Ayden Ell has joined Matt, Mike H. and Alexey on the ramp. Ayden is a Private flight student. Tanys works on the aircraft and Cindy keeps us all in line.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!**

Congratulations to the following pilots on their recent achievements:

#### FIRST SOLO

Travis Amor Dallas McDowell Thomas Hall Jay Power Siegfried Wenninger

#### **PRIVATE LICENSE**

Dan Ballard Mark Fischbuch Richard Line Moriya Ryota Kurt Schindel

#### **NIGHT RATING**

Steven Glas Michael Mainil Mark Silzer

#### **MULTI RATING**

Derek Klassen
Josh Patterson
Jill Suderman
Davis Varin
Francois Vermeulen

#### **COMMERCIAL**

François Vermeulen

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 RFC HANGAR CLASSROOM 7:00 p.m.

**Everyone Is Welcome!** 

## **NEW FIRST SOLO STUDENTS**



FIRST SOLO!!! Jan. 31, 2012

Travis Amor Instr: A. Zerr



FIRST SOLO!!! Feb. 8, 2012

Dallas McDowell Instr: J. Phillips



FIRST SOLO!!! March 5, 2012

Thomas Hall Instr: P. Kane



FIRST SOLO!!! Jay Power Feb. 4, 2012 Instr: J. Phillips



FIRST SOLO!!! Feb. 28, 2012

Siegfried Wenninger Instr: M. Meehan