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AIR SCOOP

MARCH 2011

WINGS NIGHT – MAY 7, 2010

On Saturday, May 7, the Regina Flying Club will present Pilot Wings to all pilots who have received a rating or license since May 2010. Awards will also be presented at this time to outstanding graduates and the RFC Special Award recipients. The Guest speaker is Desmond Brophy. Des grew up in Regina, son of a previous RFC Chief Flight Instructor and is an ex-CF-18 and an F-16 pilot. 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 5, 2011

Write this date on your calendar. The Regina Flying Club Open House will take place on **Sunday, June 5, 2011**. 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!

RECURRENCE 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, APRIL 2, 2011
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 as soon as possible by phoning Rem Walker at 306-352-6442.

COPA Flight 4
2348 Garnet Street
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2010- 2011

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AIRCRAFT CHANGES

C-GSWM, one of our high time C-150's has been replaced by another C-150 of similar vintage but with about 8,000 hours less total time on it. This aircraft is also 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 should be fully operational by the time you read this.

RFC also purchased a 180 hp Cessna 172. There was much discussion about the replacement for KGF, our 172RG, but the consensus seemed to be a fixed gear, C-172/180 hp with a good radio package rather than an RG. So that is what we got. The new C-172, C-FXZB, was acquired in Canada and is low time, good condition and well equipped. We are also adding a Garmin 430W to the radio stack. Other features include an STec auto pilot with altitude hold and a stormscope. Once SOS Avionics do the Garmin install, it will be ready to go.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you seen the "new" hangar?

After almost three years of planning and work by the board, the essential repairs to the hangar are finally complete! Our home has a new roof, and the south wall has been repaired. The look of the hangar is very different. While these repairs were absolutely necessary, we still hope to replace the remaining walls and the doors in the near future. But, for now, we can enjoy an at least partially renovated RFC hangar.

While the renovations to the hangar are indeed wonderful, we did say goodbye to a piece of RFC history over the past couple of weeks as the clubhouse was torn down to make room for a new hangar to be built by Gary Redhead. For much of the past 27 years, the RFC Clubhouse has been the home to many a Saturday night cabaret, banquet, stag, and wedding reception – not to mention many Wings Night celebrations, board meetings, COPA refreshers and countless other events. It was a difficult decision to sell the building to fund the hangar repairs, but it was a necessary one to maintain the core operations of the club. I know some of the longer-term members have many memories of the clubhouse. It served the club well.

As part of the renovations and sale of the clubhouse, the board has also negotiated a new lease on the hangar property with the Regina Airport Authority. This process was necessary to facilitate a small mortgage on the hangar that was needed to complete the renovations and maintain the full operations of the club. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Board member Frank Schuurmans who was lead on this initiative. Franks expertise was invaluable in ensuring that the needs of the club were well represented during the negotiations. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the RAA for their work and partnership in building the new agreement. We look forward to many more years of being a part of

the growth of the airport and aviation in southern Saskatchewan.

There are a few dates to note in your calendars in the coming weeks:

The Sustaining members meeting will be held Thursday March 24 at the hangar. All Sustaining members are urged to attend as this is when the board members will be elected.

The entire membership should attend the AGM scheduled for April 21, also at the hangar. You will hear the rundown of the past year at the RFC and have opportunity to ask questions and offer your suggestions regarding the operations of the club. I do hope to see you all there.

After a one year hiatus, our Open House is scheduled for Sunday June 5, 2011. We will have a nicely renovated hangar to show off, as well as many displays and aircraft on site. For the past few years, former RFC board member and President Chuck Hood has spearheaded the organization of much of the Open House. However, since our last Open House, Chuck has moved away from Regina and it is now longer feasible for Chuck to remain as the key Open House person on a long-term basis. As such, Al Bateman has offered to take over Chuck's role and oversee the Open House in conjunction with the RFC Board and management. I would like to thank Chuck for his work and dedication to the Open House, and the RFC through his many years of service to the club, and to Al for taking over the Open House lead role. Stay tuned for more information about the big day in the coming weeks.

This Airscoop report marks my last as President of the Regina Flying Club. I will be stepping down from the Board Chair position at the Sustaining members meeting later this month. While serving as President of the Regina Flying Club has been one of my greatest honours and experiences, I believe that it is important to have change in the Chair from time to

time in board situations, and with the hangar renovations winding down, I feel that it is the right time to hand things over to a new President. I hope to remain in the board to continue working with the Club and building a strong and successful operation. Thank you to all the board members both past and present, the membership, and Tom and his staff for your support over the past eight years. You are all colleagues, friends, and professionals of the highest order!

Fly safe!

Bill Thorn

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, none of the Regina Flying Club Instructional staff has changed but there is an addition on the horizon. Aaron Zerr does his Instructor ride in the next few days and will be hired as soon as he completes it. With Aaron moving to the instructional staff, there will be a day open on the ramp staff but Cody Geiger has already said he would pick up the extra day. We still have Matt, Cody, Brett and Mike on the ramp.

NEW GARMIN 496 WITH WX

The Regina Flying Club has purchased a new Garmin 496, yoke mount, XM Weather capable GPS. This radio is movable from aircraft to aircraft and can be booked and rented when you feel like you the extra capability. We will also be using it on charter flights where there may be a need.

The Garmin 496 has excellent colour graphics, altitude alerts, airspace alerts, obstacle warnings as well as weather capability. The weather pictures include all types of weather pilots need to avoid. An excellent addition to aircraft capability.

CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!

Congratulations to the following pilots on their recent achievements:

FIRST SOLO

Dan Ballard
Mitch Dougall
Josh Madden
Guo Shi

NIGHT RATING

Abe Friesen

IFR RATING INITIAL

Jared Banick

ANNUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERS MEETING

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

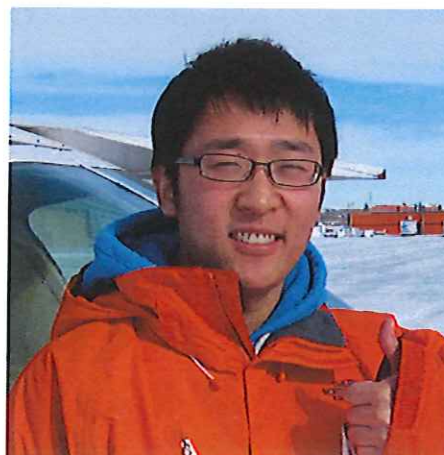
**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
RFC HANGAR CLASSROOM
7:00 p.m.**

Everyone Is Welcome!

NEW FIRST SOLOS STUDENTS



FIRST SOLO!!! Dan Ballard
Feb. 9, 2011 Instr: J. Beaver



FIRST SOLO!!! Guo Shi
Feb. 27, 2011 Instr: J. Beaver



FIRST SOLO!!! Mitch Dougall
Feb. 22, 2011 Instr: Mike Meehan



FIRST SOLO!!! Josh Madden
March 9, 2011 Instr: M. Meehan

