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AIR SCOOP

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UPDATE ON FLYING ACTIVITIES

For our flying activity in the period December, January and February there was some positive and some less so. In those three months we flew a total of 504 hours, up from a total of 410 hours for the same period last year. We are certainly weather dependent during those months and on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff we sincerely thank all students and flying members for their support of the Regina Flying Club through their flying activities....thank you.

PRESIDENT BJORND AHL DEPARTING FOR B.C.

You may know by the time of this publication that Keith Bjorndahl, President of the Regina Flying Club, is leaving for employment opportunities in Victoria, B.C. Keith is a highly experienced pilot and a long-time member of the RFC and Board of Directors. His contribution to the success of the RFC over the years

is appreciated and will be missed. We wish Keith and his wife Val all the best in their new location. Vice-President Bill Thorn will assume the duties of President until Board elections.

RFC SUSTAINING MEMBERS MEETING – MARCH 17, 2015

The annual meeting of the Sustaining Members of the Regina Flying Club will be held on March 17, 2015. RFC Sustaining Members are responsible for providing advice, guidance and feedback to the Board of Directors in its role of governing and managing the RFC and to elect persons from their group to the Board of Directors to carry out that role. If you would like further information about Sustaining Membership please contact the office or any of the Board of Directors. Closer to the meeting date further information will be communicated to the Sustaining Members.

RFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING – APRIL 23, 2015

The RFC annual General Members meeting (AGM) will be held on April 23, 2015. The meeting is for the Board of Directors to communicate directly with the members of the RFC regarding the operations over the past year and the plans and outlook for the future and it is an opportunity for all members to seek and obtain information and understanding about RFC operations, activities and issues. Also, at the AGM the General Members elect members from their group who are eligible to be elected to Sustaining Member status. If you would like further information about the AGM please contact the office or any Board member. Closer to the meeting date further information will be communicated to the Members.

UPDATE – RFC AIRCRAFT

Recently an opportunity presented itself to sell C-GCBC. We accepted the inquiry/offer to purchase and as of February 19, 2015 CBC is sold and is no longer part of our fleet. CBC had been with the RFC since 2000 and was primarily used in the back-up role when we needed an additional C-150 for flight training. The sale was made to a local pilot so you still may see the unique airplane out and about and around the airport.

Management is actively pursuing options to acquire a replacement engine for C-GGTM. GTM is still running and functioning well but the engine is coming up due for overhaul. We hope to be able to put in place a replacement plan very soon and be able to implement it with minimal aircraft down time.

UPDATE – RFC STAFF

Very suddenly we have had substantial events and changes regarding our Instructor staff. In this business such turnover on the Instructor side of things is not unusual but recent events have certainly been unique for the RFC.

With regret we have said farewell to Instructors Lindsay Bowers and Kurt Schindel. Both of these exceptional young people have been offered flying positions that are a progression for them in regards to pursuing their aviation career. Lindsay will be flying First Officer on King Air medevac for a company in Whitehorse, Yukon and Kurt will be flying aerial survey in a Navajo for a national airborne survey company operating throughout Canada. We sincerely wish Lindsay and Kurt all the very best.

Currently part-time, Instructor Alexey Klimov will convert to full-time status with us effective March 7. We have had the plan in place for Alexey to move to full-time for a while now. We are also actively pursuing other Instructor Rating candidates to ensure that we have a resource plan in place for the future.

During this transition period, along with Alexey converting to full-time, part-time Instructor JT Marx will increase his available time with us. As well Tom Ray, Operations Manager and Dave Atkinson, Chief Flight Instructor will add to the instruction resources available to serve our customers. Part-time Instructor Jim Thompson will be available as well.

For the next week or so we will be working hard to contact all students affected by the staff changes and set up revised arrangements regarding their flight training. We thank you very much for your patience and understanding as we work through this period.

OPEN HOUSE – 2015

The date for this year's Open House will be June 7. Along the way we will provide you with more information about this exciting annual event put on by the RFC. If you have any questions about the Open House please contact the office. If volunteering to assist the organizing committee in its planning, preparation and delivery of Open House is of interest to you, also please let us know.....thanks.

RECURRENCE-SAFETY SEMINAR

Again this year COPA will be holding the recency-safety seminar that meets Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) requirements for pilot recency within the last 24 months. The seminar information is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, April 25
WHERE: Royal Regina Golf Club
5401 11th Ave.
TIME: 09:00-12:00
COST: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Seminar presenters will be Mike Meehan and Tom Ray of the RFC. For more information about the seminar and to register, please contact the COPA representative Wayne Runyon at grunyon@accesscomm.ca.

Regina Flying Club - Board of Directors

2014- 2015

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CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!

Since our last communication in November the following students have achieved significant milestones in their flying:

FIRST SOLO

Gautier Arcoutte	Pouriya Asari
Anu Bharthi	Kael Fenniuk
Shane Flaman	Greg Kletchko
Lincoln Tulloch	

PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE

Leon Byker	Greg Doti
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Evan Seeber	

NIGHT RATING

Kevin Pare

MULTI

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IFR (Initial)

Colby O'Dow	Kurtis Schindel
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IFR (Renewal)

Shane O'Neil

FIRST SOLO



Gauthier Arcouette

FIRST SOLO (Cont.)



Pouriya Asari



Anu Bharthi



Kael Fenniuk



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