

# REGINA FLYING CLUB



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## AIR SCOOP

### MAY 2011

#### OPEN HOUSE 2011

The Regina Flying Club will be presenting our annual **Open House 2011 on June 5th**. This year's version of the Open House will feature aircraft rides over the city, lots of static aircraft and aviation clubs. Our featured Canadian military aircraft will be an original Harvard. Our new coordinator this year, Al Bateman, has more aircraft coming than he is sure he has room for. The list will be long and varied.

Every local aviation club and interest group will be present. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Bring your friends!

#### NEW RCO FREQUENCY

Not long ago we told you that the FIC, Flight Information Centre, had moved from Edmonton to Winnipeg. If you check your current Canada Flight Supplement, you will see that the FIC now has a new Remote Communications Outlet frequency of 123.55. You may now open and close your Flight Plans and Itineraries locally on that frequency. Happy Flying!

#### RFC WINGS NIGHT - MAY 7

The Regina Flying Club presented its 56<sup>th</sup> annual **WINGS NIGHT** to honor all the graduates from the Club in the past year. The highlight of the evening was a very entertaining talk by Desmond Brophy. Desmond has flown the CF-18, the F-16 while on loan to the U.S., and numerous aircraft as a test pilot. His presentation was spell binding. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all at the Royal United Services Institute.

Award winners for the evening were as follows:

Highest Private Pilot Flight Test – Logan Cross  
Highest Private Written Exam – Larry Aitken  
Highest Combined Private Mark – Chad Michel  
RFC Advanced Pilot Award – Lindsay Bowers  
Regina Airport Authority Career Pilot Award  
- Francois Vermeulen  
Brian Findlay Memorial Award (Instructor Award)  
- Jennifer Beaver  
RFC Distinguished Service Award – Bill Thorn  
R. J. Groome Award – Jim Moser

Later pages list our graduates to date for this year.



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2011- 2012

President	Keith Bjorndahl
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## **LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

I'd like to start by saying how honoured I feel to be elected President of the Regina Flying Club. The club has such a long and rich history of flight training and service to Saskatchewan, and I am delighted to be part of that history.

I joined the RFC in 1986 while attending university and I obtained my private pilot's licence in the fall of that year. Some of the instructor names in my log book take me back to those early days, names like Grace Duke, Trevor Bachiu and Al Thompson. I got my night rating a year later, and spent the next 14 years actively flying the RFC singles. Well, actively may be a stretch, but I managed to stay current. It was around 2002 that I decided to 'kick it up' a notch. I felt that my flying was getting, well, lazy. I spent a lot of time those days flying in uncontrolled airspace towing gliders, and my radio work was getting a little stale. Altitudes and headings were just general guidelines. For me, the solution to this was a new goal, the multi-IFR rating. The training with our superior RFC instructors was terrific as I worked

towards that rating. The rating brought a whole new level of understanding to the way the ATC system works, and forced me to fly with precision, plan ahead, be clear in my communications with ATC, and oh, did I say plan ahead?? Being around the RFC presented other opportunities as well, opportunities to volunteer and serve my community. Having been a CASARA (Civil Air Search and Rescue Association) spotter and Navigator for a number of years, in 2003 our General Manager and Chief Flying Instructor Tom Ray checked me out as a CASARA pilot, and I now also serve on the board of directors of CASARA Saskatchewan.

Bill Thorn, I'm not sure how we as a club can thank you enough for your eight years as club president. You have taken us through some challenging times, most recently with the hangar renovations that were so desperately needed. Our roof no longer leaks all over our clean airplanes, and siding isn't falling off the South wall, and we have a fresh long term lease with the Regina Airport Authority. For eight years you led us by example, and there were some hard decisions to make. In the end though, you guided us through those challenging times and helped us find the right decisions. Your considerable skills, knowledge, and business savvy will continue to be a great asset to the club. I look forward to continuing to work with you on the RFC board.

In other news, I'd like all of our members to bring a friend to the RFC Open House this Sunday, June 5. Seriously, just say "hey friend, do you want to see some airplanes at the Regina Flying Club on Sunday?" We have the hangar renovations to show off, and a good many aircraft and static displays as well. Every year, proceeds from the open house are donated to a charity, and this year the charity of choice is the Regina Humane Society, so come by and support them. If you work in an office that permits such things, take a copy of our open house promotion and hang it on a bulletin board:  
[www.reginaflyingclub.ca/openhouse.pdf](http://www.reginaflyingclub.ca/openhouse.pdf)



One way to have some fun with airplanes in the summer is attend some of the numerous fly-ins held around the province and nearby in Alberta and Manitoba. Track down some of your old ground school friends and rent a 150 or 172 and spend some time flying in for some great breakfasts in places like Carlyle (June 26), Tisdale (July 16), and Russell, MB (July 24 - always a popular trip for Regina pilots). Watch the bulletin boards at the RFC for information on events like these, and if you do happen to be a COPA member, they have a calendar on their web site.

Speaking of places to fly to, although Tom and his staff have presented sessions on flying into the U.S. during recent rust remover seminars, some pilots I have talked to around the club are still apprehensive about flying into the U.S. on their own. I know that the first time I flew into the U.S. I was glad to have a pilot with me who had done it before. I would like to try to arrange a group trip into the U.S., perhaps to the Fargo Airshow on August 13. I will need to know in advance how many are interested in such a trip, to match pilots who are experienced with international border crossing with those who are not. A few weeks of lead time is required to get the required customs decals, etc. If you are interested, please drop me an email message at: [president@reginaflyingclub.ca](mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca)

The Regina Flying Club is an organization that supports general aviation in Saskatchewan, and our members include private pilots, pilots who own certified aircraft, experimental aircraft, professional pilots, and others. The Regina Airport Authority (RAA) is hosting an 'Information Meeting' with regards to general aviation. Now to be honest, I don't know how interactive this meeting will be, but if the general aviation community has concerns that they would like brought forward to the RAA, please let me know at [president@reginaflyingclub.ca](mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca) and I will do my best to make those concerns heard.

Remember, it's YOUR flying club. It's only as good as you make it.

Keith Bjorndahl, President  
Board of Directors, Regina Flying Club

## **AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION**

As I write this article, there is construction on the air side of our airport and at the main entrance. The Lewvan is blocked and the only access is on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Not to worry, not long after you receive this, the Lewvan/Regina Avenue entrance will be open again, we hope.

More in the long term, and of concern to our members, is the construction that is being undertaken by the Regina Airport Authority. Work is going to be undertaken to expand the Main Apron, joining it to Taxiway Charlie and resurfacing the main runway, 13-31. The construction has begun and the RAA has done their best to avoid delays and closures in their planning. One of the closures to General Aviation is going to be Taxiway Charlie from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Runway 13-31 is in the plan as well and there is a complex schedule of reduced length usage and complete closure for that runway. Of course, Runway 08-26 will be open but for our type of aircraft, the crosswind may be too much.

It is recommended that you be thorough in checking NOTAMs for restrictions and closures before any flight. If all goes as planned, all the construction will end on Sept. 3, 2011. Next year Runway 08-26 is due for an overhaul.



## **NEW HANGAR NEXT DOOR**

There is a new 14,000 square feet hangar being built next to us. Key West Sports has been sold by Doug Wilson and his trailer should be moved any day. As you know, our Clubhouse was demolished several months ago. Preparation of the site for the new hangar has already begun. Redhead Equipment is putting up the new building. It should be an excellent addition to the hangar line.

## **NEW RFC SIGNAGE**

When you come out for Open House next Sunday, you will notice along with the new wall and roof, the Regina Flying Club has all new signage up on the new wall. The new sign work was done by Prairie Signs.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

Recently, there has and will be several Regina Flying Club Instructional staff and ramp staff changes. John Zaporzan has moved to the bag run at West Wind. Good luck John. Aaron Zerr has joined the instructional staff as promised in the last Airscoop. In mid-June, Curtis Petryshyn will be joining the list of instructors as well. Curtis grew up in Regina, did his Instructor Rating with Tom and taught the last two years as a flight instructor at Confederation College in Thunder Bay. Curtis has moved back to Regina but is currently on his honeymoon. Josh Patterson will return as the evening ramp attendant beginning in June. Josh is between semesters at the SIAST Commercial Pilot Diploma Program. Darryl Saldanha, also between semesters at SIAST, will be doing ramp training and fill in where needed.

## **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.

## **GROUND SCHOOL STARTS**

The next Private/Recreational Pilot Ground School will begin on Monday, September 12 and will meet every Monday and Wednesday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

Sept. 12 - Theory of Flight and Air Regulations  
Oct. 10 - Meteorology and Navigation  
Nov. 14 - Theory of Flight and Air Regulations

## **2011 RFC WINGS NIGHT**

### **Private Pilot Graduates**

Larry Aitken	Ray Arrance
Dan Bjorndalen	Alex Brazill
Lindsay Bowers	Logan Cross
Rob Curtis	Janice Hawke
Torsten Hoppe	Ron Kleim
Laura Lawrence	Trevor Lowey
Chad Michel	Amber Mondor
Corey Reaume	Darryl Saldanha
Ed Snell	Jill Suderman
Marlys Tafelmeyer	Davis Varin
Francois Vermeulen	Iain Wright
Alexey Klimov	

### **Commercial Pilot Graduates**

Sean Horvath  
Aaron Zerr

Gordon Penny

### **Recreational Pilot Graduate**

Kevin Machniak

### **Night Endorsement Graduates**

Brett Bobowski  
Rob Campbell  
Darrell Dickson  
Todd Johnston  
Josh Patterson  
Jill Suderman  
Davis Varin

Lindsay Bowers  
Marielle Caron  
Abe Friesen  
Chad Michel  
Michael Sheidaei  
Sarah Thornton  
Francois Vermeulen

### **Multi Engine Rating Graduates**

Gordon Penny

Aaron Zerr

### **Instrument Rating Graduates**

Brad Godfrey  
Chris Hiles

Jared Banick

### **VFR Over-The-Top Rating Graduates**

Chad Michel

David Kopriva

### **Instructor Rating Graduate**

Aaron Zerr

**Congratulations** to the following pilots on their recent achievements, some since the last Airscoop and others since Wings Night on May 7:

### **FIRST SOLO**

A. J. Brenneman  
Kyle Brisbois  
Jordon Mahrer  
Stephen Moon  
Jason Piesinger

### **PRIVATE LICENSE**

Ray Arrance  
Alexey Klimov

### **REC PERMIT**

Kevin Machniak

### **VFR OVER THE TOP**

David Kopriva

### **MULTI IFR RENEW**

Jennifer Beaver  
Jeanie Phillips

### **INSTRUCTOR RATING**

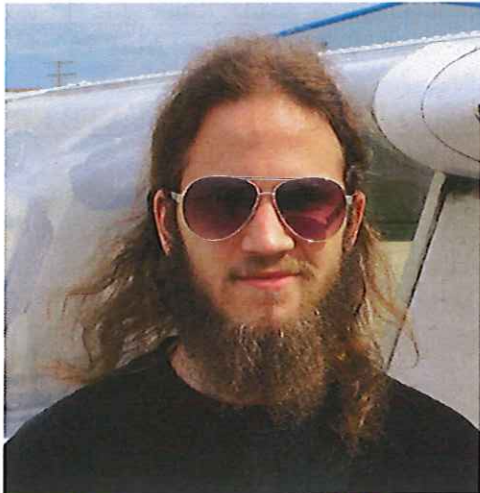
Aaron Zerr

### **SINGLE IFR RENEWAL**

Keith Bjorndahl  
Derek Bosche



## NEW FIRST SOLO STUDENTS



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
May 23, 2011

**A.J. Brenneman**  
Instr: M. Meehan



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
April 16, 2011

**Kyle Brisbois**  
Instr: M. Meehan



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
April 29, 2011

**Jordan Mahrer**  
Instr: J. Beaver



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
April 7, 2011

**Stephen Moon**  
Instr: J. Zaporzan



**FIRST SOLO!!!**  
May 29, 2011

**Jason Piesinger**  
Instr: J. Phillips