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## AIR SCOOP

### NOVEMBER 2014

#### YQR – AIRPORT PLANS

Tenants and operators at YQR airport were recently provided with a briefing on the development and progress of plans for expansion and change. The main terminal building and apron will be expanding northward which will eventually result in the closure of Taxiway Charlie to accommodate the expansion. To replace Charlie a new taxiway will be constructed north of and parallel to the old Taxiway Mike. From this new taxiway a new general aviation finger taxiway will also be built northward. Plans also include a surfacing and expansion of Apron IV (currently the gravel parking area north of Taxiway Charlie) and a surface reconstruction of Apron III (the hangar line apron). Construction will be in stages starting in 2015. We will keep you informed as things progress and the impact on RFC operations.

#### MAIN APRON CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

The primary project is completed with a few wrap-up items to be finished. During this project we have

been conducting our pre-flight engine run-ups on Apron III. Until we have further discussions with airport operations we will continue to perform engine run-ups on Apron III. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

#### WINTER FLYING TIPS

Included in this edition of the AIR SCOOP is our annual Winter Flying Tips publication. Please take a moment to review the information in preparation for your upcoming winter flying. Thank you.

#### ENGINE RUN-UP PROCEDURES

All of our Cessna aircraft have a standard pre-flight checklist. The engine run-up procedure includes setting the RPM at 1700 and performing various system checks. One check is for the mixture which involves pulling the mixture out to cut-off position to identify that the mixture is operating properly, resulting in the engine starting to shut down. If the action of pulling the mixture is carried out quickly and to the idle cut-off position a rapid drop in RMP occurs as the engine starts to shut down due to loss of



fuel. This rapid RPM drop can be hard on an engine. We would like to have pilots amend the mixture check procedure they carry out as they go through the checklist to involve a gradual mixture leaning action as opposed to a full mixture cut-off. With the gradual mixture leaning some drop in RPM will indicate proper mixture operation, after which the mixture can be returned to full rich for the remainder of the pre-flight checks.

Further, the conclusion of the engine run-up checklist has the engine power brought to idle from the 1700 RPM position with an application of carb heat to check that the engine does not stall at idle with the carb heat on. For this procedure we ask that pilots bring the power back to idle in a gradual motion as opposed to a rapid action. This will also help to reduce the stress on the engine with the change from high RPM to idle. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to these items.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

To start with, I'd like to welcome our new students who have started ground school. Our instructors are among the best around, and whether you are commercial pilot bound, or looking at aviation as a hobby, they will teach you to be professional in the way you approach flying. Whether you get paid to fly, or pay to fly, approaching each flight as a professional will make you a safer pilot.

Our weather this fall has been reasonably normal. This time of year we expect the odd day here or there where ceilings or visibility curtail our flying activities. On the days when the weather is good, make sure you take a flight and enjoy those nice days as they come. This time of year, a night rating is one of the most useful tools in the toolbox. Winter flying can provide such smooth air, and the visibility at night can be outstanding. It is a perfect chance to take a friend or three on a night flight for dinner somewhere.

The Regina Flying Club has both a FaceBook page and a group, so make sure to 'like' our page, and we'll use it to share what is going on around the club. Keep an eye out both in AirScoop as well as our FaceBook page for information on upcoming events at the Regina Flying Club.

The first time I crossed in to the United States, I was glad to have someone along who had done it before, and I am happy to help anyone else who might feel the same way. So far, seven RFC pilots have taken me up on the offer and stretched their wings just a little further across the border to Minot. Just email me at [president@reginaflyingclub.ca](mailto:president@reginaflyingclub.ca) and we'll set up a time to make a day trip to the U.S.

As we approach the holiday season, I'd like to wish you all a happy Christmas season. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the RFC, thank you for supporting the Regina Flying Club in 2014 and we wish you all a safe, prosperous, and joy filled 2015.

### **PRIVATE GROUND SCHOOL**

The first session of the ground school year is wrapping up and a new session is starting on November 17. This second session will have the Regulations and Theory subjects covered over the four week period before Christmas ending on December 10 and will recommence on January 5, 2015 with Meteorology and Navigation. If you would like to attend the upcoming ground school session please do so, we would be pleased to have you participate again.



### **COMMERCIAL LEVEL AND INSTRUMENT RATING GROUND SCHOOLS**

Consideration is being given to conducting Commercial level and IFR ground schools in winter/spring 2015. These would be for pilots who want to increase their overall knowledge and flying skill. More information will be provided as details are worked out. If you have an interest in participating in such ground schools please let Dave Atkinson know.

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

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### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

The RFC is your aviation Christmas gift store. We have a selection of great gift ideas including:

Pilot Logbooks	RFC Flight Bag
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RFC Fleece Blankets	Kneeboards
Aviation Clocks	RFC Sunglasses
Electronic Flight Computer	

If there is an item that you would like us to order please let us know and we will do so. Also, we can prepare gift certificates for you if you would like to do that.

### **SPECIAL GIFT OF FLIGHT**

Be a pilot for an hour!! As a special gift for someone who is not a pilot but who may want to experience what it is like to be a pilot and fly an airplane we offer a gift of flight special including an hour flight with an Instructor. The recipient will be provided with a full ground briefing, hands-on control of the aircraft during the flight and an exceptional visual and thrill experience. Please contact the RFC office regarding making arrangements for a gift of flight certificate. The price of this package is \$250.00.

Please pass the word around to help us communicate the availability of this special flight experience. Thanks. Attached is a copy of a poster we have drawn up for this special item.

### **RFC – HOLIDAY HOURS**

The RFC will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

### **CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS!**

#### **FIRST SOLO**

Geoff Barrie	Landon Dohms
Rudy Hernadi	Colin Kostiuik
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#### **PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE**

Dustin Biesenthal	Nathan Blackhurst
Stephen Jensen	

#### **COMMERICAL PILOT LICENSE**

Justin Bryksa	Colby O'Dow
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#### **NIGHT RATING**

Iram Adam	Dustin Biesenthal
Justin Farr	

## CONGRATULATIONS PILOTS! (Cont.)

### **VFR OVER-THE-TOP**

Darwin Olmstead

### **IFR (Initial)**

Davin Emmel

Sreeja Molleti

Richard Reetz

### **IFR (Renewal)**

Sean Bucsis

Brian Gorenson

Shane O'Neil

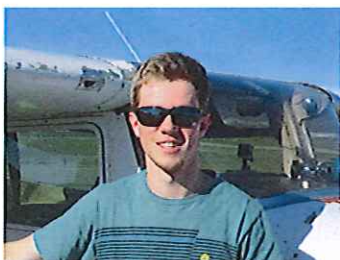
Matt Ryan

Graham Warner

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