

# REGINA FLYING CLUB



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## AIR SCOOP

### SEPTEMBER 2012

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

September is always a refreshing month at the Regina Flying Club. We have many new members who have signed up for pilot training. This September saw 26 new prospective pilots join our ground school. Ground schools are Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday for the next 9 weeks. Welcome everyone!

#### NEW RFC SATELLITE SCHOOL

The Regina Flying Club has applied to set up a part time flight school at the Assiniboia Airport. Lee Mountain is the contact person in Assiniboia and she has several students who have expressed an interest. The plan is to send an instructor and an airplane to Assiniboia several days a week for flight training. We are waiting for final approval from Transport. We will keep you posted on its' progress.

#### CHANGES TO THE NAV CANADA FLIGHT PLAN

November 15, 2012 will see changes to the Flight Plan format you will be using to file your flight plans. This is to comply with the new International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards for flight plans. To see the new changes go to:

[www.navcanada.ca/onboard](http://www.navcanada.ca/onboard).

Most of the changes seem to be centered around the area of equipment codes for the aircraft you are flying. RFC will have the codes for our aircraft soon.

#### NIGHT RATING

By the time this Airscoop is published, legal dark will be 19:14! With the gradual shortening of our days, legal dark is moving earlier and earlier. Now is the time to do that night rating while you can fly early but without the snow and frost. Call your favourite instructor today! If you don't have a favourite instructor, we will find one for you!



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## **GROUND SCHOOL STARTS**

A new cycle of Private and Recreational Pilot Ground School began on Monday, Sept. 10. With a large enrollment, it is now meeting every Monday and Wednesday, as well as on Tuesday and Thursday. Anyone interested could start on the following new topic dates:

October 8 or 9 - Meteorology and Navigation  
November 12 - Theory of Flight and Air Regulations  
January 7 - Meteorology and Navigation

The next new cycle of ground school after Sept. will begin on Monday, November 12.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I'd like to start by welcoming our new ground school students for the Fall 2012 session. Our first rate instructors will give you a great start on what will hopefully be an ongoing journey of building skill and knowledge, whether you are on track to be a professional or private pilot. Make sure you take

advantage of the special ground school rental rate for upper air work while the weather is good.

The Regina Flying Club is privileged to be able to train so many up and coming commercial pilots as part of the SIAST program. Many of the students who were flying with us throughout the summer are back in classes in Saskatoon, and on behalf of the club I want to wish them well in the upcoming semester. Some will be coming back to fly with us more, and some will be moving on to their careers in Aviation, but I wish all of them the best.

Can you believe how good our fall weather has been? If you don't have a night rating now, you're sure missing out on not taking that training now that the sun sets early and the temperatures are still warm. A night cross country flight can be beautiful, challenging, and rewarding, and through the darker winter months the night rating greatly enhances your flexibility with regard to schedule. Contact one of our instructors to get started.

One of the challenges we private pilots have is finding affordable ways to keep flying. Over the years, I have found a number of ways to reduce costs of flying (towing gliders, CASARA), and the newest thing I've stumbled upon is 'PilotsnPaws Canada'. It is an organization that provides us with an opportunity to help our furry friends, and then provides a charitable donation tax receipt for your flight costs. It has only been in Canada for three months, but has been going in the United States for a number of years. Brochures are available at the RFC, or you can check out the PilotsnPaws Canada facebook page or web site at <http://www.pilotsnpawscanada.com>

Speaking of Facebook, if you are a Facebook user take a second to join the Regina Flying Club group. We will post updates on fly in breakfasts, open houses, and other interesting upcoming events there.



Until next time, fly safe, bring a friend along, and keep our aviation community growing!

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### **MAINTENANCE POLICY FOR RENTER PILOTS**

Just a reminder for students and renter pilots, if you have a snag you notice on an aircraft while you are pilot in command, feel free to write it on the pink card so we can deal with it. **Here is the important part: YOU HAVE TO TELL ONE OF THE RFC STAFF AND PUT THE PINK CARD ON TOP OF THE WHITE ONE!** Once we know of a snag on the aircraft we can deal with it in 3 ways: fix it, resolve it or defer it. Just continuing to fly an aircraft with an unresolved snag even though it is minor, is not acceptable. We must resolve it in one way or another.

If a renter pilot is away from base, a minor defect may be deferred by any licensed pilot, but make sure it is minor and not an airworthiness item. If you are not sure, call the Flying Club office (306-525-6194) for assistance.

### **STAFF CHANGES**

There is a small staff change since the last Airscoop. Ayden Ell has decided to move to another position with UPS. Brad Dykstra's position as the evening ramp attendant for the summer has evolved to becoming the Wed./Thurs. ramp attendant replacing Ayden. Brad plans on attending SIAST in January.

The instructor group has not changed at all. Mike, Jeanie, Dave, Aaron, Paul, Josh, Tom and Jim are still available to fly anytime you desire.

### **RFC RENTER POLICY**

Coming soon is a revised set of policies for the renter pilot. Actually, you will see very little change from what has been happening to date. We have just written them down. Once finalized, we will ask all renters to read them and sign off on them. This is all part of the Safety Management System that the Regina Flying Club is implementing in the next couple of months.

### **PILOT ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST AIRSCOOP**

#### **FIRST SOLO**

Shawn Delgaty  
Justin Farr  
Seth Winnipeg  
Mick Ortman

#### **PRIVATE LICENSE**

Eldon Bushell  
Michael Karwandy  
James McCusker  
Jason Piesinger

#### **NIGHT RATING**

Alexander J. Brenneman

#### **COMMERCIAL LICENSE**

Jill Suderman

#### **MULTI IFR INITIAL**

Dallas Erickson

#### **MULTI IFR RENEWAL**

Paul Kane

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

## FIRST SOLO PICTURES



FIRST SOLO!!!  
Sept. 24, 2012

Shawn Delgaty  
Instr: A. Zerr



FIRST SOLO!!!  
Aug. 4, 2012

Justin Farr  
Instr: M. Meehan

## FIRST SOLO PICTURES (cont'd)



FIRST SOLO!!!  
Aug. 30, 2012

Mick Ortman  
Instr: P. Kane



FIRST SOLO!!!  
Aug. 30, 2012

Seth Winnipeg  
Instr: J. Phillips