



The Step

18 December, 2011

2012 BCFA AGM will be at 108 Mile House, July 21-22.

Wheelplanes can land/park @ the 108mi. airport (CZML) and floatplanes can land/park @ the Watson Lake aerodrome, just a couple miles SW of the airport. Shuttle service will be provided, details to follow. You will need to bring your own stakes/rope/etc to secure your floatplane to the beach. Fuel will be available @ both places. Big THANKX to Willy Trinker for your help!

Accommodation @ 108 Resort (next to AGM location) Camping \$25, Rooms \$80-90. We have tentatively reserved 18 rooms, (8) 2 doubles, (6) queens, (4) kitch. suites, and there are 17 campsites. If you need a room, reserve early, if you need a campsite, I'll share mine if you don't snore (or worse) ☺
Phone: 1 800 667 5233. Click: info@108golfresort.com

Speakers/presentations & evening entertainment for Saturday needed.
Please send your ideas to: directors@bcfloatplane.com

Door prizes & Silent Auction are always fun, but of course we need some fun &/or useful items. Please consider donating something! Thanks.

Poker Run is being planned for Sunday after breakfast, first card given w/registration, four more stops to complete your hand(s) with the final stop @ Elkin Lake (NE of Chilco) to determine the winner, and a \$12. lunch!

"Object drop" from your plane on arrival @ the 108mi. strip is being considered, closest to the target will win a prize! No explosives please ☺

We hope that holding the BCFA AGMs in different locations will attract more & different members, and get more communities involved & aware of our organization & all that we do! (Maybe Kamloops next year)

Puyallup Aviation Expo will be on Feb 25 & 26 this year. So far we have 4 Directors planning to attend, about 4 more Members to man the booth would be great. Meet/make friends & see the latest in aviation stuff! Please write to directors@bcfloatplane.com if you'd like to attend/help/enjoy this year. More information at: <http://www.washington-aviation.org/hours.html>

BCFA Logo merchandise will be featured on our website soon, with pictures & prices so anyone can order. The inventory is stored @ Pitt Meadows, and we'd like to have a volunteer or two to look after the orders, and mail them out. If you'd like to help, please email directors@bcfloatplane.com Thanks for your support!

WIN \$75. Worth of Logo merchandise by simply adding some pix or adding a Place To Fly. Trevor has created this "carrot" for you: Between now and the end of February, if you go to <http://www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com> create a photo gallery and add some pictures we will place your name in a draw to win your choice of one BCFA apparel item worth up to \$75. If you add a "Place to Fly" in the Places to Fly section and add a corresponding photo gallery & description your name will be entered **twice**. It is very easy to do and having more pictures and information on the website will benefit everyone. The winner's name will be posted in the March issue of The Step newsletter. G'luck!! ☺

Changes to the Langley Control Zone

I believe you all received an email with the plan, but just so you know, Nav. Canada is doing a study to evaluate the size & shape of the Langley Control Zone. It was mentioned that a reduction in air traffic services may be considered. See the full .PDF file on the web site (under News & Events).

Ross Lake, in Washington

The Washington Seaplane Pilots Association (WSPA) has been successful in creating a mutually beneficial agreement with the National Park Service (NPS). Seaplane access was limited to a small portion of the lake, but an agreement has been reached with the NPS to allow seaplane access to the many cabins & campsites on Ross Lake with consideration for noise abatement. See the document at: www.wa-spa.org and send kudo's to: Stephen Ratzlaff, President of the WSPA, stephen@ratzlaff.co

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Classified ads

Don't forget, you can put a classified ad in here if you have something to "pass on" to another float flier!

All memberships expire as of Dec 31 so it is now time to renew.

Log into www.bcfloatplane.com Once you log in you will see when your membership expires. Look for the button on the left "Pay membership dues" and follow the easy instructions.

This will save you the exasperation of having the membership director sending you letter after letter. I did it so I don't have to send me any more reminders! Also, it's a GoodThing to make sure your contact info is correct, as there will be emails regarding the AGM coming in spring.

See you at 108 Mile House!

Brenda Matas

OR print the following page, & send it to Brenda in Campbell River....



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2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
(Renewals need only fill in name and any changes in data)

New Member ___ Renewal ___ COPA Membership # _____

Title: Mr ___ Mrs ___ Ms ___ Dr ___ Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Aircraft Type _____ Registration _____

Annual BCFA fees: \$40.00

Due Jan 1 of each year.

Method of payment: Cash ___ Cheque ___

(Please remit the \$40.00 BCFA membership by **cash/cheque** payable to
BC Floatplane Association
3753 S. Island Hwy
Campbell River BC V9H 1L7

You may also use your VISA or a PayPal account through the PayPal function on the website www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com

Signature of Applicant _____

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