



The Step

1 June, 2013

Reminder of upcoming BCFA events

This summers flyout is scheduled to be an informal camping trip to Dorothy Lake on the **July 20/21** weekend. Dorothy Lake is east of Chilco Lake. Google map link:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&ll=51.219142,-123.903379&spn=0.044674,0.132093&t=h&z=14>

Consider joining fellow members for a weekend of camping, tales around the campfire, fishing and hiking. Please write to Trevor Brice tbrice@northpacificyachts.com with your intentions to join us & he'll keep you posted!

COPA flyin @ Dawson Creek June 21-23

Larry needs to know how many floatplanes will arrive so he can arrange fuel on Swan lake and transportation to/from the activities. Email kmoody@pris.bc.ca or phone him @ 250 782 0563. Great agenda on June 21 - 23. <http://www.copa2013cydq.com>

Yellowknife flyin 2013 July 12-14

You know that the Yellowknife fly-in is happening again this summer, July 12-14. If you'd like to be included in the shindig this year, write to: Hal Logsdon

logsdon@theedge.ca

Hal writes:

Is there still a group of BCFA members who are interested in coming up for our fly-in July 12-14? If so please have them let me know as we are trying to get a handle on parking, food, etc. Early registration is recommended, as waterfront parking is limited. We certainly do not want to turn away any of our BCFA friends for lack of parking. Lots of parking for amphibians and wheels.

Hal Logsdon

NWT Floatplane Association

Canol Float Plane Tour July 15-16

Then, **Norman Wells, NWT**, is hosting a float plane tour right after, on July 15-16. Wheels or floats at both locations so everyone can attend & enjoy. FREE admission.

Full info: Warren Wright (867) 587-2288 or warren@north-wrightairways.com

BC Parks Projects list is on the website.

If you'd be interested in helping out with various Parks projects & the camaraderie with other BCFA pilots, look under "news & events" on the website to see if there's anything there that appeals to you, & is close enough for you to participate.

Excellent excuse for a fly! If you might be interested in participating, drop a note to Ken Martin & he'll keep you posted: Ps600@hotmail.com

BC Parks lakes applications

We've been preaching (reminding) that application deadline for access to Parks lakes is April 1st, but it's actually May 1st. We always get a couple late requests so hopefully this April Fool Discovery will help in the future! ☺ Website is updated. Also please remember to make notes of what/where/when you see things in the Parks so you can make your report on the website in the fall. Thanks!

Regarding late applications for Parks lakes

We asked for authorization from BC Parks to self-approve late requests from new members wanting to access Parks lakes and this is what we got back from the Operations Director:

"I would prefer to keep the signed off pre-approved schedule closed, but you can tell your members who missed the deadline, that they can apply directly to BC Parks to gain flight access through the BC Parks region office responsible for the protected area. They should ask for the Parks and Protection Section Head position who can review their request and provide final approval.

I hope you will find this solution to work for your and your membership. It might also help send the right message to ensure members comply with the deadline of May 1st as outlined in the partnership agreement."

The Section Heads' names & contact info will be listed on the website.

New SPOT3 Messenger will be announced soon

A couple of new features that are helpful for aviation.

It will have ability to configure a faster tracking interval (the old one was fixed at a 10 minute interval). It will stay in tracking mode until you turn it off but not repeat locations reports from the same spot (the old one only tracked for 24 hours and repeated messages while stationary).

Note from John Bogie to Tim Cole

(John is a lifetime Director & founder of COPA)

Tim, At the Rust Remover of the BCFA/COPA flight 72. I have been meaning to write an article in the COPA FLIGHT on float flying in a Cessna 172, 180, 185, and 206. On CROSS WIND TAKE OFF'S (TO). Over the years at Laurentian and Air

Schefferville we had 4 accidents on Cross Wind TO's, luckily all experienced pilots and no passengers. So no injuries only damaged aircraft. On a Cross Wind just as you are rocking over on to the step, the up wind wing lifts the Cessna's side up and makes the down wind wing tip hits the water. The 172 flipped over and the others came nearly to it but a lot of wing damage and were lucky to fly home. We instructed all of our Cessna pilots to start their Cross Wind take offs into the wind and then once on the step then turn cross wind to take off. We also instructed all of our Cessna seaplane pilots to always leave the doors unlocked for take off and to unlock them on a seaplane landing. In case they have a Take off or landing problem so a rescue crew can open the doors. There have been fatal accidents where the rescue crews could not open the doors and the people in the Cessna drowned being unconscious. Once safely off the water the doors can be locked but be sure not to turn the handle the wrong way and open the door as it is hard to shut. In the 206 is the hardest to lock and should have an external unlocking device.

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