



The Step

2 March, 2015

2015 AGM in Nelson July 17-19

We're just getting the AGM agenda organized, so will send y'all an email when we get everything set up, and ask for an RSVP so we'll know how many to feed, etc. :)

Survival safety video

Go to COPA's web site: www.copanational.org and go to the heading "Safety Videos" to see the latest safety video: "SURVIVE: BEYOND THE FORCED LANDING". There is also a 16 page booklet that accompanies the video that can be read on line or downloaded. Good review of what to do while waiting.

The crosswind runway at the Whitehorse Airport is now open!

This is a clear demonstration of the power of a collective lobby from COPA members and all the other concerned pilots to keep a much needed crosswind runway open.

It is not a high use runway, but when it is needed, it is really needed at this critical junction in the Yukon.

Thanks to everyone who participated in expressing their concerns for safety that has resulted in this successful conclusion.

W. T. (Tim) Cole

Cross border fliers survey (This came in Feb, hope it's not too late to post)

By Patrick Gilligan, COPA vice president of operations

COPA needs all pilots to complete a Cross Border survey. Your opinion counts so we need strong participation. Last year, I alerted members to the development of an additional procedure being developed by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) for crossing the Canada/U.S. border. The survey will provide statistical feedback to Canadian and U.S. officials to find a solution that both addresses their goals and minimizes duplication. COPA is heavily involved in finding creative solutions to minimize the detrimental consequences that any additional requirements will have on our sector of aviation. Please take a few moments and complete the following survey:

- [English survey](#)
- [français sondage](#)

Kevin Psutka retiring this year

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association will begin accepting applications for the President & CEO position. Closing date: March 26th

Go to this link <http://www.copanational.org/files/COPA%20CEO%20Ad%20-%20Eng.pdf>

DRAFT 2: SCHWATKA LAKE AREA PLAN (Whitehorse)

Draft 2 of the Schwatka Lake Area Plan is now available online at www.whitehorse.ca/schwatkalake. The Plan provides 37 recommendations for infrastructure and management improvements for the western shore of the lake.

Comment: If you'll ever need fuel, transient parking, etc, in Whitehorse please write to Erica & make your desires/needs/feedback known.

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2015 BCFA Scholarship Guidelines

Submission Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the stated specifications in: "The Freedom to Fly Floats in BC" scholarship.

Include three (3) stapled complete application sets (one original and two copies) of the following information:

(NO FOLDERS PLEASE)

- a completed official BCFA application form (ON THE WEBSITE)
- two, one-page recommendation letters (original - no photocopies)
- a typed, descriptive 500-word essay
- copies of all aviation and medical certificates and the last three pages of your pilot logbook

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Descriptive essay or resume should address the following:

- your aviation history and goals
- what you have done for yourself to achieve your goals
- where you see yourself in five and ten years
- how the scholarship will help you achieve your objective and your present financial need
- educational scholarships, awards and honors
- where you would obtain the training and the hourly rate for the instructor, aircraft, and other costs
- demonstrated involvement in aviation activities
- other applicable information as requested

Awards

The scholarship will be awarded at the 2015 BCFA Annual General Meeting, being held in Nelson BC (CAD8), July 17 - 19, 2015.

Scholarship applications must be signed and postmarked by May 01, 2015 and mailed to the attention of

Wendy Boyes to #340 - 18799 Airport Way, Pitt Meadows, B.C. V3Y 2B4.

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