

## President's report

As current President of the BCFA I would like to thank Mike Thompson for all his energy he has given and the work he has contributed these past two years as President of the association. It is leaders such as he and the executive directors that makes the BCFA continue to succeed in the Partnership Agreement with BC Parks and with the other groups who share BC's wilderness. I am very happy to say Mike will be staying on as the BC Parks Liaison and Project Coordinator Director, a very needed and important position. Also, the time and effort all of the members and directors continue to donate to the association is very much appreciated and required to keep us flying in BC.

Members please think about getting involved and standing as a new candidate for upcoming directors' positions next year. New ideas and energy is what our organization needs for future growth.

Wendy Boyes

## 2014 AGM report

Our AGM at Timothy Lake was another BCFA success despite the hardship of the weather and the smoke. Fourteen float planes and three wheel aircraft and approximately 60 people were in attendance. Our hosts at Northwood Lodge were incredible and the Pig Roast, BBQ and breakfast provided were fantastic. I recommend Northwood lodge as a flying destination. It has the all amenities any one could ask for and more. The meeting included the President's, Vice President, Secretary, Membership and Treasurer Reports. The speakers at the AGM included Timothy Cole, BC & Yukon Director, COPA, Jeff Leahy, Regional Manager, Thompson-Cariboo Region, BC Parks and Dr. G. Hutchinson, Civil Aviation Medical Examiner. The silent auction got every ones interest and the whole event paid for itself. We put all the BCFA apparel on sale & cleared lots of the excess inventory. Thank you to all the directors and members who helped made this event another success. Next year will be back at Nimpo, or Nelson (on the beach).

## Brenda Matas

Brenda was recognized at the AGM for all the years she looked after the membership, and her contribution to the BCFA. She's a good ol' BM. :)

### **BCFA Canoe report**

The BCFA currently has canoes located at Quarry Lake on Nelson Island at a Thomas Lake in Golden Ears Provincial Park. You can find out more information on Quarry Lake and Thomas Lake in the BCFA website places to fly. Quarry Lake is near sea level and Thomas Lake is in the alpine. The BCFA also two more canoes that we are working on getting flown into lakes this fall. One will go to Emma Lake in the Powell River area where there is a very nice cabin. The cabin at Emma Lake is cared for by a volunteer group out of Powell River and there is room to store the canoe under the cabin during the winter. The cabin at Emma lake has a pellet stove (pellets flown in by BCFA volunteers) and has some great hiking on the granite ridges in the area. The second canoe to fly in this fall is destined for Phantom Lake where we will need to build a snow shelter. Phantom Lake is a popular location in the alpine for both commercial operators and private pilots. If we get the canoes flown in this fall, that will give the BCFA 4 canoes at lakes in BC and we are always looking for more locations. The canoes have large BCFA stickers so folks know where they came from. More positive exposure for us!

### **2015 BCFA AGM**

We have been invited by the Nelson Pilot's Association (COPA Flight 87) in partnership with the City of Nelson to hold the BCFA's 2015 AGM (or a fly-in event) in Nelson. A quote from our COPA Director, Tim Cole, introduced them by saying; "both groups are very impressive in their spirit of cooperation in the furthering of personal aviation within the BC community." Now I would say we have a lot in common. Please stay tuned on how this invitation transpires. They said they'd open the public beach for us, with room for about 30 floatplanes, and would arrange tidy tanks for fuel. More later, as things get sorted out.

### **East Barrier Lake Fly In**

Thanks to the fly in coordinator, Director Ken Martin the event held August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 was a great success. There were 12 aircraft attending and 16 people tenting. The Boy Scout camp was perfect with a kitchen set up, great tent sites, washrooms, and no bugs. The water was clear and the weather was warm despite the weather warnings from boaters floating by. Our Saturday night BBQ chef Dan Nelson cooked up a suburb feast. The fire ban was even lifted on the Thursday evening before, for two fun evenings of roasting wieners & etc, and flying stories being told around the camp fire. Another great BCFA outing!

More events are being planned for next year and we hope you will join us!

### **First BCFA Scholarship**

Our first BCFA Scholarship of a \$2,500.00 monetary award, a certificate and trophy was given to Sean Samuel at our Annual General Meeting held at Timothy Lake July 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. Sean will be using the money towards his Sea Rating, and will be commencing his training in October 2014. Sean is currently a flight instructor in Boundary Bay, BC and is very active volunteering his time in many other facets of the aviation community, some of which include; being a member of the Youth Engagement Committee with the BC Aviation Council as well as participating in the Mentorship Program run by the Aviation Leadership Forum. He also volunteers for other aviation events including the COPA For Kids Program. Congratulations Sean and best to you in your aviation endeavors.

We are happy to announce we will be providing at least one scholarship as above for the year 2015 so please pass the word.

### **BC Parks Lakes Access**

This year we had 58 applications for special BC Parks access, all approved again. Everyone flying into Parks lakes PLEASE make notes of what you observed, good or bad... like other users, trash, traffic, wildlife, etc. & make your report at the end of the year on our website. We are the "eyes in the sky" for BC Parks & they really appreciate any info they get from us. I'll remind you in December, so please have something to report. :) It's a big part of our Parks relationship & privileges.

### **Website photo gallery**

Ted, our website guru has fixed the problem with huge photos uploaded to the photo gallery (which makes them load slooowly) by automagically resizing them. Thanks Ted!

## **Job posting**

### *CAO and General Manager*

Pitt Meadows Airport Society (PMAS) Purpose: The CAO and General Manager will direct the planning and management of the airport in accordance with the PMAS Master Plan and as directed by the PMAS Board of Directors. Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the airport within the authority vested through Transport Canada and in accordance with Transport Canada and Nav Canada regulations. The CAO and General Manager will report to and work with the Board of Directors and oversee a team of eight. The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications and experience:

Possess a post-secondary education in business or aviation management, an MBA would be considered an asset;

Minimum eight years of demonstrated management success, preferably with exposure to the airport or airline industries;

Possess a solid understanding or strong willingness to learn airport operations, airport standards, and recommended practices;

Possess solid financial acumen with a strong commercial focus;

Proven experience in strategic planning, organization development, and achieving results in building teams and effective employee relations;

Exposure to implementing development plans, capital works, and infrastructure programs;

Experience in a multi-dimensional service organization with proven ability to provide focus and leadership, adapting and integrating planning, policy and program initiatives; and

Proven track record of accomplishments and career advancement.

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