



The Step

2 June, 2015

2015 BCFA AGM in Nelson July 17-19

This year our AGM weekend is generously being hosted by the Nelson Pilot's Association (NPA). The organizing has already commenced as below. Please mark it on your calendar, and check Nav Canada's current Flight (CZNL) and Water Aerodrome (CAD8) Supplements for the airport's data.

- There will be plenty of parking/beaching both at the airport and on the beaches.
- Someone will be on the frequency tfc 123.2 for landing/taxing/beaching communication.
- There will a security/safety person while beaching.
- The river will have a separation for the boats and float plane traffic.
- A search and rescue boat will be on standby for emergencies.
- Fuel will be available by NPA for float planes by jerry-cans with transportation to the beach.
- Camping will be available on the sand or grass and a gate will be accessible to the airport.
- Taxis will be available to and from town.
- The town ensures security with 24 hr City Police availability and city workers in the area 22 hrs a day.
- A Saturday Evening BBQ will be available with a small donation to the BCFA per plate. **Please RSVP** to logan@explornet.com so we'll know how many to feed!
- NPA will be hosting a Sunday Morning breakfast for all to attend.
- If you do not want to camp there are many hotels to book a room, so please do so as soon as possible as this is a busy time for Nelson. Google to check out your options.
- A silent auction will be held.
- There will be speakers which will include Tim Cole, BC & Yukon Director Canadian Owners Pilots Association (COPA) and the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA).
- There is lots of suitable camping space close to the terminal and clubhouse for washrooms. We'll probably be putting out some picnic tables. We have lots of campers use this area when here for our air shows, fly-ins, etc.

For information about the Nelson airport, local area webcams, etc. attendees can reference the NPA website: www.nelsonpilots.ca

More detailed information about airport facilities and parking, waterfront mooring, etc. can be obtained from Karen MacDonald, Airport Manager ([250-505-8323](tel:250-505-8323))

More detailed information and advice about approaching and landing at Nelson can be obtained from Case Grypma, NPA's standing Air Boss ([250-505-3249](tel:250-505-3249))

IMPORTANT:

- The BC Floatplane Association's continued success relies on volunteers who give their positive energy and time. This is what keeps us moving forward; helps to keep General Aviation alive, and our positive ongoing relationship with BC Parks.

For this to continue, we need serious nominations to be brought forward at our AGM in Nelson July 18-19th 2015 for the below term positions.

Membership Chair

Vice President

- There will be past and current directors available at the AGM to discuss the main duties. Brenda, our past membership chair who is required to be at Nelson to deal with membership duties at our AGM is flightless. If any one is planning on attending the AGM, from the area of Campbell River who could be so kind as to give Brenda a flight to Nelson and back please let us know as soon as possible.

Your help in the above requests is what is most needed by the association at this time. Thank you for considering.

Mussels with wings

The defensive war on invasive mussels hitching a ride into British Columbia's lakes and rivers via recreational boats has just begun but there's already talk of opening up a new front — float planes.

While recreational boats and commercial boat haulers are the primary target of the recently-launched: [Don't Move A Mussel](#) educational program, some in the water protection sector are sounding the alarm about a possible airborne attack from freshwater quagga and zebra mussels.

"At almost every board meeting where we talk about mussel prevention programs, one of the elected officials will ask about float planes, so there is an awareness of a potential problem," Okanagan Basin Water Board executive director Anna Warwick Sears says. "I think it needs to be looked at."

<https://sites.google.com/site/wa0spa/invasive-species> has a good video, & you can even self certify yourself on the inspection & decontamination.

Eastern Canada & US lakes are infested & costing billions. Many restrictions & etc are already in place there, so we need to be aware, & prepared to take action in any of our water-related sports. Please click & read up.

Photos for next BCFA calendar

Because of the time it takes to get the calendars proofed & ready to print before the year end, we need your photos submitted early in the year. Please look through your airplane pix and send the best one(s) to: thompson_foundry@telus.net before Sept. Do it now while you're thinkin' about it! :)

Floatplane moorage near Whistler?

Need info on moorage near Whistler. jgmdinc@gmail.com or 250 746 8518

Spinner and backing plate for an O-360 for sale. Excellent condition 9/10
Please contact Wendy at Wendybcfa@gmail.com

Property For-sale on the Lake at Nimpo Lake, BC -- West Chilcotin:

This 9.5 acre peninsula oasis is one of the finest properties on Nimpo Lake, B.C.

The peninsula provides panoramic views of four mountain ranges in a secure environment of the Canadian wilderness with all the modern conveniences.

Designed using special feature UV windows which showcase breath taking scenery creating its own pieces of Art that include abundance of sun-lit days and starry nights.

This timber frame house is built to code with an in-floor heating--furnace system, complimented by a cozy Princess Blaze wood-stove, used as secondary heat.

The amazing waterfront Timber Frame residence was architect-ed by: Pioneer Log Homes of Canada with featured timbers carved and set up by "Beat", who is now a Timber King of Pioneer Log Homes Ltd.

One of the finest private property's on Nimpo Lake includes: three full bathrooms--plus one half size, three bedrooms in main house, plus extra sleeping area in self contained suite.

Home is set up with wifi and is over 4200 sq. ft. plus a 600 ft. double garage that includes a self contained apartment suite with private entrance.

The daylight basement walks out to a hot-tub or your private bay swimming area and dock.

The unique house aerial aircraft design offers an 'optional' Bed & Breakfast business place or a living accommodation for caretaker or for private guest.

Nimpo Lake is "The HOME of the BC Float-plane Association" in the area of South Tweedsmuir Park.

For more information or for viewing appointments: please call Lise James:
lstjam@telus.net (250-714-4539)

or moorejanet@shaw.ca

Burt Rutan's "SkiGull" New Ultra STOL plane

<https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/news-and-aviation-news/2015-news/03-12-15-burt-rutans-latest-project-the-skigull>

The 2015 Midnight Sun Fly-in

Will be held in Yellowknife July 10 -12th. The Fly-in was primarily a float plane event until two years ago. However, the decision was made to expand the event to also involve wheeled aircraft and so really it is now a mix of float planes who park at the float plane base and wheeled aircraft that park at the airport. Most of the events take place at the old Wardair dock on Back Bay.

This is an event that is well worth the trip north.

Please feel free to contact me if any more information is needed or if I can be of any further help. We are looking forward to a wonderful event this summer and hope your flight members will consider taking it in.

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President NWT Floatplane Association/COPA 108

BCPilots Association

Mark Garner has created the BC Pilots Ass'n. www.bcpilots.org His goals include bringing flying groups together, promoting groups/events & family flying outings. Memberships are free while the Ass'n is being fledged. Be a founding member!

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) Recently Issued Document

The following has recently been posted to the [Transport Canada CASA website](#):

Number: CASA 2013-04 Issue 02

Subject: ISSUE 02 - DEFECTIVE STANDARD AIRCRAFT HARDWARE - SELF-LOCKING NUTS - MS21042 AND NAS1291

Attention: OWNERS, OPERATORS, MAINTAINERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF AIRCRAFT

Link: http://wwwapps3.tc.gc.ca/Saf-Sec-Sur/2/AWD-CN/documents/CASA_2013-04_R1.pdf

For E-mail address changes, please notify TCCA at CAWWEBFeedback@tc.gc.ca.

BCFA Canoes

Another BCFA canoe was placed at Phantom Lake. This makes 3 BCFA canoes now, Thomas Lake, Quarry Lake and Phantom Lake.

We are hoping to get the next canoe moved to Emma Lake later this summer.

Cameron Fraser purchased the canoes on behalf of the BCFA, Ryan McMahon flew this one to Phantom Lake on his C-185. Thanks to all who helped!

All are in the Places To Fly feature on the BCFA web site.

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