



The Step

September 4, 2015

2015 BCFA AGM was a great weekend!

The Nelson Pilots Ass'n. put on a great venue for us. The airport parking got pretty full, but plenty of good beach parking, with ATV & trailer for fuel, etc. About 10 floatplanes, a few amphibians & a few more float challenged. Fire in the mtns just east of town caused lots of 'copter traffic, but in spite of the noise was quite entertaining. The NPA clubhouse was just big enough to seat everyone @ the AGM, and despite a couple of "late comers" (tsk) the meeting went well & was interesting. We managed to get new volunteers for the VP & Membership positions. Sunday after breakfast a few of us flew up to the picturesque little town of Kaslo on the main arm of Kootenay lake for an interesting walk around & lunch. Thanks to everyone (s'pecially Brenda) for coming!

It looks like we'll have our next AGM @ Nimpo again next July! Stay tuned. :)

COPA announces their new President & CEO

Ottawa, Ontario- June 15, 2015- COPA's Board of Directors today announced that Mr. Bernard Gervais has been appointed as the next President and CEO of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. He will officially begin his term on July 1st, 2015. The Succession Committee of the COPA Board, went through a structured and disciplined recruitment process and was fortunate to have attracted numerous qualified applicants. We wish to thank and acknowledge those applicants who sought to contribute to the success of the Association.

Mr. Gervais is the Past Chairman of the Board of the APBQ (The Quebec Aviators and Bush Pilots Association) and is an outspoken advocate for personal aviation. He has actively collaborated with Transport Canada, NAV CANADA and Community stakeholders on numerous cases. Mr. Gervais has been instrumental in organizing air rallies and provincial air tours to promote general aviation and flight safety. He holds a Private Pilot's license with a Night and Seaplane endorsement. He flies a 2008 Maule MX-7 on wheels, floats and skis. Please visit our Vimeo page to view a brief address by Mr. Gervais <https://vimeo.com/130755831> As President and CEO, Mr. Gervais' duties and responsibilities are wide ranging. Mr. Gervais will be responsible for providing valuable membership services, contributing to the corporate strategy and business plan, leading and integrating corporate goals and

deliverables, while influencing government bodies. He will be the liaison and primary contact person for entities such as Transport Canada, NAV CANADA, other Canadian Aviation Associations, AOPA and EAA, as well as US and Canadian border agencies. Mr. Gervais will work with the COPA Board regarding corporate governance, while leading and managing a small team of dedicated professionals at COPA's national office in Ottawa. Mr. Gervais will attend COPA's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June the 20th at St. Andrews Airport (CYAV) in Manitoba. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with COPA members and with others in the broader aviation community. COPA is the largest association in Canada in the area of personal aviation - where aircraft are flown for personal travel and recreation. COPA protects the interests of aviators and promotes personal aviation as a valued, integral and sustainable part of the Canadian community and economy.

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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:
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Four BCFA Canoes out there

We just flew another canoe into an alpine lake (Emma Lake near Powell River). That makes 4 x BCFA canoes we have moved to alpine lakes in the past few years. Canoes are now at Quarry Lake, Thomas Lake, Phantom Lake and Emma Lake. (With lifejackets & paddles!)

If you have a good nomination for another one (where it will get used) please let one of your Dir's know. Sometimes we need to build a snow shelter.... two old (snow smashed) boats were cut up & removed recently from Phantom lake. (thanks Steve Nunn & crew).

BCFA Calendar photos

We still need more photos for the 2016 calendars! Please send high resolution aircraft related photos to: mike@thompsonfoundry.com before the end of Sept. Thanks!

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Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Jessica James & Cole Hausdorf on winning scholarships for \$2500 toward earning their float ratings! BCFA is pleased to help young folks advance their training & futures in float flying. Both are becoming commercial pilots & very appreciative of the help. All the best to both of your futures!

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