



BC Parks "End of season" reports

Go to: www.bcfloatplane.com to fill in your End Of Season report.

First, you need to log in to get to the authorization button.

Once logged in, click on the "Parks Authorization" button on the bottom left.

You'll see the list of lakes you applied for...

On the right side, click on "File Report".

You'll see a text box for each lake...

So just enter whatever info you have, even if it's "NONE".

Then click on "Submit" & you're done! Thanks.

You've earned a free beer @ the AGM Weekend! :)

AGM Weekend Fly-in Awards

Please think about some **FUN awards** for our AGM Fly-in weekend. We did a couple a few years ago, as a last minute idea, but would like to make it another FUN thing to do at our AGM. (most landings on a single approach, etc.)

Send your (original or plagiarized) ideas to logan@explornet.com Thanks!

2016 AGM @ Nimpo has been nixed, we're working on Timothy Lake again.

Waiting on confirmation of dates @ Timothy, they can't host us on the 3rd weekend of July.

Dates will be announced as soon as we know. :)

It is time to renew your membership folks, and there are two ways to do it.

1. The web site: www.bcfloatplane.com Click on the PAY DUES button and that uses the Pay Pal function. You do NOT need a Pay Pal account. You can just use a credit card. Note that you can change the country from Canada to the USA or elsewhere on the drop down menu. Log on today and see how easy it is. The website should automatically update you but if it does not, don't worry. I will do it manually. Be sure and return to the BCFA website after you have finished as that ensures the automatic function.
2. The second is to just send a cheque to the following address:
3. (print the membership form below).

BCFA
68 - 101 Parkside Dr
Port Moody BC V3H4W6



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Renewals need only fill in name and any changes in data)

New Member ___ Renewal ___ COPA Membership # _____

Title: Mr ___ Mrs ___ Ms ___ Dr ___ Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Name _____

Mailing Address (incl. apt. #) _____

City _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Aircraft Type _____ Registration _____

Annual BCFA fees: \$40.00 Due by Jan 1 of each year.

Method of payment: Cash ___ Cheque ___

(Please remit the \$40.00 BCFA membership by **cash/cheque** payable to

BC Floatplane Association

68 - 101 Parkside Dr

Port Moody BC V3H 4W6

You may also use your VISA or a PayPal account through the PayPal function on the website
www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Important Information Regarding your 2015 AAIR

EMAIL NOTICE:

As of January 1, 2016, aircraft owners who have provided Transport Canada (TC) with a valid email address will now receive their Annual Airworthiness Information Report (AAIR) notification electronically. You will receive an email notification within the first few weeks of January. The email will contain a web link and instructions on how to complete the report online. Once you've completed and submitted your AAIR, you will have the option to print a copy for your records.

Please note:

- all AAIR due dates have now been changed to March 31st
- the due date for your AAIR is not related to your annual inspection date. The form simply requires the date of the most RECENT annual or 100-hour inspection which could have occurred the previous calendar year.

If you would like to change your email address, would prefer receiving your AAIR by FAX, or for any questions regarding AAIRs, please contact the AAIR group at Transport Canada at 1-888-663-3639 or by e-mail at cawwebfeedback@tc.gc.ca.

Calendar photos

Still need more high resolution (in focus) photo's for the next BCFA calendar. Send 'em to: mike@thompsonfoundry.com

BCFA Canoes

Report from Mike Thompson

Fire Lake: Aluminum boat and canoe were put away for the winter by Gary Nygaard and his son late in October

Phantom Lake: BCFA canoe was stored for the winter late in October. There is a stand of trees close to the beach and the canoe is standing on end tied to the trees.

Emma Lake: BCFA canoe has been stored under the cabin for the winter and has been well received by many users

Thomas Lake: BCFA canoe is in its shelter and has seen lots of use this summer.

Quarry Lake: BCFA canoe stored in the forest as usual. This lake does not see a lot of snow and only freezes up during the extended cold period, and does see some mid winter use.

We are still looking for another couple of spots to put canoes next summer. If anyone has a suggestion on a canoe location, please let the directors know.

COPA 2017 AGM Organizing Committee

It is with great pleasure that we are now seeking volunteers for the 2017 COPA AGM and Conference

Organizing Committee. We are presently in need of key Committee Members who will attend to the organization and planning for the event.

The following is a listing of general key planning areas; many of these will have overlapping areas and tasks may be shared depending on skill sets and areas of expertise and interest.

Our Organizing Committee includes representation from Kelowna International Airport, COPA National and Tourism Kelowna, who will be aiding in a number of areas including accommodation, tours/events and transportation.

- Honorary Chair Sam Samaddar, Director, Kelowna International Airport
- COPA BC & YT Rep. W.M. (Tim) Cole
- Finance Tanya Storing, COPA National
- Registration Heather McLaren, COPA National
- YLW Logistics Appointed by YLW Sr. Administration
- Facilities & Venues *Conference facilities confirmation underway; includes A/C camping shared with Tourism Kelowna designate.*
- Food & Beverage
- Events *local and Valley Club Tours and Fly-Outs Liaison*
- Sponsorship *shared with COPA National*
- Trade Show & Exhibitors
- Promotions & Communication
- Transportation
- Aviator Services & Logistics *Includes Mountain Flying support coordination, fuel stop coordination, etc.*
- Other Areas as determined.

If you have any interest in being part of the dynamic team responsible for the planning and organization

of what promises to be one of the most significant aviation events in Western Canada (if not all of

Canada!), then we want to hear from you!

And don't worry if you are not able to be physically present for meetings; participation via conference call is welcome!

Contact us via email at copa2017@kelownaflyingclub.com . We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Pamela Nelson

COPA 2017 AGM Organizing Committee

406 ELT Testing

The Canadian Beacon Registry (CBR) ran a pilot project in 2012 which sent users of registered 406 MHz beacons an email when the self-test of their beacons were detected. The pilot project was a resounding success, with the general aviation and small operator communities in particular, as it demonstrated the value of registering 406 Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs). Unfortunately that pilot project was suspended later that year when the CBR database was reengineered.

Since 2012 and on every occasion, COPA has been reminding the Canadian Beacon Registry authorities to re-introduce this email tool. Recently during my presentation at SARScene 2015, I had a slide on suggestions to improve the ELT image amongst pilots, one of which

was an "End to End" email testing of 406 ELTs. I was later approached by CBR staff informing me of the soon to be re-launch of this email tool.

Go to this link to read more <http://www.copanational.org/files/CBRV COPA Final EN.pdf>

And this link to read my article describing my tests of the CBRV tool

<http://www.copanational.org/files/ELT 406 Verifier tool.pdf>

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