



2016 BCFA AGM in Nelson July 15-17

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/taxiing/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 on the sand or grass and a gate will be accessible to the airport.
- 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.
- 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 by July 1 so we'll know how many to feed!
- We'll have a silent auction, please help by arranging auction item donations. Thanks!
- Guest speakers to be announced on the web site.
- There is lots of suitable camping space close to the terminal and clubhouse for washrooms. 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)

BCFA Floatplane training Scholarship

The BCFA Freedom to Fly Floats in BC 2016 scholarship applications are being taken at this time for all pilots who hold a BC recreation or private pilot license with a minimum of 150 hrs total. Further details, application guidelines, and application form is located on our web page: www.bcfloatplane.com

Also, note that newly rated float pilots can receive a free 1-yr. membership in the BCFA. Please pass the word or apply yourself if you do not already have a sea plane rating and enjoy BC on floats.

Application packages will be accepted for review as long as the package is post marked by Tuesday May 31, 2016 or before when received.

Thank You COPA!

The US NOTAM requiring TSA authorization to transit US Airspace has now been amended.

Please refer to the COPA web site at: copanational.org for a link to the NOTAM. COPA took the lead on this issue in Canada and was assisted by AOPA, IAOPA & CBAA to have this severe restriction lifted.

It is important to review the contents of the NOTAM and to particularly note that when Canadian aircraft are transiting US airspace, they must be on a flight plan, be transponder equipped, assigned a squawk code, and be in contact with ATC.

[Thanks to the COPA HQ staff who worked long and hard to achieve this excellent result!](#)

Parks lakes applications

The deadline for applying for landing in BC Parks lakes is the end of April. Don't be late. :) Go to: www.bcfloatplane.com & log in. Click Member section, BC Parks authorization, then the lakes you might visit. Remember to take notes so you can make a report next winter (before Dec. 31) Thanks, this is an important reason we have access to the Parks lakes.

Azure Lake Flyout

It has been suggested that we do our summer flyout to Azure lake. If you think you'd like to attend, look it over @ <https://goo.gl/maps/qjeXzdtNHA72> & be sure to request landing in Wells Gray Park on the website prior to the end of April!

Memberships due again

Thanks to the members who have renewed. As our year now starts in January please send your renewals/membership

Please send your membership renewals to:

Bob Lucas (blukas@nymble.ca)

68 - 101 Parkside Dr.

Port Moody, BC V3H 4W6

Or, just log in & renew on the website www.bcfloatplane.com

As you are probably aware there is currently an election process taking place in BC & YT to fill the vacant director's position, that was previously held by Bryan Webster. Bryan vacated this position early due to work pressures, therefore the term of office for this election will be two years vice the usual four year term.

The voting process started today and the poll will be open until April 4th. Please go to the COPA web site at: copanational.org and follow the directions found on the front of the home page. You will need your COPA membership number and password to log on to the members only section, and then choose the **members only button** that will take you to voting button. A few members have had some difficulty in logging in, but if you follow the directions carefully you should have no difficulty. If you do have problems, or for those members that wish to vote by a paper ballot, you may contact, COPA's Office Manager, Heather McLaren who is copied on this e mail. Also her telephone number is 613 236 4901 ext 110.

The candidates information can be found in the March edition of the COPA Flight newspaper and their bios and other information are listed in the voting section when you cast your ballot.

The three candidates in the running for BC & YT are:

Ken Armstrong Joe Hessberger Carter Mann

Please take the time to vote. Every vote counts particularly in light of the fact that the voter turn out for these COPA elections is historically extremely low (typically 1%!) Please make sure that this is not the case in this election as your vote is important in choosing the best candidate that will donate their time and energy to represent you and your Freedom to Fly.

W. T. (Tim) Cole

Dear COPA Members and Friends of COPA,

I am a candidate in the current by-election that is being held for the vacant BC and Yukon director's position, for the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. I have been speaking to a number of members, over the last month or so, stating my intentions and introducing myself to as many members as I was able to reach out to.

What I propose to bring to the table is nothing less than a lifetime spent in many facets of aviation. My time spent as a private as well as a commercial pilot on airplanes as well as helicopters gave me the understanding and compassion for the operators of small aircraft of every genre. As a member of Transport Canada, the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO), particularly as the Regional Aviation Safety Officer (RASO) here in BC, I acquired the knowledge and understanding of aviation safety matters. Investigating aircraft accidents from the smallest ultralights to the heaviest transport category jet aircraft and helicopters gave me an understanding of causal factors in aviation accidents. Lastly, the bureaucratic aspects involved in the administration of aviation related matters provided me with the ability to function effectively in the boardroom environment. As a Director of COPA I will direct all my energies towards protecting our freedom to fly, by participating in regional aviation events, listening to my constituents' concerns and assisting them to the best of my ability.

Now there is only one thing left to do and that is up to you. The voting commences on February 24 and will close on April 04. The process for voting is primarily electronic, by signing in to the COPA website, although paper ballots can also be available to you by mail from head office in Ottawa. You will need your user name, COPA membership number and your postal code. Just follow the prompts on the COPA website at: copanational.org
Thank you very much your consideration. Joe Hessberger

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