



2016 AGM/FLY-IN/BBQ

Don't forget the 2016 BCFA AGM weekend is @ Nelson July 15-17. Excellent location & facilities. Check it out on the websites: www.bcfloatplane.com & www.nelsonpilots.ca
AGM is 10AM on Saturday morning. NPA will be making available a Sunday Morning breakfast.

There will be speakers which will include Tim Cole BC & YT Director Canadian Owners Pilots Association (COPA), and the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA).

Also, please **RSVP** to logan@explornet.com so we'll know how many to feed @ the BBQ. So far, I have 4 RSVPs for the BBQ. I'm sure more of you would like to get fed!

COPA is moving

COPA:

Effective Monday, May 2, our new address will be:

75 Albert Street, Suite 903

Ottawa, ON K1P 5E7

Phone/fax/emails all remain the same.

The new BCFA poster

Due to comments about the BCFA wall calendar being hard to read/use, we have printed a nice poster this year with many great photos (no calendar). They will be available for pick up at the AGM in July, or Maxcraft, or Thompson Foundry, or Ken Martin (Kamloops), or Walter Klatt (Langley) or we can mail yours to you (Cost to mail them runs up to \$20) so if you can pick up yours it would save us serious \$\$\$. If you request a mailing, maybe get an extra for a friend or flying club!

Email your request to: supercub@telus.net They'll get mailed out the end of every month.

Swan Lake Float ops

A member from Swan Lake (Near Vernon) wrote in asking for support in keeping Swan Lake open for float ops. Seems there is a motion to close the lake to large power boats & floatplanes. He has received good support from BCFA, COPA, & the Washington Seaplane org. & is happy with his arsenal.

BC Floatplane Memberships

Membership year now runs from July to July (again) so your 2017 membership will be due on July 1, 2017. Yes, Jan '17 - July '17 is a bonus! :) We've been asked about "Lifetime Memberships" but that has been declined in the past. We've now decided to offer 3-yr. memberships for \$100. Save some \$\$, save some paperwork, do it! :)

Parks approvals

The approvals for landing in BC Parks Lakes is posted on the website. Just log in, go to the Member section, then BC Parks Authorizations (same place you requested permissions) and you'll see YOUR list of lakes. Print & carry with you. It was noted that Azure Lake usually has a Park Warden who asks for the authorization. Hope to see you there in Aug.

Azure Lake Fly-in

We're doing a fly-in at Azure Lake in Aug. Reportedly a great beach & camping area. We always have a good time at these outback fly ins, so hope YOU can make it. Primary date is Aug 13-14, weather weekend will be Aug. 20-21. If there is a wx delay, we will email the change. Bring your Parks authorization. :)

Wanted:

I am in the need of a beaching gear solution....either a trailer or vehicle driven.....to launch my C180 in Pitt Meadows. Please reply directly to sheimbu@hotmail.com
Many thanks, Steve

For lease or sale.

50% interest in floating hanger, plus another outside lift. Near Scappoose, Oregon, on the Columbia River Slough. There are two lifts, one will accommodate a 206 or smaller. Call Ed Chadwick @ 503 324 1016

Joe Hessberger (new) Director, BC/YT

An Open letter to all BC/YT COPA members (and wannabe COPA Members) June 01, 2016

Dear Friends,

It has been rather quiet for me since the election. As I am not actually a Board Member until the election results are ratified at the AGM in Yarmouth later this month, I have not been included in any functions of the Board. However I need to make preparations to start scrabbling as soon as...

For the moment I just want to ask for your help. Tim Cole and I have decided that we would alternate writing the Plane Talk column in the COPA Flight magazine. Yes, you read this right. I said Magazine. I just received my heritage copy of the last newspaper-style COPA Flight this afternoon.

The next one will be a glossy magazine from now on.

The August issue will be mine, September, Tim and so on. Since all the events in June will have to go in for editing and printing before the first week in July, I would kindly ask that you forward me all the items you would like to see in the August edition by no later than the last week of June.

Of course if you wish to contact me privately with questions or concerns, you may do so at any time by giving me a call at 604-209-3465 and/or by email to: semicircle05@yahoo.com

I will have a dedicated COPA email address after the AGM but my personal one, as above, will suffice for the next few weeks.

Concerning another matter. For those clubs who are interested, I have developed a half-day seminar called SRM, (a pun on the old Cockpit Resource Management of the 80s and 90s) as in Single Crew Cockpit Resource Management. I will deliver that to your members and friends, COPA or not, by invitation from interested clubs. There is no fee. All I ask is that you get me there and back home and take care of my expenses. You may advertise this at your airport as a COPA / Flying Club event. Everyone should be welcome, including the small Air Operators, who operate Single Crew Airplanes and helicopters.

Lastly, summer is rolling around with tons of things to do, places to fly to and folks to be met. Look for our little white and blue-trim Cessna 150, named C-GXBG and introduce yourself.

Best regards,
Joe Hessberger

Director, BC/YT (elect)

Canadian Owners and Pilots Association

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Jessica James

The BCFA directors are pleased to announce that Jessica James, one of last years 2015 "Freedom to Fly Floats in BC" has successfully completed her rating and thanks the BCFA for this generous award. "Without the BCFA's scholarship I would never have been able to accomplish this. I am forever grateful"

Jessica completed her rating April 14th with Dave Budd at Ocean Air Floatplanes - Patricia Bay.

Jessica is currently working for Harbour Air and is training for her commercial pilots license with her ultimate goal of flying floats for a living.

Congratulations Jessica and welcome to the world of float flying. We are very proud of you.

Wendy Boyes

BCFA

Scholarship Lead



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