



Skywriter...



July 2009



Reid Huzzey and his wife head out from the Glen Bishell Annual Fly-in Breakfast.

From The Cockpit

By Pat Cunningham

The summer flying season is upon us once again and it's full of fun flying events for aviation enthusiasts like ourselves. The second club event was a trip down to Vulcan to meet with the gentlemen and ladies from the Lethbridge Sport Flyers on June 14th and it was another successful day. I counted 16 planes from both our clubs at one point and it was off to the golf course club house for breakfast and storytelling. Thank you to all who attended both by air and by car to make this annual event such a joy to attend.

I was away on a trip to Alaska while Glen Bishell's breakfast was held but by all I have heard it was also an excellent day. Mike Sweere reported that they served over 100 breakfasts to hungry pilots and local residents. The local turn out was very good; helping to keep our reputation in the community on the good side rather than the bad side.

Bob Kirkby's breakfast on July 4th was also a success even with rather strong winds that may have kept some planes on the ground. We made the trip down from Carstairs and although we had 20 mph head winds it was actually quite smooth and being as they were pretty much straight down the runway for landing, it was another enjoyable trip. The ride home was a little rougher but it was awfully quick with the wind now at our backs and we made it before the afternoon turned a little worse for weather.

I hope to see some of you at the upcoming COPA convention on July 17th weekend. It's shaping up to be quite the show. You all should have received an e-mail by now informing you how to go about volunteering for the convention. If at all possible, I encourage you to put your name forward to help out in some way. After all the work COPA does for us it's a great opportunity to give back!

I would like to thank Bob Kooyman for lining up John Scharrer to speak at our last meeting. It was a very interesting talk and I'm sure it could have went on for a few more hours.

I would like to know if one of you would be interested in submitting an article a few times a year to COPA to keep them up to date on our club activities and flying events. It's always nice to read what other flights are up to and I think we have enough interesting things going on to warrant a few paragraph's to our national paper. Let me or any other member of the executive know if you might be interested in doing this. (Editor's note: I have volunteered to do this, but if anyone else is keenly interest, I would step aside.)

See you soon!



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CAVU Dreams

by Ken Beanlands

Welcome to July... The month we've all been waiting for! You know - the month of Fly-In Breakfasts, Lunches, Show and Shines, Airshows and EAA Conventions. If you glance through the "Flying Events" section you will see a number of excellent ways to spend your weekends in the presence of aerial machines and their care-takers.

Although we've been quite busy at work, I was able to sneak out a couple of weeks ago and commit aviation with a few of the club members. Al Botting, Stu Simpson, Barry Woods and Bernie Kespe joined me on a Friday morning excursion north. The plan had been to do Tipitinas for breakfast and then on to Ponoka for me to deliver some plans to a contractor, then back home.

Unfortunately, we arrived in Red Deer before the girls at Tipitinas and 45 minutes was just too long for our emaciated bodies to wait. Despite the fact that I drive through Ponoka on every trip to the cabin, I have never been at the Ponoka airport. We landed and passed the plans off to the contractor... UPS has nothing to worry about as it took five aircraft and five pilots to deliver one sheet of paper.

As we left Ponoka, the proprietor of Triad Aviation graciously invited us to return and offered us the use of his airport car any time we wanted.

We had talked about returning to Red Deer for our breakfast, but decided that Linden deserved a visit instead. As I made the approach onto 34, I noticed a couple of power poles lying on the ground near the end of the runway. The power lines are still there, but it appears that progress is being made to bury them. At lunch, we met one of the locals and found out that the lines are being buried by the power company with no charge to the town. The materials were brought in last year and the work is underway now to allow the costs to be split up over two years. We were also invited to a fly-in breakfast once the lines were buried to celebrate the event. Hey, any excuse to fly for food is good with me!

June 20th was the date of Glen Bishell's fly-in in Carstairs. The weather was phenomenal and we had a great turnout from the club.

The week before was another spectacular weekend which saw about 30 aircraft from both the Lethbridge Sport Fliers and the CRUFC descend upon Vulcan for our annual get-together. We filled the ramp and took over a significant portion of the Vulcan Golf and Country Club's dining room. A great time was had by all.

As I mentioned last month, I finally have my Artex ME406 ELT installed in the Christavia. Since I purchased mine six months ago, there have been a few convenient kits made available to assist in the installation. The version I bought required me to build a seven-wire harness between the panel and ELT with direct connections to the battery and the installation of a small speaker. The installation took about six hours to complete, two on the harness and another four on the installation.



The new SPOT mounting kit uses RAM components to secure your SPOT device.

The new kits come with switches that will fit directly into the old switch locations with no modification required (it took me half an hour to file the opening big enough for the new switch). There are also kits available that simplify the wiring by using telephone type cable instead of a custom harness. In addition, there are new 406 ELT's becoming available with the GPS built right in at about the same price as the current non-GPS devices.

In addition to the new GPS, I came across a neat product for my SPOT device. I had made a rinky little mount for the SPOT but wasn't really happy with it. Fortunately, I received a newsletter from SPOT which mentioned a new mounting device. For \$44.95, you get a RAM mounting system that can either be



suctioned onto a flat surface or clamped around a tube (0.75" to 1.25"). Having a tube aircraft, I used the latter to mount my SPOT.

Another thing I noticed is that they are again offering "free" SPOTs with a two year activation (it comes in the form of a \$169.99 rebate on activation). Check out

the website at www.findmespot.com.

Just a final reminder that there will be no meeting in July or August making September 11th our next meeting date. Hope to see you at the many events over the summer.



*Above – Folks enjoy the excellent breakfast at the Bishell Fly-In
Below - This was the flight line at the Bishell Fly-in Breakfast on June 20th.*



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WEEKLY Lethbridge, AB – The Lethbridge Sport Flyers (COPA Flight 24) would like to invite you to our weekly Saturday morning breakfast, 7:30 am, held at Smitty's Pancake House, 2053 Magrath Dr. S. in Lethbridge, Alberta. We encourage you to call ahead if you're in the area. If you catch us at a fly-in instead please feel welcome to join us there. All of our activities including the postings of our monthly meetings can be found on our Event Calendar at www.lethbridgesportflyers.com. To contact us please call our club President, Brian Wilson 403-345-6603 or send us an email at Lethbridge-Sport-Flyers@telus.net.

MONTHLY First Thursday of every month High River Airport (CEN4), AB – EAA Chapter 1410 Monthly Meeting at the Dueck Hangar the 18:30hrs to 21:00hrs. Whether you have a casual interest in aviation, you are an active pilot, or you are an avid homebuilder of aircraft, we offer the chance to meet others who combine fun with learning. We meet to learn from informative speakers, participate in various social activities, and are active in the flying community. Come by and visit! Please contact Paul evenings at 403-271-5330 or eaahighriver@shaw.ca or visit www.eaahighriver.org for more details.

July 8th to 12th – Arlington Fly-in and Sport Aviation Convention 2009. For more information, see <http://www.nweaa.org/>

July 10th – 12th, Wetaskiwin, AB – "Westebello" 2009, Third Annual Western Canadian Challenger Rendezvous! We'll be at COPA in Calgary, and then planning to join the flight across Canada Details at: http://www.challengerwest.com/irocncroll_tour.htm.

July 13th – 17th, Red Deer (CYQF), AB – AYA 2009 Annual Convention. AYA is the international type club for owners and pilots of Grumman American light aircraft. Grummans are renowned as fun, sporty, efficient, and safe personal aircraft with relatively simple systems, offering more performance at a lower cost than comparable models of other types. For more information please contact Steve Peach 403-932-4323 or email editor@aya.org.

July 17th, Calgary, AB – John Lovelace's Century of Flight Calgary Springbank Airport stopover at COPA Fly-in on cross country flight. See http://www.johnlovelace.com/more/extended/Cross_Canada_Century_Flight.html

July 17th to 19th Calgary, AB – The 2009 COPA Convention is being held at the Springbank Airport (CYBW). It promises pilots and flight enthusiasts a well rounded program that is educational, experiential and a lot of fun.

July 22nd, Airdrie AB (CEF4) – Airdrie Regional Air Show. The best of Canadian aviation comes to the Airdrie Air Park. Come celebrate a century of flight in Canada and the City of Airdrie's centennial by watching the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and the Canadian Forces SkyHawks demonstration team in action. Feel the ground shake as the classic Hawk One F-86 Sabre and CF Snowbirds do a thunderous dance in the sky above you as they perform the Heritage Flight, a tribute to the centennial of flight in Canada. Be amazed as the best aerobatic pilots spin and weave their magic high above you. On the ground, numerous displays and vendors add to the fun of the event. Gates open at 13:00 hrs main show starts at 18:00 hrs. See the website for more information or for contact information www.airdrieregionalairshow.ca.

July 27th to August 2nd, Oshkosh, WI. – EAA Airventure 2009. For more details see <http://www.airventure.org/>

July 25th and 26th, Lethbridge, AB – Alberta International Airshow 2009. Gates Open at 9:00am both Saturday & Sunday with a pancake breakfast for a Toonie. Airshow starts at 12:00pm daily. See <http://www.albertairshow.com/> for details.

August 1st and 2nd, Cold Lake, AB – Cold Lake Airshow 2009. See <http://www.coldlakeairshow.com/main/> for more info. **This is a CRUFC Flyout being organized by Stu Simpson. Please contact Stu Simpson or Ken Beanlands for details.**

August 9th, Westlock, Alberta (CES4) – COPA Flight 139 Annual Fly-in Breakfast from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. For more information please call Georg Hertz-Kleptow at 780-349-1094.

August 15th, Beaverlodge, AB, (CEU2) – 100 Years of Settlement Fly-In Breakfast, 07:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. Shuttle Bus to Parade and Fair in town. For information contact Lloyd Sherk at 780-831-8745 or lsherk@telusplanet.net.

August 15th, Salmon Arm, BC – COPA Flight 80 is holding a Salmon Arm Airport aviation appreciation event in conjunction with the city's annual Roots & Blues Festival. Between 0900 and 1400 hr. we will be initially offering a pancake breakfast and then will be preparing BBQ hamburgers and corn. There will be live entertainment, static displays and homebuilt

projects for viewing. We extend a warm welcome to pilots and all aviation enthusiasts! For more information please contact Garth Mercer at 250-833-7970 or email rvvector@telus.net.

August 22nd, Moose Jaw, SK (CJS4) – Moose Jaw Flying Club Fly-In Breakfast served 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information please contact Gerry Julian 306-692-8932 or email gjulian@sasktel.net.

August 22nd, Villeneuve, AB (CZVL) – Villeneuve Airport Fly-in & Open House. Edmonton Airports is pleased to be hosting the 5th Annual Open House & Fly-in BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. rain or shine! The BBQ is free but we will gladly accept donations for Hope Air. For more information please contact Theresa at 780-890-6736 or email tsoukalas@flyeia.com. Visit our website www.flyeia.com.

August 29th, Medicine Hat, AB – Fly-In Brunch/Lunch hosted by Chapter 4905 RAA at their hangar with a rain date of August 30th. From 1000 hrs. to 1400 hrs. The usual foods plus "Fresh corn on the cob". Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Harry Zeller at 403-548-8882 or email hzeller@telus.net.

September 7th, Stettler, AB (EJ3) – COPA Flight 135 Stettler Flying Club's Annual Fly-in Breakfast Labour Day Monday. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, ham and sausages from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For more information please contact Henry Johnson at 403-740-6415 or email ohana@telus.net also Garry Fix at 403-742-6104 or email gagafix@gmail.com.

September 12th, Rocky Mountain House, AB – Annual Fly-In Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Sponsored by the Rocky Flying Club and everyone is welcome. Contacts are Kurt Magnus 403-845-5506 or Fred Nash by e-mail frednash@shaw.ca.

September 12th, Lethbridge Airport, Alberta (CYQL) – Lethbridge Sport Flyers - (COPA Flight 24), Annual Fly-In Breakfast. Drive or Fly to our breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event will be at the AirWest (brick) Hangar. Airport Info: Elevation: 3050' GPS Coordinates: N49 37 49, W12 47 59 CYQL. Mandatory Frequency is 121.0 For more information please contact Brian Wilson 403-345-6603 or send us an email at Lethbridge-Sport-Flyers@telus.net.

September 13th, Airdrie, AB (CEF4) – COPA Flight 134. Airdrie Flying Club 2009 Show & Shine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date September 20th. For more information please contact Ian Fraser at 403-420-1409.

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