



Skywriter...



November 2009



*Club member Brian Byl takes off from Ponoka in his Cessna 195.
Picture by John Jeffries*

From The Cockpit

By Pat Cunningham

It's been a quiet month for me on the flying front as I only managed to get up one day in October... but it was a good one! It was participating in our COPA for Kids day on October 10th.

It was a cold and windy day with a bit of snow falling in the general area but the weather held off long enough to allow us to complete our event. The final head count was 47 kids flown. I had a variety of kids that flew with me including one's that never said a word to one that chatted on for the entire flight. One thing they all had in common though was a great big grin! I would like to thank all of the volunteers, who helped make this a successful event. It definitely wouldn't have happened without them.

Pat returns with a happy "COPA for Kids" inductee. Big grins were the norm, despite the cold, snowy morning.



Don't forget about elections coming up in December.

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If you would like to run for one of the positions coming due please see Dave Procychen or Ed D'Antoni . The positions due are:

- President
- Treasurer
- Director

It's also time to start renewing your club membership. The fee is only \$30.00 per year. Our annual raffle will be held at the February meeting and we will once again be offering tickets at a price of \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. You must be a paid up member in order to buy tickets so see Carl Forman with your dues. We are currently looking into a SPOT with a one year tracking subscription as first prize and a always popular hand-held radio as the second prize.

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Clarence Simonsen. Clarence specializes in WW2 history, especially "Nose Art" that was placed on most Canadian Bombers of World War Two. Plan on attending as it is sure to be an interesting evening.

See you soon!



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COPA Flight 114

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CAVU Dreams

by Ken Beanlands

Unlike Pat, October was a great month of flying for me. One Friday, I made it up to Tipitina's accompanied with Barry and Janice Woods, Brian Vasseur and Brian and Garrett Byl (the new guy with the cool Cessna 195 and his son!). Another great day was the COPA for Kids day. I also had a nice trip up to Ponoka where I was joined by Troy Branch and his family in their RV-10.

Most of these trips were impromptu events usually organized by a quick e-mail the night before or the morning of the trip. Unfortunately, not everyone gets the e-mail. I have my list of contacts that I send to and other members have their own lists. Unfortunately, these lists are not complete lists and invariably, people who would join us, don't get the message.

To help eliminate this issue, I have set up a mailing list utilizing the Yahoo!Group service. This service allows members to subscribe to the list and get e-mail from the group. To become a member of the list, the moderator (ie. me) has to approve your access. This allows us to prevent spammers since only club members will be allowed to join.

Unfortunately, both CRUFC and CUFC were taken as list names, so I created one using CalRUFC as the label.

So, what does this all mean? Well, when you want to invite club members to join you in a flight, you simply send an e-mail to CalRUFC@yahoogroups.com. Those who have subscribed will get the e-mail and you're off to the races. More than that, if you have any aviation related question, problem or issue, simply send it in an e-mail using the same address and you'll have the resources of the club at your fingertips!

The list has a number of other features such as a calendar that can be configured to e-mail reminders to the list of upcoming meetings, club events, or other flying events in the area. There is also an area to store pictures and files, where I plan to store back issues of the Skywriter. These areas can be accessed using the <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CalRUFC> website.

The site will also keep an archive of all e-mail's posted to it. This means that if you don't want to get every post as an e-mail, you can surf to the site and read the e-mail there.

This site would not replace the current CRUFC website, but would augment it. However, for this to work, we will need the cooperation of club members to join the list and to keep the discussion there aviation related. Things like spreading jokes, selling vitamins, sending videos of your kids' latest band recital, and so on would not be appropriate topics for the list. If discussions stray too far of topic, members will leave, defeating the purpose of the list. Inviting members out flying, posting aviation related "for sale" ads, posting a "mystery plane" quiz, and so on, would be appropriate.

To help you join the list, Stu Simpson has written an article explaining the steps involved in subscribing to the list. You will need to set up an account, but it's fairly easy and intuitive. If you have any issues, feel free to give me a call and I'll walk you through it.

At this point, I have to apologize for the lateness of this issue. November has been a very busy month for me. On top of the normal excuses of flying, airplane building and life in general, I started a SAIT course in TIG welding. After taking in a morning TIG session at Oshkosh in '08, I bought a TIG welder that fall. Although I was quite impressed with the technique at Oshkosh, I became a little frustrated trying to duplicate those results at home.

SAIT offers a 30 hour basic TIG evening course at their main campus for about \$600. They cover the essentials of welding mild steel, stainless steel and aluminum. They tailor the course to meet the needs of the students. If you're interested in learning how to weld a 4130 steel tube structure or an aluminum fuel tank, they can help you with that. They can also help you decide what equipment will work best for your requirements. You will need to provide your own welding helmet and gloves for the course.

If you're thinking of building a plane from scratch (say a Christavia or Buttercup), this would be a great way to start. Even if you're not planning such a project, it is a neat skill to learn.

As always, I send out a plea for more articles. This newsletter really needs the input from you members to stay interesting. Feel free to write articles on any aviation topic and send them in. I'll be happy to edit and publish your work.

See you all on Thursday night.



50 By 50

by Garrett Komm

It all started with a Facebook post that I had been given a ride in a Super Petrel and had videotaped the take-off from Chestemere Lake. A take-off from Chestemere is no big whoop in January but this was in the middle of summer, when water-skiers, and wake boarders fill the waters to near capacity. Troy had made a comment that I have a gift for getting rides in airplanes. He asked how many have I been in, and I started making a list of all the planes that I have had the controls of.

We travel a fair amount and there have been many a morning when there is no one ready to go and I have been up since 6:00 with nothing to do until the world starts to wake up. So, I call flight schools and ask about some last minute cancellations and availability. Not always, but often there is room for someone to go for a ride who is willing to pay. I find that flying with the locals affords me the ability to see sights not found on the flyers that plaster the coffee table in many a hotel room.

There are the standard 150's 172's, 182's Pipers, Citabrias, Areoncas along with ultralights galore, Rans, Hiperlights and many other no name bastards. I see brand new glass cockpits and instruments that are older than myself. I've flown with young girls with instructor ratings, and I have flown with an old Fokker as well.

So as I reminisce about all this adventure I have decided to make a relative Bucket List of what I want to accomplish by a given time. The count as of September, 2009 is 30 different types. Not 30 different airplanes but types. I found that 58 airplane call signs have shown up in my log books. With that in mind I have agreed to pursue 50 types by age 50. That gives me two and a half years to find twenty airplanes that I have not flown.

When you see me looking over the machines and asking leading questions in this area and abroad, it really means that I am still just as anxious as the young boy who stared through the chain link fence at the Lethbridge airport. Examining machines that let our dreams run wild and our hearts beat faster. I'll put my pride aside to enjoy a different flavor than what I already know. How long have you had it? How fast does it cruise at? What's the stall speed? And most importantly... How many seats?

Wishing you tailwinds and no bumps.



Joining the CRUFC Chat Group

by Stu Simpson

The CRUFC now has an active chat group that members can access. It gives us all another means of communication using the internet. Accessing and using the group is easy. Just follow these steps.

1. Go to www.yahogroups.com
2. There's a search box near the top of the page entitled "Find a Yahoo! Group". Enter CalRUFC (CRUFC was taken).
3. Click on the 'Search' button.
4. A page appears showing the club's group on the left side.
5. Click on the icon, which takes you to the club's chat group page.
6. In the top right corner above the photo of Chrissie is a button titled "Join this Group". Click on this button.
7. The top right corner of the page asks you to get a Yahoo! ID. You can't use the group unless you have one. Click on the "Sign up for Yahoo!" button.
8. When the sign up page appears, fill out the form the way you prefer to do such things. Make sure you remember your account ID and password.
9. Complete the sign-up process, which includes the final verification page (click on "Save These Changes" at the bottom), and getting an e-mail on another non-Yahoo account, and your Yahoo account is good to go.
10. Now make your way back to the club's chat group page following steps 1 through 4 above.
11. Click on the "Join This Group" link. A page will appear that invites you to go to the CalRUFC home. Click this link.
12. After that, you'll have to wait for Ken Beanlands, the group moderator (person who removes unwanted and inappropriate messages, like spam, from the group) to acknowledge your sign-up. He'll do so in a day or two and then you can log-in from anywhere you have an internet connection.

The CRUFC Yahoo chat group allows members to post questions about help they need, for example. Or, members can share stories and flying experiences as well as photos and club information. A member could post a notice about a planned flight or upcoming fly-in, or post photos of the flight they just made. The possibilities are nearly endless. It's a great way for CRUFC members to stay informed and entertained.



COPA Flight 114 Fly's Junior Aviators

Story by Bob Kirkby, Photos by Renee Beanlands

(RV10), Ken Beanlands (Christavia), Mike Sweere (C-170), Jim Corner (Kitfox), Pat Cunningham (C-140), Brian Vasseur (CH250), Bob Kirkby (PA28-235).

Registration and Administration – Barb Roberts, Kay Clarke, Ida Kespe.

Ground School Instructor – Ed D'antoni.

Official Photographer – Renee Beanlands.

Load Marshalls – Glen Clarke, Dave Kirkeby, Garret Komm.

Aircraft marshaller – Andy Gustafson.

Committee Chair and refreshment provider – Carl Forman.

The grins and appreciation from the kids is really heartwarming to hear, but most impressive were the many comments from the parents about what great community spirit this shows and how professional and well run the event was.



Troy Branch returns with another grinning group of COPA Kids.

Forty-seven young people had the thrill of a lifetime recently when they became Junior Aviators for a day.

The Calgary Recreational and Ultralight Flying Club, aka COPA Flight 114, held its first COPA For Kids day on October 10th. Originally planned for October 3rd it was moved at the last minute due to a bad weather forecast for that day. October 10th turned out to be cold (5 C) but good flying weather. Although snow showers threatened all day they didn't materialize until well after the event was completed.

Seven aircraft flew 47 Junior Aviators doing five flights each from 8:30 to noon. The event was well planned and executed due to the diligence of committee chair Carl Forman and his 16 volunteers. Chestermere-Kirkby Field (CFX8) hosted the event. The main hangar (where the heat was) served for registration, ground school, and socializing while Junior Aviators awaited their turn to fly.

Our wonderful volunteers were:

Pilots doing the flying - Troy Branch

It's really hard to say who had more fun; the kids, the pilots, the ground crew or the parents. Everyone had a wonderful time. What a great way to spend a Saturday. We can't wait 'til next year.

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Jim and Andy cuddle to stay warm... it wasn't just the kids who had a great time!!



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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. Come by and visit! Please contact Paul evenings at 403-271-5330 or eaahighriver@shaw.ca or visit www.eaahighriver.org for more details.



Three more happy customers return from their COPA for Kids Day courtesy of Mike Sweere and his Cessna 170.

