



# Skywriter...



**June 2013**



*Carl and Bob's Excellent Adventure. Bob Kirkby loads one of two Brittany Spaniels into his Cherokee 235 for a rescue flight from Wyoming to a new home in Calgary. Photo by Carl Forman.*

## **June Meeting Notice:**

**June's meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Chestermere/Kirkby Field (CFX8).**

**Hamburgers will be served from 6 PM to 8 PM.**

**Spouses are invited to this "Kickoff to the Summer Flying Season Barbeque"**

# From the Cockpit

By Norm Vienneau

The flying season is here in full swing and I feel like the kid kicking the rock down the lane saying wish I could do that. The Avid was picked up the May long weekend and the Buzzard is not quite ready to go so here I sit, once again, grounded. For a guy that loves the freedom of the air the way I do I am thinking I am doing way too much building and not nearly enough flying. Also, for those that haven't heard once the Buzzard is flying I have another project to go as I picked up a KitFox model IV that is in need of restoration. Things are moving along nicely on the Buzzard and I may be lucky enough to be back in the air shortly. I am not entirely happy with the finish because the space is just too crowded in my small garage to spray the paint the way I would like. Still the way the fabric was peeling off and the couple of tubes that were broken in the tail it was time for a redo and I am confident that this will be a good safe and solid airframe that I am taking to the sky. That is certainly one of the advantages of redoing an aircraft: when you are done you know exactly what you have. It is interesting that as you go along there are compromises you accept because the air is calling. While I am not overjoyed with some of the finish I also realize this is a flyer, not an award winner and what I am learning I will transfer to the KitFox as I complete that project.

One of the things you do when you are working on a project like this is the assemblage of parts and pieces such as stripping, lettering, parts for panels, etc. I had decided that I wanted a new panel as the existing one had been reworked a couple of times in the life of the Buzzard. Metal supermarkets came up in an internet search and I was on my way to find some aluminum for the panel. Sometimes things just fall into place. I walked into the front door looking for a 12" by 48" piece and there it was waiting for me in the cut-off bin. It went home with me and I was only \$20 lighter. I have taken the panel to a laser cutter and will soon have a new instrument cluster. There is

still a lot of work to do but with any luck I soon be joining you in the air shortly.

Don't forget this month's meeting is at Chestermere/Kirkby Field (CFX8). Bob was kind enough to offer his hanger for our first annual "Kickoff to the Summer Flying Season Barbeque". Your executive is hosting this and there is no charge for the burgers and colas. If you wish to bring a donation, all proceeds will go to the COPA freedom to fly fund. This event is meant to be a social that we can bring our spouses along and just have a nice relaxing evening. Fly In or Drive In, burgers will be served from 6 pm until 8 pm. That is this coming Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The event goes rain or shine and if you would like to bring your folding lawn chair that would be great as we may not have enough picnic tables to go around. Hope to see you all Wednesday. Till next time, Good Lies and Smooth Skies.



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# Flying Canines

By Bob Kirkby

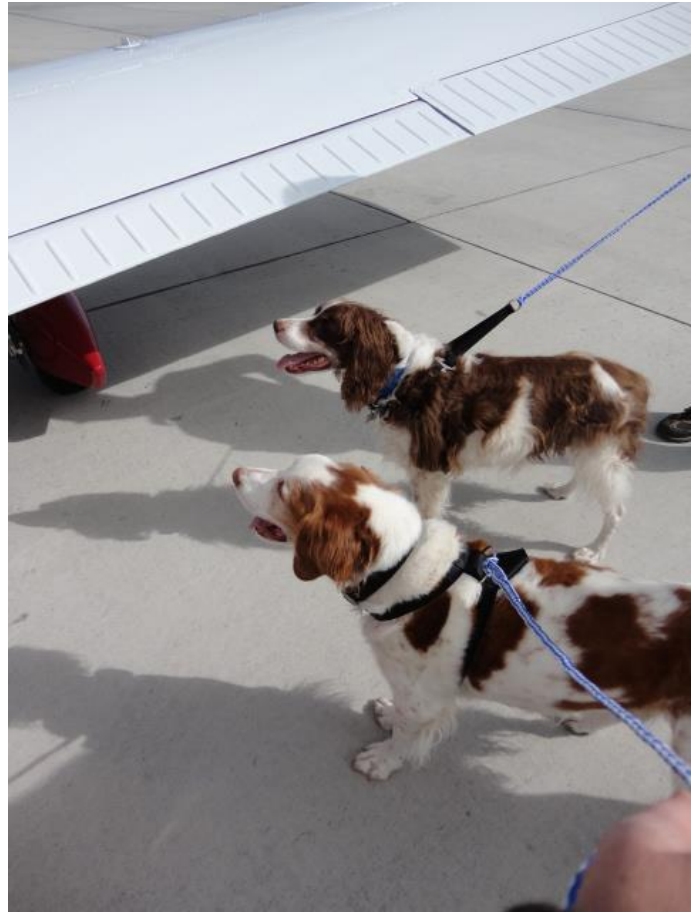
A few years ago I read an article in a US aviation magazine about an organization that matched dog rescues with pilots who were willing to transport dogs by air to other locations for adoption. It is relatively easy to transport dogs by airline between major centres but from small towns this is not the case so general aviation pilots were being invited to help in these cases. The organization that facilitates this transportation is Pilots N Paws.

At first glance it wasn't obvious why the dogs needed to be flown but after reading up on the process it was clear that a typical highway route that might take 10 hours to drive could be flown in about 2 hours. This is particularly true of isolated communities not served by major highways.

I thought this was a neat idea but didn't give it any more thought until last year when I read a story in COPA Flight about a lady in Vancouver (Gini Green) starting up a Canadian equivalent to Pilots N Paws - [Pilots N Paws Canada](#) (PNPC). There is no connection between the two organizations except their mutual objectives and cooperation on transportation of our four-legged furry friends.

I contacted Gini to find out more and read through their web site. Then in the fall I joined as a volunteer pilot and waited for an opportunity to fly a mission. As it turned out my Cherokee was down for painting for two months, then down for an annual, then a prop overhaul and a few other things. That combined with marginal weather much of the winter in Calgary kept

*OK, Let's get going!*



*Waiting to board in Sheridan*

the canine transport opportunities at bay.

Finally in May I was back to flying so I started watching the PNPC ride board - where missions are listed and the pilots volunteer. It wasn't long before one came up that I could do. It was a request to transport two older Brittany dogs from Billings, Montana to Calgary. The dog's life-long owner had passed away and with the relatives not wanting them they had spent several months being bounced around until they came to the attention of the National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network (NBRAN) in the US. They were rescued and placed with a foster family until they could be permanently adopted.

Although I had flown with one dog before the thought of flying with two medium sized dogs on a cross-border flight raised some concerns. But after checking on the customs requirements and studying the back of my Cherokee 235 to see how I might accommodate the dogs, I was satisfied the aircraft and I were up to the task and so I went ahead and volunteered for my first mission.



I first spoke to the PNPC coordinator for this mission and was given all the details, and then we picked a date a few days hence. The Canadian coordinator passed me over to the NBRAN coordinator in the US. As it turned out circumstances forced us to push the date out three more days but a week after first contact the mission was on.

I discovered that the Heidi, the lovely lady fostering the dogs, lived in Story, Wyoming, a small town not far from Sheridan, WY. The plan was for her to drive the dogs to Billings, MT for pickup but that was a 2 ½ hour drive for her each way. I have flown that route many times and have frequently stopped at Sheridan for fuel, even got weathered in there once. It was only 45 minutes more for me to fly past Billings to Sheridan. I became an instant hero when I suggested I could meet Heidi in Sheridan instead of Billings. As it turned out I had another reason to go to Sheridan, WY, but that's another story.

With the date set and all arrangements in place I asked my pilot friend Carl if he would like to come along. He jumped at the chance for a new flying adventure. It's a four hour flight plus a stop at Great Falls, MT to clear customs so we decided to head south the afternoon before and stay overnight. This gave me time to take care of that other business in Sheridan. Then at 0900 the next morning we met Heidi, her husband and the two Brittanies, Colby and Ethan, at the Sheridan airport. While they seemed a bit nervous with the airport surroundings and meeting strangers as soon as we started loading they got right into it. They willingly climbed aboard and settled happily into the back of the aeroplane.

Prior to leaving home I had removed the rear seat back from the aeroplane and used rolled blankets to raise the level of the baggage area to match the seat cushion; then covered that with plastic, a sheet of cardboard and another blanket. This gave the dogs a large flat surface to lounge in. I tied two light ropes to the seat belt anchors then tied the ropes to the dogs' harnesses so they could easily move around but couldn't launch themselves into the front seat either willingly or unwillingly. Apparently the accommodations were acceptable as they slept during the entire flight.

We launched out of Sheridan at 0950 and touched down at Lethbridge, AB at 1255. When I called CanPass from Sheridan I told them what was up with the dogs but didn't know if they would come to meet us or not. Normally Canada Customs agents don't bother coming out to meet me at Lethbridge, but this time they did. It turned out to be a non-event. All they wanted to see was the vaccination paperwork for the dogs and our passports. This was a first for them too so I explained about PNPC and answered their questions about why the dogs were being

transported by air. They complimented me on the new paint job and we said goodbye.

Another 45 minutes in the air dodging rain cells and we touched down at Chestermere-Kirkby Field outside of Calgary. The dogs seemed very grateful to get out and go for a romp in the tall grass that seemed to have sprung up overnight. A little while later their new owner, Adam, came to meet them and took Colby and Ethan to their new home.

I must say I was very impressed with the professional level of mission organization by Pilots N Paws Canada and the National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network in the US. It was great working with them. It was equally great to meet Heidi and Adam who care so much about Colby and Ethan.

We did some great flying, did a good deed, and accomplished some business all at the same time. That's what General Aviation is all about. What fun!

I'm looking forward to our next mission  
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*Colby and Ethan enjoy a walk with Carl after arriving in Chestermere while waiting to head to their new home!*

# COPA for Kids

By Carl Forman  
Photos by Peter Perry



*Stu flies COPA for Kids for the first time in his new Cavalier.*

The club held its annual COPA for Kids Day on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Chestmere Kirkby Field. In comparison to the previous eight days which can be best described as monsoon season, the weather was clear with very light, sometimes nonexistent winds and virtually no turbulence. It was perfect for a young aviator's very first flight.

Nine pilots and nine support volunteers worked together to make this event possible. We had a Cessna 140 (Pat Cunningham), Cessna 170 (Mike Sweere) and Cessna 182 Gerry McDonald) as well as a Piper Cherokee 235 (Bob Kirkby) from the certified category. From the amateur category we had a Bushcaddy 164 (Glen Bishell), Zenair CH-250 (Brian Vasseur), Cavalier (Stu Simpson), RV-10 (Troy Branch) and a Kitfox (Jim Corner). Ed D'Antoni handled pre-registration; Kay Clarke, Barb Roberts (Forman) and Tina Simpson ran the registration desk. Glen Clarke was loadmaster with Andy Gustafson and Ed Wawzonek acted as ground marshals while Norm Vienneau taught



*These lovely ladies handled the registration of 44 kids*

ground school. Peter Perry handled the photography duties.

We introduced 44 kids to the joy of flying. The kids were full of enthusiasm and excitement and the parents were pleased and grateful. They'll never forget this day. It was as much fun for the volunteers as it is for kids!

Here is an email from one of the parents:

*"Did they enjoy? They were blown away by the experience! I can't tell you how overjoyed, how completely over the moon Olivia was, and what a boost this was for her spirits (Freddy loved it as well, but he can do so much more than her, her mobility is such a limitation for her- this was something she could do and thoroughly enjoy, and participate just the same as all the other kids). Thank you so much for organising the day." →*



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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. To contact us please call our club President, Brian Wilson 403-345-6603 or send us an email at [Lethbridge-Sport-Flyers@telus.net](mailto: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. Come by and visit! Please contact Paul evenings at 403-271-5330 or [eaahighriver@shaw.ca](mailto:eaahighriver@shaw.ca) or visit [www.eaahighriver.org](http://www.eaahighriver.org) for more details.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, Carstairs/Bishell, AB (CGB2) – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly-In Breakfast** At Carstairs Bishell's 8:00 till 12:00. For information call Glenn 403-337-2564

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, Cardston, AB (CEA6) – 7th Annual Fly-In Breakfast.** Breakfast from 0800 - 1030. \$5.00 per person. Overnight parking and camping free (limited electrical outlets). No airport fees. Come and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Co-ordinates for this event are N49 09 45 W113 14 28. For more information, please contact Doug Murray 403-653-2087 or [dgmurray@toughcountry.net](mailto:dgmurray@toughcountry.net)

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Sundridge/Almaquin Highlands Airpark, AB (CPE6) – The Airpark is Celebrating its 80th birthday this year.** Come join the birthday party. Everyone who can fly, drive, pedal or walk is invited to join the fun. The feature event is the attendance of 2 Harvards from the Canadian Harvard Association. Under wing camping will be available. Breakfast and Lunch will be available at the airport. The North Bay Royal Canadian Air Cadets will demonstrate their drill squad and band. The Northern Lights Steel Drum Band will perform, rides in the Helicopter and Harvard rides will be available. There will be an hourly draw. Free shuttle service into the restaurants and hotel in Sundridge will be available. For further information, please contact [srsflyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:srsflyingclub@gmail.com)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, Fairview, AB (CEB5) – COPA Dunvegan Flight 174, Fathers Day Fly-in Breakfast** in beautiful peace River Country. Fuel by credit card.....Jet A, Av 100 LL. AME available. WAAS approach 04 & 22. see CAP. Co-ordinates N56 04 53 W118 26 00 1.5 NW town. For more information, please contact Ian Macdonald at [ian.macdonald@telus.net](mailto:ian.macdonald@telus.net) or 780-835-2432, 780-834-8162.

June 16<sup>th</sup>, Morinville, AB (CMN6) – COPA Flight 61 Mike's Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mike and Rose Poworoznik's farm strip. For more information, please email [stabfc@gmail.com](mailto:stabfc@gmail.com)

June 16<sup>th</sup>, Lloydminster, AB (CYLL) – COPA Flight 113, The Lloydminster Flying Club is hosting its annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the Border City Aviation Hanger from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Static displays on site. For more information, please contact Darwin Girdaucis at 780-1802 or [dgirdauc@telusplanet.net](mailto:dgirdauc@telusplanet.net)

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dawson Creek, BC – COPA Annual Fly-in and AGM. Please visit their website regularly at [www.copanational.org](http://www.copanational.org) for updates.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dawson Creek, BC – Yukon and Alaska Airtour, after COPA's Annual Fly-In & AGM in Dawson Creek, BC, COPA is in the process of organizing an Airtour to Fly the Alaska Highway! Visit the Gold Rush Town of Atlin, Whitehorse (fly Kluane National Park and see Mt Logan, the highest mountain in Canada at 19,551ft), carry on to historic Dawson City, of the Klondike Gold Rush fame and continue on to Fairbanks Alaska and help them celebrate July 4th with a Salmon Bake. Read more. If you are interested in this tour, please contact Bram Tilroe at [btilroe@copanational.org](mailto:btilroe@copanational.org).

July 6<sup>th</sup>, Chestermere/Kirkby, AB (CFX8) – Annual Fly-In Breakfast At from 8:30 till 11:00. For information call Bob Kirkby (403) 569-9541

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Arlington WA – The Arlington Fly-in. For more info se [www.nweaa.org](http://www.nweaa.org).

July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Hinton, AB – The Hinton Flying Club / Copa Flight 126 would like to invite all and any pilots who would like to fly into Hinton Entrance and attend this years Wild Mountain Music Festival. The date for the Wild Mountain Music Festival located just north of the Hinton Entrance airstrip. The music festival is across from the runway where tickets can be purchased.

Their web site is, [www.wildmountainmusicfest.ca](http://www.wildmountainmusicfest.ca). We have lots of camping space and club house for all to use. For more information, please call Glen at 780-865-2871 or Steve at 780-817-4820.



July 21<sup>st</sup>, Vulcan, AB (CFX6) – Vulcan Flying Club 37th Annual Fly-in Breakfast, commencing at 0800 - 1100 being held in conjunction with Town's 100th Anniversary celebrations. Fuel, controlled parking. Co-ordinates Lat. N.50 24 17; Long. W.113 17 00. For more information, please contact Norm Kristjansson at 403-485-2791 or [cfiwc@telus.net](mailto:cfiwc@telus.net)

July 27, Cayley, AB (CAJ7) – Joe English Memorial Fly-In Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 - 10:00 and Lunch from 11:00 - 13:00. Displays, Vintage Aircraft and tours the Bomber Command Museum of Canada (transportation provided). Under-wing camping available on July 26 and 27. Accommodation also available at Nanton and High River. 3 miles east of Cayley and #2 intersection, 658 Avenue and 168 Street. Avgas available and no landing fees. For more information, please contact the Bomber Command Museum of Canada at 403-646-2270 or [office@bombercommandmuseum.ca](mailto:office@bombercommandmuseum.ca) [www.bombercommandmuseum.ca](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca)

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>, Oshkosh, WI (KOSH) – EAA AirVenture... the world's greatest aviation celebration. Tjis year, the CRUFC is planning a group flight to Oshkosh. If interested, please contact Stu Simpson. For more information, see [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org).

August 5<sup>th</sup>, Claresholm, AB (CEJ4) – Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Each aircraft's pilot in command receives free breakfast voucher. 100LL available. Rides available to town and/or Nanton Bomber Command Museum where they will be running the Lancaster (possibly all 4 engines). For more information, please contact Murray Frame at 403-625-3782 or Jim Pedersen 403-625-3651.

August 11<sup>th</sup>, Westlock, AB (CES4) – COPA Flight 139, Fly/Drive Annual Fly-In Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Airspace closed at 11:15 a.m. for airshow. Wing campers welcome. BBQ night before. For more information please contact George at 780-349-1094

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