



# Skywriter...



**Feb 2018**



***Next Meeting Wednesday Feb 14 at the AeroSpace Museum***

**Monthly Newsletter of the Calgary Recreational & Ultralight Flying Club – COPA Flight 114**

**Our Mission: To promote safety and camaraderie amongst aviation enthusiasts.**

# President's Message

By Ed D'Antoni



## February 2018 President's Message

As we dig ourselves out of record snowfalls for February (and the month is not even half over) at least we can take comfort that spring is right around the corner and better flying weather is coming. I've been out twice in December and twice in January. February certainly has not been kind to us aviators.

At the January meeting I was officially elected President and Dirkjan Kiewiet Vice President. Ed D'Antoni steps into the Past President role. On behalf of the CRUFC I would like to thank Ed for his contribution to the Club over the past two years. Other Directors are Barry Wood, John Kerr and Carl Forman as Secretary Treasurer.

We had our first Director's meeting this past weekend to discuss programs and events that we hope to see happen over the next few months. We're hoping that we can get more "flying" events into the Calgary Recreational and Ultralight **FLYING** Club. Flying events could include overnight camping trips, fly-outs for lunch, poker run, BBQ's and maybe even a Club Aerial Adventure. We have

a wide range of aircraft in the club and it would be great to have everyone participate in more events.

We have guest speakers lined up for at least three upcoming

meetings: Richard de Boer (Calgary Mosquito Society) for February 14, Lyn Michaud (Search and Rescue Society) will be at the March 14 meeting to talk about UAV's in SAR roles and their effect with regards to general aviation. We also have another guest for June lined up and will be coming out with that info by the March meeting. We will also entertain suggestions from the memberships for future speakers and see if we can make it happen.

We would like to have a Tech Talk session at each

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### COPA Flight 114

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month, except July and August, starting 7:00 PM at the Aerospace Museum, 4629 McCall Way NE Calgary.

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meeting where we can discuss safety issues, equipment problems, new equipment information and anything else that the membership wants to learn about. Suggestions are welcomed. Some topics for Tech Talks include: Personal Locator Beacons and Satellite Messengers such as SPOT, Inreach, Spidertracks, etc.; Equipment to bring for overnight camping by aircraft – what do some of use and where to get it. Again suggestions from the membership are welcome. We want to have meetings that are fun and informative.

Oh, almost forgot – we will have soft drinks, water and coffee available at the meetings. Donations are welcome to help cover the costs.

I look forward to a great flying season in 2018 and maybe we'll be lucky and get some decent weather before spring. Safe Flying.

Brian

### **My First Landing on an Ice Runway**

Jan 23, 2018

It was a beautiful day for flying as I took off. Winds were calm, clouds few and the sun bright. As I climbed to 4500' I called Stu and he told me he was just east of Carstairs. Perfect timing!



We discussed a destination and decided to head to Lacombe for lunch. The air was smooth and in no time we were on final for Runway 16. Two greaser landings and we were parked. Heading into the clubhouse we met Jon Fromm.



As we talked another pilot walked in and said he was going out for a flight. Jon asked him to check out the Gull Lake airstrip if he was over there. Hmm, I'd never landed on an ice runway. Jon told us where the strip was located and that it was clear and in good shape.



After lunch I decided that it would probably be a good day to land on the Gull Lake runway. We flew to Gull Lake and while Stu orbited a couple of thousand feet above I made a couple of low passes to inspect the runway and check the wind. As the wind was negligible I decided to land on runway 33 (approximately) in case the braking action was very low and I over-ran the runway. No trees or shoreline to get in the way.

As I lined up for a short final my pulse was definitely rising. I touched down nicely and let the airplane slow down on its own. The runway had some light snow patches but they didn't cause any problems at all. The light snow cover did help the braking a little but it was still marginal. As I taxied to the north end I had trouble turning as I couldn't get enough traction to brake and unlock the tailwheel. The runway was not wide enough for me to turn around but luckily there is a turn area at the north end. Even then I thought I would have to get out and push the tail around but a snow patch finally gave me the traction I

needed.



A couple of photos later I fired MLB up and took off to the south. The lack of traction prevented much of a run-up so it was a rather quick takeoff. Stu and I formed up again and headed home. We had a nice cruise around Sylvan Lake looking at all the fishing huts. They were enjoying the beautiful weather as much as we were.

A few minutes later I was setting up for landing in Carstairs and Stu continued on his way back to Kirkby's. What a great way to spend the day and what fun to add to my flying adventures.

**Calgary Recreational and Ultralight Flying Club**

**Balance Sheet  
As at December 31,**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	<u>\$7,462.88</u>	<u>\$8,467.92</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Prepaid memberships	1,305.00	1,110.00
<b>Retained earnings</b>	<u>6,157.88</u>	<u>7,357.92</u>
	<u>\$7,462.88</u>	<u>\$8,467.92</u>
 <b>Approved by the Board</b>		
	<hr/> President	<hr/> Treasurer

**Statement of Revenue and Expenditure  
Year ended December 31,**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Membership dues	\$1,785.00	\$1,915.00
Raffles (net)	268.23	407.14
Donations and advertising	<u>- 2,053.23</u>	<u>- 2,322.14</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Meeting hall rent	1,300.00	1,300.00
Website	367.00	767.00
New computer	596.40	
December social	738.87	
Robert Thirsk presentation	251.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>- 3,253.27</u>	<u>57.83 2,124.83</u>
<b>Net revenue (loss)</b>	<u>(1,200.04)</u>	<u>197.31</u>
<b>Retained earnings, beginning of year</b>	<u>7,357.92</u>	<u>7,160.61</u>
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