



**Recreational Aircraft Association of Canada, Chapter 85  
Monthly Membership Minutes 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Monthly Membership Meeting:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/6815107222?pwd=MmhJdmJDdG1CUlJzTDU5RXhhN1BkZz09>

Meeting ID: 681 510 7222

- New members and visitors: Welcome and introductions
  - Dr. Bob Galway – retired commercial pilot, retired orthopedic surgeon, principal of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, and a good friend of our guest speaker

**PROGRAM**

Local aviation hero, Tim Cole gave a presentation on “From Bush Pilot to Bureaucrat...and back”.

Working as a bush pilot in Northern Quebec and Labrador, Tim Cole quickly rose through the ranks to become chief pilot for *Laurentian Air Services*, the renowned Canadian bush airline. As a Twin Otter pilot, he flew for *Airtransit*, the Canadian Government’s STOL (Short Takeoff and Landing) demonstration service, between Ottawa and Montreal. He moved to the West Coast and flew Twin Otter floatplanes for *AirWest Airlines*. Tim joined Transport Canada and became the 'The Queen's Bush Pilot in British Columbia.' During his 31-year rise to management levels as a Civil Aviation Inspector, he experienced the perils of both the wilderness and the boardroom (bored room?). Tim currently flies his personal C-172 weekly out of Langley, and he just can't seem to keep it out of the mountains.

Tim brought a few copies of his book, ‘Tight floats and Tailwinds’ which he sold for \$35/copy

- Sales were brisk.

**Business Meeting**

**Membership Type      Annual Dues**

Individual	\$90
Family	\$60

Note: All Memberships have to be renewed in January each year

Membership fees can be sent by e-transfer to our Membership Chair, Lien Tran  
[raa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:raa.membership@gmail.com)

**Committee Reports:**

- Treasurer: Alex MacKay
  - Financial report presented and discussed
- Vice President: Scott McGillivray
  - Annual Awards Banquet discussed
    - 17:00 – Doors open
    - 18:00 – Turkey dinner, or other by special order, served
  - Tickets available for sale at \$60/PAX
    - Sales were brisk
- Membership: Lien Tran
  - Not present, report by Ran Sariel
    - 53 members
  - Lien was present at the beginning of the meeting to introduce and take sales orders for Chapter 85 merchandise (t-shirts, golf shirts, and BBQ aprons of various colours, embroidered with the Chapter logo)
    - Sales were brisk
- Aircraft Manager: Perry Delano
  - Cruiser annual inspection in progress
    - Parts have now arrived to complete the annual
    - Next work session this Saturday at 10:00
    - Some fibre glassing, repack wheel bearings, install main gear bushings replacement, and other items to be completed
- Aircraft Chief Pilot: Dave Hallier
  - Not much happening while the Cruiser is undergoing its annual inspection
  - A couple of new Flying Wing applicants have come forward
    - Only admin items in process currently
- Hangar / Workshop: John de Visser
  - Not present, no report
- Custodian: Tom Phillips
  - Building is fine, everything is working great
- Fly Outs Tom Phillips
  - Mar15/25 – Texada Island – Gillies Bay
    - Great response from the Chapter membership
    - The four PAX looking for seats have been accommodated
    - 6-7 aircraft with 14 people attending
    - Preflight briefing to be held at DAP prior to departure
    - Texada Island group will host a hamburger BBQ for us
- Programs: Tia Evans
  - April – John Macready
  - May – Photographs and stories about the early DAP days
    - Submissions from members should be emailed to Tia
  - Summer – UBC prof will provide a presentation on aviation weather analysis
- Webmaster Abhishek Bawiskar
  - Website is all good
  - Website email addresses need to be updated/confirmed
- DAPCOM: Dave Hallier
  - Everything is going well
  - Townhall meeting planned for March
  - Likely to be a quiet year at DAP

- Barn building maintenance ongoing
- Lean-to south wall repairs in progress, concrete to be poured
- Newly created work area is now ready to be rented out
- License agreement with Metro Parks due Aug01/25
  - No problems expected

**Announcements:**

**2025 Annual Awards Banquet:** March 9<sup>th</sup> Speaker George Plawski, East Delta Community Hall, 10379 Ladner Trunk Road in Delta.

**2025 Annual Fly-Inn:** tentatively the last Saturday of June or first Saturday in July

**RAA Chapter 85 Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Call for Volunteers**

Supplies Purchaser (Saturday or earlier)	
Open Up and start Grill/ Coffee	
Cashier and Ticket Issuer	
Dish Washer	
Wait Staff	
Pancake Flipper	
Eggs & Bacon	
Cleanup	All

Note: The above roles are all interchangeable and new volunteers are most welcome?  
***Volunteers meet at 8am, have breakfast and get ready for doors to open at 9am, the breakfast concludes at 11am followed by cleanup.***

**Other**

- Pancake breakfast this Sunday hosted by Boundary Bay Flying Club
- Scott is looking for a portable PA system for the banquet
  - John de Visser was suggested as a source for PA system rental

**Motion to Adjourn By:** Tia Evens **Seconded:** Greg Booker **Time:** 8:55PM