



RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
CANADA
Vancouver Chapter 85



General Meeting
Tuesday, the 4th day of February, 2014

Preliminary

Attendance: 21 members attended. Executive Committee members attending: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, John de Visser, Cyril Henderson, Peter Lenger, John Macready, David Marsden, Tim Novak, Hugo Regier, Dave Rose and Peter Whittaker.

Call to Order: At 21:37 by President John.

Minutes: Motion: Steven Hewitt and Rob Prior that the Minutes of the 28th day of January 2014 Executive Meeting be adopted. Carried.

Visitors: Speaker Mark Garner. Texas Constantine has partially recovered from his injuries and was able to attend the meeting.

Tonight's Program: Mark Garner, the Social Director for Boundary Bay Flying Club provided the members with a brief overview of a number of aviation based websites useful to pilots: The details are outlined below.

Webtrak: A site mainly used for tracking aircraft for complaints due to low flying or noise levels. This site can only track aircraft with transponders and aircraft flights can be viewed up to 4 months prior to date.

Flight Tracker: A similar site to Webtrak, but only tracks IFR flights.

Flight Radar 24: A site that tracks aircraft through broadcast coordinates from GPS, to ground receiving stations.

SkyVector: A great resource site for pilots that displays; VFR and IFR charts, control zone restrictions, CFS information for airports, weather forecasts with radar, and fuel prices for several airports – note: this site is not to be used as a main source for navigation.

Flight Plan: A site provided by NAV Canada, that includes notams, weather information, IFR maps and airport approach instructions.

AirNav: A US site that provides airport info, communication frequencies and distance calculations.

Live ATC: A site that enables viewers to listen to ATC communications.

100 Low Lead: A site that provides a list of airport fuel prices across the country (100LL.ca)

Thank you to Mark who took the time to go through each website and answered many questions from the members.

Old Business:

Update on Turbi: Dave Rose received 6-8 calls from individuals inquiring about the Turbi. An RAA member from Brandon, Manitoba has offered to purchase the Turbi for \$3900. The potential purchaser has previous experience in fixing damaged planes, and is intending to restore the aircraft for personal use.

Some discussion ensued about the sale of the Turbi. Previously and by a voted over the phone 12 Executive members have agreed to the sale of the Turbi for \$3900. Bruce Prior is against selling the Turbi as it has only been advertised for 3 months and has expressed that the winter is not a good time to sell an aircraft. Rob has agreed that it is not a good time of year to sell an aircraft, but noted it is currently costing the chapter \$200 per month for aircraft storage. Gerard suggested that we save the engine and the radio, and place them in a new airframe.

Motion: Sean Connelly/ Gerard Van Dijk: to sell the Turbi for \$3900, provided that the purchaser is an RAA member.

A vote of hands was held and 18 members voted in favour, 2 members were opposed. **motion was passed,**

It has been decided that the Chapter will accept the offer of the sale at \$3900.

Skylark Project: The President announced that Dave Marsden has withdrawn his offer of the Skylark as a chapter project. In a later communication the president explained the aircraft was unsuitable for the chapter as a project. It was too expensive and the kit was difficult to assemble. David Marsden will complete the project privately. If members are interested in assisting Dave Marsden with building the aircraft, they can contact him directly.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Tom Boulanger reported that currently, the RAA has \$38,600 in the bank. The group has collected approximately \$6600 so far, and has spent \$2800; bringing the total to approximately \$3800.

Secretary: Heidi Bekker announced a flyout on July 26th to meet the Ice Pilots in Yellowknife, NWT. The flyout is organized by the Pacific Pilot Group and anyone with an aircraft who is interested in signing up is to contact Heidi for further details.

Membership: Dave Marsden announced the membership fees are \$40 this year and we currently have close to 50 members.

Custodian: Hugo Regier announced that he will be taking all the old books in the clubhouse to the aviation museum in Langley. We are attempting to clean out the clubhouse. The president remarked that dirty dishes have been found in the sink and the coffee machine was found turned on for a long period of time. A note will be composed and sent to the membership to clean up after use. John de Visser has purchased a vacuum cleaner but he was not present to announce.

Vice President: Peter Whittaker provided an update on the Annual Awards Banquet. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes a baron of beef dinner; there is a cash bar also available. Banquet seats can be purchased from Peter directly or at the door on March 1st at the Delta Town and Country Inn. Rob may be printing out tickets for the event. The guest speaker for the evening is still being arranged and an email was sent out to the members regarding nominations. Please email Peter for award nominations. The awards banquet commences at 18:30 on Saturday March 1, 2014 at the Delta Town and Country Inn.

Aircraft: Dave Rose and John de Visser looked at a 1972 Cessna 150 being sold from a flying school in Chilliwack. The aircraft has been commercially maintained, but has a bad engine; there was metal found in the oil. The asking price for the plane is currently \$15,400.

DHAP Committee: No report as the meeting was the following Thursday

RAAC: We are currently still looking for a new Program Coordinator for the Chapter. We have speakers lined up for the meetings in March, April and May.

COPA 5: Gary Peare informed the members about an event at Langley airport promoting aviation to young women. The event takes place on March 8th and 9th which includes providing flights to young women, and tours of the control tower.

Announcements

- Dapcom sponsored breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 9th.

Adjournment: Motion: Tom Boulanger and Gerard Van Dyke that we adjourn. Carried, at 22:12.