

are two other non elected people invited to serve on the committee.

In all this year we have a group of eighteen eclectic individuals from various backgrounds some of whom are ex career aviators. We have former military and commercial pilots, ex-academics, engineers, financial specialists, a pharmacist, a graphic designer, painters, mechanics and several self employed business persons. In all a very interesting and dynamic group of individuals who share the love of flying and building airplanes. It would be inconceivable to think our chapter couldn't succeed with all this talent. Notably however, no women are on our executive committee this year!

Despite the managerial nature of the topic most discussions were robust and dynamic. It seemed that most if not all individuals were very keen on defining their role and that of others in the group. We all wanted to describe what it was we should be doing and were eager to tell the other person what he should be doing.

Chapter 85 is and has been a very active Chapter of the RAAC in the past. We have a long and distinguished history of aircraft development and construction. Some very fine home built aircraft have come from the hallowed halls of Delta Heritage Airpark, most notably two extremely fine examples of scale Spitfires and many others. The chapter is very involved

with participating in the operation and maintenance of an airfield, an activity which takes some of our time and energy but which pays enormous dividends in terms of having the right facilities to pursue our hobby.

We hope to keep Chapter 85 going for the foreseeable future. In the months ahead our executive will look at all aspects of our organization its responsibilities and activities to maximize the benefit to our members. Our major object will be building and taking care of airplanes but right now I recommend some effort be put into the basic building blocks of running an efficient organization. In the short term I propose we review where we want to go, who we want to be and how it is we are supposed to get there. This means identifying activities, setting standards and defining our goals and objectives, some less fun topics but overall a dividend paying benefit for the chapter in the future.

I plan to keep you all informed of our activities on a regular basis. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about where you want Chapter 85 to go, write to me or come to our meetings and voice your opinions. We meet at Delta Heritage Air Park on the first Tuesday of the month at 19:30 hours.

Happy flying,  
John Macready, President RAA Chapter 85 and RAAC Regional Director, BC (Mainland).

## News and Stuff

### Forum Up and Running

RAA's Forum is live online! If you want to join in the fun, go to the RAA website and click on the "forum" button and join up. You can advertise, ask questions, find out new places to fly - join us!

### Maranda Project

Mark Johnstone is looking for help completing his Maranda. His email is [johnstone@vmobile.blackberry.com](mailto:johnstone@vmobile.blackberry.com)

### Turbi

The Turbi is now insured and available for checkouts. Mark ter Keurs is now the check pilot. The weight and balance issues on the Turbi have been settled thanks to a different wood prop that's been installed. Also note that the Turbi  $V_{ne}$  is 108mph. Once

you've stopped climbing, you need to bring the throttle back to keep the speed from exceeding  $V_{ne}$  in level flight. Gary McBride is now our Aircraft Chairman and is handling the aircraft accounts.

### Pancake Breakfast Helpers

If you would like to help out during our pancake breakfasts please give your name to Joan Cox, so that we may if needed. Contact her at [jr\\_rosi-cox@telus.net](mailto:jr_rosi-cox@telus.net) or leave a message at 604-596-7635.

### RAA Annual Awards Banquet

April 7 starting at 6:30 in the Reifel Salon in the Cross Roads Inn. 6005 Hwy 17, at the corner of Hwy 17 and Hwy 99 on the north east corner entered by the Shell Gas station.

The tickets are \$40 per person and members can bring their spouse for only an additional \$10 for their ticket.

Tickets can be purchased from Raymond Colley at the upcoming RAA meeting. People can also email me their intensions at [rcolley@telus.net](mailto:rcolley@telus.net)

There is only seating for a max of 60 people so we are asking people to let me know as soon as possible.

### Airplane Pictures

Lynn Walker is working on a wall of planes. If you want your picture on the wall or have founding members' planes pictures please contact her. 8x10, 5x7, 7x8 or 4x6 frame sizes are available.

# TURN AND BANK

January-February 2012



Back row from the left: Mark ter Keurs, David Marsden, Peter Klein, Tom Boulanger, Gary McBride, Roy Taylor, Raymond Colley, Bruce Prior, Tim Nicholas, Tedd McHenry, Gerard Van Dijk, Cyril Henderson, Front Row: from left: Alex Routh, John Macready, John deVisser. Missing: Francois Leh, David McIntosh, George Gregory

I AM VERY HAPPY to be the President of our chapter this year. I have been associated with the RAA for about 10 years and have served in positions such as Custodian and Program Director. Previously, having been a volunteer and a member at large on DapCom, I was known as "John the Grass Cutter"! One of my projects in those days was the creation of an ornamental meadow and "Loadstar Park". I have a picture of our group dedicating Loadstar Park during a past July Fly In. Don Watson, a previous park caretaker and I started the Remembrance Day Ceremony and our group has kept it going successfully for 8 years. Although I have never actually built a homebuilt airplane, I do fly and look after my Cessna 140, C-FPJP at Delta Heritage Airpark.

The position of President is not one I take lightly. I am aware of the trust you have bestowed in me and I will do whatever I can within the limits of my abilities

to maintain your trust. I ran for the position because I had some ideas about how we can maintain the integrity of our chapter and tidy up some organizational issues. We at Delta Heritage Air Park have a lot to be thankful for. We have great facilities, almost our own airport, a beautiful little place to hang out and some great people to associate with. It's in this context that I believe we have a good future and I am optimistic that we can keep our Chapter active and engaging.

We have observed recently that our organization appeared to be floundering in our ability to describe ourselves and our purpose. To rejuvenate and reorient our members I thought the first step would be a meeting to discuss what it is that we should be doing to efficiently run our organization.

One of the first ideas involved meeting the executive committee to talk about what we actually do.



The assembled faithful gather to consider strategy. Left: John and Audrey Vlake and friends at Delta's Fly-In, July, 2007

I have noticed in previous years that new executive members do not fully understand or agree about their respective roles and responsibilities on the committee. With this idea in mind and recognizing the limitations of regular meeting times I decided to organize a Saturday morning seminar to give our executive members a chance to meet and discuss what each person's duties were to be.

The chapter constitution and that of the national organization were used as basic references for our discussion. In addition each individual member was requested prepare a list of duties they thought were required for each of their respective positions. During the course of the discussion other fellow members contributed what they thought the position ought to be.

The executive of Chapter 85 is composed of the usual four mainstream positions, plus a Past President, seven Directors, a Custodian and a Program Chairman. In addition the chapter appoints several individuals into non elected positions such as the Aircraft Chairman, Hangar Chairman, Membership Chairman and Newsletter Chairman. The airpark Caretaker and a check pilot

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**Minutes of RAA Chapter 85 General Meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2012**

Meeting called to order: 20:02 by the President, John Macready

**Old Minutes:** Minutes of January 17 General Meeting be adopted as read: Motion: Bruce Prior/Cyril Henderson CARRIED (YES)

**Visitors/New Members:**

Mireille Goyer from a group called Women of Aviation came to give presentation. She briefly gave a description of her organization and informed us of the event "Women of Aviation Week" which is coming up March 5-11, 2012. Visitors Attending: Luke Cheng (Friend of John DeVisser), Joe Sircelj (building a Zenith 701) Christian Baxter (owns Ray Brown's Pitts). Bronsen Toye (Piper Cub/Taylorcraft project).

**Correspondence:**

Gary Wolf (President of RAAC) contacted John Macready to confirm national RAAC member requirements for the chapter

**President's Report:** John Macready:

-Reiterated some of his thoughts for 2012 for those members not in attendance at last general meeting.  
-Reiterated desire for more order in chapter meetings.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Tom Boulanger:

-Signing authority for accounts has been updated with Van City Savings. John Macready and Tom Boulanger were added to the names approved for signing authority. Tim Nicholas will remain as approved and Terry Wilshire, Rob Prior, Gerard Van Dijk and Carol Foley names were removed.  
-A \$500 BCIT Bursary has been paid to BCIT  
-Tom reported on the account balances as of Feb 7, 2012 as:  
Total Income: \$8380.42.  
Total Expenses to \$3382.61 with Net Balance of \$4997.81 .  
We have \$43,729.63 dollars on hand in cash and term deposits.

**Membership** David Marsden:

-We have 46 active members at present

**Buildings and Tie Down Spaces:** Tom Boulanger:

-We have received payments for entire year either in full or in post dated cheques for all Hangar and Tie Down spaces.

**Custodian:** Bruce Prior:

-Will have a complete asset database before the year's end.

**Vice President:** Raymond Colley:

-Insurance policies. Called Gary Wolf to find out about the chapter insurance policy. Alex Routh will go through policy and present findings at executive meeting Feb 21st 2012.  
-Awards Banquet- Two potential dates are March 16 and April 7. The location is the Delta Town and Country Inn: Time 18:30 Hrs.  
-Raymond will form Awards Committee to decide on award recipients  
-Banquet Tickets will be approximately \$38.00 each to break even. We may consider some kind of discount to make the banquet more acceptable.

**Aircraft:** Gary McBride:

-Gary was not in attendance.  
-Gerard Van Dijk reported that the aircraft was serviceable and ready for flight

**RAAC National:** John Macready:

-John reiterated the National membership requirements for our chapter ( All Executive Members and all chapter members joining after the year 2000 after must have national memberships with RAAC)  
-John has contacted one other chapter in Abbotsford and discussed the potential opportunity for cooperation in various projects.  
-Bruce Prior noted that the frequency of visits to the RAAC website is very low. It appears that not many people use the forums, and he recommended that members start using it to share information on activities and projects.  
-The RAAC scales are available for weighing aircraft. They are located at the Clubhouse. Anyone wishing to use them contact Bruce Prior or John Macready. There is a 1500 dollar deposit required payable to RAAC. The money will be returned when the scales are back.

**Newsletter:** George Gregory:

-George wants to know whether "Turn and Bank" should be published monthly or quarterly. Any publication requires participation by the members to submit articles.  
-George requested chapter minutes being sent directly to him

**Programs:** Cyril Henderson:

-For tonight: DVD on Extreme Weather Conditions.  
-He'll try to organize speakers for upcoming meetings

-John Macready will speak tonight about "Where We Want to go at Chapter 85"

**DAPCOM:** Raymond Colley:

-There will be a budget meeting this week to go over future plans with Metro Vancouver  
-The DHAP Budget for 2012 has been approved  
-Work will be starting in March on the new hangar doors (on both sides of the airfield)  
-Raymond noted there has been some concern about inadequate drainage (where aircraft are parked). This has been looked at but not addressed due to cost constraints and other pending priority projects. Fortunately this winter has not been too wet and has not caused any major problems. Cyril asked when the Embree House interior will be completed. It should be completed this summer and the caretaker is set to take residence in the fall of 2012.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Gordon Hindle is organizing a bus trip to the FHC (\$45 for trip including all you can eat in Marysville. \$12 into museum, seniors \$10). Pick up the bus at Boundary Bay Flying Club, 24 seats available. Feb 25th or 26th. Return back to Vancouver by 7:00pm. get contact information from Gordon Hindle to post in minutes.

**Announcements:**

1. Alex Routh announced that Charlie Longstaff has a recurrence of his illness. Alex suggested that the chapter send Charlie a greeting of some kind to remind him that we are thinking of him. Alex also gave a description of the things Charlie has contributed to the homebuilt aviation community.
2. John Macready reiterated a request from Robin McNamara that we provide a name of a person building an airplane who would be willing have a student come to visit to observe and possibly share some aspects of the project. The student is 12 years old. John requested that anyone knowing of such a person should contact Robin and provide the details.
3. There will be a breakfast in the Coffee Shop this Sunday February 12th. It is hosted by DAPCOM and if anyone is interested in helping, please come at 8:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned at: 8:55 pm. Moved by Gerard / seconded by Carol. John Macready delivered a 1 hour presentation concerning the future direction at Chapter 85. Minutes: Recorded by David McIntosh and Reviewed by John Macready