

## President's Report

John J. Maccready / January - February 2014

Chapter 85 has a new executive this year. Heidi Bekker replaced Bruce Prior as Secretary and Gerard Van Dijk and Cyril Henderson moved over to Directors positions. Peter Whittaker has thankfully agreed to continue on as Vice President and Tom will look after the finances again. We do not have a program chairman this year. The rest of the executive stays the same.

We have had a binding offer on the Turbi. An RAA member from Manitoba made us an offer of \$3500.00. Dave Rose managed to bargain our way up to \$3900 but that was as far as the gentleman was able to go. A vote was held at the January meeting and after some debate the membership agreed to allow the sale to go through. It was somewhat bittersweet as the Turbi has been our signature aircraft for many years and it will be sad to see her go. The chapter will benefit from the funds received for the aircraft allowing us to choose something else, perhaps a newer updated machine. The prospective purchaser will come to pick up the aircraft in April. Until then we have received a \$390.00 dollar deposit.

The Aircraft Chairman has been searching for another aircraft to replace the Turbi. A survey was completed by the members at the March meeting and the results will be known in a week or so. In the meantime Dave Rose and John de Visser have been looking at aircraft for sale in the Valley with the idea that we might be able to find one close to home.

After a lengthy investigative process which involved helping Dave Marsden with the preliminary aspect of construction of his Skylark, the chapter decided that this was not going to be a suitable project for us. The aircraft was projected to be more costly than we could afford and the construction was complicated by the unavailability of some parts. Dave Marsden decided that he would finish his aircraft on his own as a private project. At the present he has completed wings, the tail sections and most of the fuselage. Dave will be ready for his first inspection in a couple of weeks. At the end of April, Dave plans to move the project to Pitt Meadows where he will rent hangar space to complete the project. The workshop should be available for rental to other members at that time. The chapter wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Dave for



offering his aircraft as a project and wishes him well in the future in its completion.

At the January meeting Behrouz Azadeh, an air traffic controller from Boundary Bay Control Tower, came to the chapter meeting to talk about ATC procedure in the Boundary Bay area. He summarized the services that ATC will provide to pilots in this area. The talk was very informative and the speaker very knowledgeable. In February, Mark Garner reviewed some of the aircraft tracking websites of interest to pilots. Paul Harris from the Pacific Flying club came to speak in March about safety procedures for VFR pilots. Ray Maxwell from the Vancouver Soaring Association is coming to speak in April.

At the February Meeting the Executive of Chapter 85 confirmed that it was in agreement that the chapter will host the 2014 Annual Fly in to be held on June 28 and the April Pancake Breakfast.

The Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Delta Town and Country Hotel. The award winners were as follows; Most Valuable Member: Yours truly, Woman of the Year: Terry Johnston, Ira Jamieson: Tom Boulanger, Peter Chick Trophy: George Gregory, Old Frank Trophy: John Maccready, Craftsmanship, Helmut Gebenus, Aircraft Restoration: Eric Munzer, Safe Flying: Sean Walker, Murphy's Law: Texas Constantine, Broken Prop: Mark ter Keurs. Mitch Sokalski spoke about Parks Planning. Ron and Lynn Zeleschuk presented a slide show about their flying exploits to Central America. The food and venue was excellent as usual. Thanks to the Delta Town and Country Staff who make us welcome annually.

John Maccready, President, RAA Chapter 85, March 4, 2014

## News and Stuff

### 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\_rosicox@telus.net or leave a message at 604-596-7635.

### 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.

### Free Project

Terry Elgood writes: "A acquaintance of mine, was building the same aircraft as I built (GREX), but failed to progress. He now wants to be rid of it and is offering it up for free. It has a almost complete wood fuselage and one wing is spars with ribs on and some geodetics in place. Ribs for the second wing have been built too. "Since you are all men in the know on all things flying, I thought you might know of someone looking to get into aviation on the cheap".

If anyone's interested the fellow's name

is Jeff Livesly, he lives in Chilliwack and can be reached at 604-799-3286.

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# TURN AND BANK

January - February 2014



### Bruce Prior Wins the Lifetime Member Award

This past year the executive of Chapter 85 decided to change the description of Honorary Member to the Lifetime Member category in our constitution. This was voted and approved by the membership as an amendment to our constitution. The new membership description reads the following:

"A lifetime member shall be any person nominated by the membership and approved by the Executive Committee.

"The Duration of lifetime membership shall be for life."

The recipient for this new membership category is Bruce Prior who has been involved with the RAA and Chapter 85 since its inception. He has served in most if not all executive positions and he is undoubtedly one the most capable, and inspiring chapter members we have ever had. He is an individual of diversified talent. An electrical engineer by profession he has served in the Navy as a Medical Assistant, and worked as a senior manager at BC Hydro. He is conversant in computer programming and versatile in the use of information technology. He is an accomplished pilot and aircraft restoration hobbyist.

Bruce has done virtually everything you can do in the RAA, occupied most executive positions, been involved in most if not all of the major projects and activities and for years was very active as a member of the Delta Airpark Committee (DAPCOM) as the Secretary and Treasurer and facilitating the transition of the airpark to its present status.

Most recently Bruce served on our executive committee as Custodian and later Secretary of the Chapter where in both cases he was innovative and inspiring never ceasing to amaze us with his knowledge of the issues and the history of the airpark. He was a pleasure to work with and will be missed on the executive.

Bruce Has retired from RAA Executive this year. We think it's a well deserved retirement.

He has indicated to us he will follow our activities and provide us with his help when we ask for it.

In that respect we hope he enjoys himself unencumbered by the routine activities of chapter life.

Chapter 85 was honored to be to bestow this award on Bruce and thank him for his contribution over the years

Congratulations, Bruce!

### Aircraft Survey Results

#### Summary

Survey results from the "Yes or No" questions indicate that there is strong support within the membership to purchase a club aircraft. Members would be willing to either rent or buy block time and help with maintenance. Either a tail or nose-wheel aircraft would be acceptable with a maximum cost of \$25,000 and there is strong interest in helping with maintenance. There is no interest in a certified aircraft.

#### Introduction

A survey was prepared by Dave Rose (Aircraft Chairman) to determine if there was sufficient interest amongst the membership to support the purchase of a club aircraft. This aircraft is intended to be a replacement for the previous club aircraft which was damaged in a landing mishap and has been sold.

Seven questions were prepared to investigate firstly, if there was interest in pursuing an aircraft purchase and secondly, what the features of that aircraft should be. This document presents the results of the survey for consideration by the membership. The survey was circulated at the March 4th, 2014 general meeting held at the clubhouse at Delta Heritage Airpark.

#### Survey Results

Four of the questions involved "Yes or No" answers and these are discussed first. They are followed by three multiple choice questions and they are discussed individually. Compiled data for all questions is given at the end of the article.

#### "Yes or No" Questions

Question 1: The Chapter Executive is considering buying an aircraft for the use of its members. Do you agree with this idea? There were a total of 23 respondents to this question which represents almost half (48%) of the total membership of 48 paid members for 2014 to date. Eighteen out of 23 members voted in favour of purchasing an aircraft

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## RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CANADA

Vancouver Chapter 85

General Meeting

Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 2014

**Attendance:** Approximately 25 members attended. Some Executive Committee members attending included: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, George Gregory, Cyril Henderson, Peter Lenger, John Macready, David Marsden, Tim Novak, Hugo Regier, Peter Whittaker, Dave Rose and Gerard van Dijk. Call to Order: At 21:00 by President John. **Minutes:** Motion Rob and Bruce Prior that the Minutes of the 7th day of January 2014 General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

**Visitors:** Dan O'hara introduced himself. He is building a wood home built aircraft and came to the meeting to see what is going on the chapter which could help with his project.

**Communications:** None

Tonight's Program: Behrouz Azadeh, a licensed commercial pilot, has worked as an Air Traffic Controller for Boundary Bay airport for the last 12 years. Behrouz gave a presentation on Boundary Bay procedures and provided an overview of the services that ATC will provide to fellow pilots. Thank you to Behrouz who took the time to explain the procedures and answered many questions from the members.

**Financial Report:**

Tom reported that currently, the RAA has \$37600 in the bank. The group has collected approximately \$4500 so far, and has spent \$1300; bringing the total to approximately \$3200.

**Old Business**

Executive Members: John introduced Heidi Bekker as the Secretary, along with Cyril Henderson and Gerard Vandij as the new Directors for 2014. John thanked outgoing executive members: Tedd McHenry, Peter Klein, Bruce Prior, and Raymond Colley. Thank you to all incoming executives. The RAA is still in need of a Program Chairman.

**Update on Turbi sale:** Dave Rose has advertised the sale of the Turbi through the distribution of posters to local airports, and has posted the sale on four different websites; one of the websites being Barnstormers. So far, there has been interest from two potential buyers, one in Chilliwack and one in Washington. The buyer from the Chilliwack did not proceed, but we are still awaiting proceedings from the prospect in Washington.

Transportation Safety Board Investigation on the **Turbi:** Currently, we are still waiting for results from the forensic laboratory in Ottawa.

Update on Texas Constantine: Texas is currently recovering from his accident and is in Toronto. Texas appreciates all the help that was given for his rescue and the recovery and disposal of his aircraft. Texas

thanks the RAA for investigating the cause of the accident and submitting the report for publication. **New Business** **Skylark Project** by Dave Marsden and Dave Rose: Dave Marsden updated the members on the status of the Skylark. Currently, the fuselage has been painted with primer to avoid corrosion, and is in the process of being put together. One wing needs to be taken apart and riveted, then painted with primer. Currently, there are three people working on the project along with Dave Marsden the owner.

The executive is currently evaluating costs and skill required of putting the kit together, to see if project is suitable for the RAA. The decision will be made at the end of January. John encourages all members to come out to the workshop to gain some knowledge and experience on the project.

Question asked by member: Is there a work schedule created for the project aircraft?

No set schedule has been made at this time, please contact either Dave Marsden or Dave Rose for further information.

Bob LaLonde expressed concerns about the length of time the potential project would be in the workshop.

John confirmed that the RAA might extend the use of the workshop for the Skylark, if the project is suitable for a Chapter project. The decision to extend the time in the workshop is contingent upon the chapter approving the Project or not.

Question from member: Are we intending to use the aircraft for a chapter aircraft? The chapter has not made a decision about this. Dave Marsden has offered the Yellow Skylark for use as a temporary club aircraft. This may increase the cost of operation of a club aircraft as it requires insurance before it can be used. There will be training implications for members.

For those who are interested, here is a link for more information on Dova Skylark aircraft (courtesy of Wikipedia):

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dova\\_DV-1\\_Skylark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dova_DV-1_Skylark)

**Committee Reports**

**Secretary:** Heidi thanks all members for inviting her to be the new secretary for 2014. The chapter also appreciates Heidi's efforts on their behalf.

**Membership:** Dave Marsden reports that membership fees are \$40 this year. So far, we have 47 members to date. Hangar and Workshop: John de Visser was out of town for this meeting – no update

**Custodian:** Hugo Regier addressed the clubhouse issues of getting rid of the excess books that currently belong to the chapter. Members have until the end of the month to take any unwanted books, as they will be donated to the Langley museum next month.

**Vice-President:** Peter Whittaker has reported the completion of the accident report document. This will be published in the next Turn and Bank and will appear in the Recreational Flyer Magazine. A reminder was given to the members about the upcoming Awards banquet at Delta Town and Country Inn, being held in the first week of March 2014. There will be awards presented, and a guest speaker is still being considered for the event. Members are reminded to think about who they want to nominate for an award.

Aircraft: Dave Rose provided a report to the members about the sale of the Turbi. See above for further.

**DapCom:** Tom is the new representative for DAPCOM. The Embry House will be renovated this summer. Trees at the threshold of 07 may be cut down before summer. Hangar rates are currently being looked at and compared with how they measure against pricing in airports across the country. DAPCOM is investigating the installation of runway lights. Also, the room in the coffee shop is in need of repair.

**RAAC National:** Dave Marsden had nothing to report. Some members complained that it is difficult to contact RAAC Canada to purchase or renew a national membership. Members are encouraged to call the national toll free phone number 1-800-387-1028. Gary Wolf is the National President of RAAC.

**Newsletter:** George Gregory confirmed that we have a Turn and Bank prepared for this month, which will be ready in a couple of days. The article by Peter Whittaker concerning the investigation of the Zenith 601 accident will be published in the Recreational Flyer this month. This is a major accomplishment for our chapter. Thank you to Peter Whittaker for submitting the article and to George Gregory for publishing it. The investigation committee confirmed a problem with the distributor caused it to fail after takeoff resulting in a stall and crash landing.

**Programs:** No Program Chairman to date. The club is in need of a Program Chairman  
COPA 5: Gary Peare advised that there was no meeting for January, as it would have been held on New Year's Day. Gary, an avionics expert, reported a recently discovered design flaw found in the American 406 ELT. If the battery in the ELT is below 3 volts, it may go off. Gary recommends Skyhunter as a reliable brand for the 406 ELT.

**Announcements**

- **RAA Sponsored Breakfast** on Sunday January 12

- **Workshop Seminar** TBA, on a Saturday before Feb 1

- Hugo reported on his current project of building a bell crank device to create an adjustable leading edge on the

stabilizer of his aircraft; the controlling cable goes to the cockpit. The fuselage on his aircraft has been completed with tandem wood, and will be powered by a Suzuki or Subaru engine.

**Outline Objectives for 2014:**

2014 is going to be a busy year for Chapter 85.

There are a number of important Events and Projects on the agenda

Some Include:

- The application for renewal of the Airpark License agreement

- The development of a budget for 2014

- Redefine our relationship with DAPCOM

- A membership survey to determine your interests and needs.

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which gives a strong mandate to proceed.

Question 2: Would you fly this aircraft if the hourly rental price was right?Sixteen out of 18 respondents indicated an interest in renting for the right price, this price needs to be determined. This highly positive response further supports the purchase of a club aircraft.

Question 3: Would you be willing to buy "block time" on this aircraft in 5 hour increments to be used over a 12 month period? This could require an upfront payment of \$500.00 or more and would be "use it or lose it".

Twelve out of 18 respondents indicated that they would buy block time in amounts of \$500 or more. The economic model required to operate and maintain a club aircraft needs to be further defined and could be done after a potential aircraft is identified.

Question 6: Are you willing to volunteer

- The Executive Management Seminar
- The Annual Awards Banquet for 2014 March
- A decision on an aircraft for the chapter
- The sale of the Turbi
- The decision on a major project for 2014
- Organization of a team to help David Marsden
- The Annual Fly In for July
- The hot dog roast in August
- The November Remembrance Day Event
- The Christmas Party
- Four Pancake Breakfasts.
- 10 monthly meetings
- 11 Executive meeting
- The election of a New Executive in October.

All events and project require involvement of the members so if you are interested in becoming

one full day of your time per year to assist with the maintenance of the aircraft?

Seventeen out of 18 respondents indicated a willingness to help with aircraft maintenance at least one day per year. This is taken as a high level of interest and support from members.

**Multiple-Choice Questions**

Question 4: Should we purchase a tail wheel or nose wheel design?

Most of the respondents (12) indicated that they had no preference, four preferred a tail dragger and 2 selected the nose wheel option. A strong indication of "No Preference" suggests that members would be happy to fly either configuration.

Question 5: If we purchase an aircraft, what category do you feel is most appropriate?

Seven of the 18 respondents indicated they had no preference while 6 preferred amateur built, 5 opted for owner

involved in one of these projects please let us know.

January is the month where Membership Renewals are due. Please see Tom Boulanger to divest yourself of your funds or David Marsden to register your membership.

We still have some positions to fill on the executive. We don't have a Program Chairman at present. Programs are a very important component to our meetings. If anyone is interested in filling that position please let us know.

**Adjourn:** Motion Bob Lalonde and Eric Munzer: that we adjourn. Carried. And we did, at 22:10. File: RAAGenMeetingDayMonth2014R0.doc

maintenance and nobody selected a certified aircraft. These responses reflect the interests of the membership in amateur built or owner maintenance categories which should be manageable by the skills held by various club members.

Question 7: What price range do you feel is appropriate for the Executive to use as a guideline in evaluating a potential aircraft?

Eight of the 18 respondents preferred a cap of \$25,000 whereas 6 selected a cap of \$30,000 and 4 preferred an expenditure of no more than \$20,000. These results gave a relatively even distribution, but with an overall preference for \$25,000 as the maximum and skewed towards the higher cap of \$30,000. The Executive will have to determine an appropriate amount in light of current finances, available aircraft and an operating model for running an aircraft within a purchase cap of \$25,000

*Dave Rose, Aircraft Chairman*

Question	Yes	No	Tail Wheel	Nose Wheel	No Pref.	cert.	owner Maint.	amateur	No Pref.	20K	25K	30K	totals
buy an aircraft	18	5											23
rent if price is right	16	2											18
block time purchase	12	6											18
volunteer	17	1											18
nose or tail wheel			4	2	12								18
aircraft category						0	5	6	7				18
price										4	8	6	18