



*Winnipeg Area Chapter of RAA Canada*

*October 2013*

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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

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| <b>October 17, 2013</b> | AGM, Elections – Steven Sadler’s account of “From Winnipeg to France and Back” presentation |
| <b>Nov. 21, 201</b>     | General Meeting   |
| <b>Dec 7, 2013</b>      | Christmas potluck   |
| <b>January 2014</b>     | Rust Remover – date and location to be finalized  |

## RAA - Winnipeg Chapter proud owner of a Cessna 150



Bill Vandenberg (his son John and daughter Anne), Jim Aitken (AME) and Jill Oakes with Rick Riewe shared a common vision of supporting women pilots by providing:

- a. well-below-cost flight opportunities,
- b. a chance to learn basic aircraft maintenance from an AME, and
- c. a framework to develop strong social networks locally and nationally.

Working together, Bill's C150, C-FLUG was donated to the RAA-Winnipeg Area Chapter for this purpose and with the understanding that if it was sold, funds would be donated to the Manitoba Chapter of the Ninety-Nines

Scholarship Fund. The RAA club plane has received tremendous support from Goulet Aircraft Supply, AirParts and the Gregorash Group, Orbit Instruments, Keystone, and over 30 donors and volunteers. Some of these volunteers are already discussing ways they could own their own plane, a rare occurrence among women pilots in Manitoba! See Photos at <http://C-FLUG.blogspot.com/>

Women (men are welcome to fly C-FLUG too) can borrow C-FLUG for \$20/hour plus fuel using an on-line booking system. Contact [jill.oakes@ad.umanitoba.ca](mailto:jill.oakes@ad.umanitoba.ca) for details. More details in next month's RAA newsletter.

### Election of Officers and Directors

We're always looking for Officers and Directors to bring energy and new ideas to the Executive. If you are interested in serving on the Executive or have someone you'd like to nominate, please contact Jim Oke at 344-5396. Elections will be held at our regular meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Workshops and Courses

The RAA is interested in planning courses and workshops over the winter. Some of the suggestions are fiberglassing, fabric covering, bending/riveting, and internet resources for pilots. If you are interested in any of these courses or have suggestions for other courses, please let a member of the executive know and if there is enough interest, we'll try and organize the course or workshop.

### Hangar Safety

The RAA Workshop-Final Assembly Building is a **Non Smoking** facility for safety and insurance purposes. Collectively less than 5 gallons of flammable substances is allowed in the building. Smoking and/or holding more than a total of 5 gallons of flammable substances (e.g. fuel, dope, paint etc) invalidates the RAA insurance and is therefore prohibited. Thank you to everyone who uses or visits this workspace for adhering these restrictions.

Renters are required to obtain approval from Ben Toenders prior to spraying or doping aircraft.

### Project tour – 1 to 3 November – Minot North Dakota

Our chapter is planning a tour to the Minot North Dakota area to see a variety of planes and projects. The plan is to depart Winnipeg on Friday November 1 and return Sunday November 3. The tour to Minot will include warbirds, rvs, and other home builds. The aviation museum at Minot apparently has aircraft that are something else to see. We are still lining up cool projects between Wpg. and MINOT, ND but if you are interested in joining this tour, please contact Jim Oke at [wmjoke@gmail.com](mailto:wmjoke@gmail.com) or phone 344-5396. Spouses and friends are all welcome. If you have to work on Friday, you are welcome to join the tour at your convenience. The driving time to Minot via Grand Forks ND is just over 3 hours.

## **Thursday October 17 Presentation by Steven Sadler of his flight from Lyncrest to France and Back in an RV7.**

Please join us at the Lyncrest Flight Center on Thursday October 17 at 7:30 pm to see a presentation by Steven Sadler of his 3 country, 7 Province trip in an RV7 this summer. All are welcome.

### **From Lyncrest to France and Back by RV-7 (Part 1)**

The bounces got bigger and longer as every bounce took us closer to the metal cones on the left side of the runway. I had visions of our three Country, seven province tour ending before we got off the ground at Lyncrest. The plane took one final bounce and stayed airborne. We looked at each other and had a brief discussion, trying to figure out what went wrong.

It took us two more slightly less eventful takeoffs to figure it out, but we realized that an aft loaded RV-7 flies just fine but is frighteningly skittish on the ground. For the rest of the trip, everything heavy was at the front of the baggage compartment and the co-pilots main task was to lean forward for takeoff and landing. Worked great until I forgot my duties just after landing one day. My (firmly expressed) instructions were to stay back or forward but don't shift on the landing rollout. Lesson learned.



This was our start to the fifth annual Century of flight tour. The event is hosted by John Lovelace – creator of the television shows “Wings Over Canada” and “The Aviators”. This year’s trip was to Charlottetown to meet up with approximately 80 other aircraft.

We joined the main group in Dryden for our first overnight stop. At this point there were 30 aircraft. Supper was at the Dryden Flying Club. Good food and lots of airplane talk. For those that had made one of the “Century” trips before it was a good time to catch up.

The next morning was good weather in Dryden with sketchy weather on the way to Elliott Lake. Some people elected to wait for a better forecast, others headed to Timmins to wait for better weather. We decided to push straight through to Elliot Lake and were the first single engine plane to arrive. We saw some cloud, but overall better conditions than forecast. Through the rest of the afternoon, the remaining planes trickled in until the taxiway was full end to end.



Again, a great supper for all, at a nearby lodge. We left supper in torrents of rain in a school bus hired for the event. The humidity was around 100% and with 60 adults exhaling moisture in the bus the windows were fogged over, so our driver was driving "IFR". We discussed the irony of surviving a long cross country flight in small airplanes and dying in a bus crash. By the time we arrived at our cabin, the bus had been in the ditch twice, thankfully at very low speed.

With the power out, our morning start was less than ideal. No power= no water = no shower and no breakfast. The event provided us a bus ride back to the airport. Our previous nights bus driver was nowhere in evidence. A good thing.

We spent the day at Elliot Lake airport waiting for the weather to clear but no luck. So, back on the bus, this time to a hotel with better amenities than the cabin.



Pilots waiting for the weather to clear – What did we do before tablet's and smartphones?

The next day dawned sunny with light winds so off to the next stop. The itinerary was to go to Gatineau, but we were a day behind so we flew straight through to Charlottetown. The nice thing about an RV is that it covers a lot of territory. We had breakfast in Elliot Lake, stopped for lunch in Trois Riviere and were in Charlottetown well in time for supper.

Charlottetown was the official gathering point for all aircraft in the Century of flight tour, so the group was larger there. By this time there were about 80 planes on the ground in Charlottetown. In terms of aviation camaraderie, it was a lot like going to Oshkosh, without all the walking.



Similar to other Century of Flight trips, there were numerous flying (and non-flying) day trips organized. My friend Mel and I seem to have personalities where we may follow the crowd for a while, but we soon start talking about what's off the beaten path. This is where the story gets interesting. When you are at the Atlantic Ocean, there are islands you can't get to easily by car, but easy in a plane. We settled on two stops. First Isle de Madeline, about 50 miles from PEI. Second, we decided to make the big leap to Newfoundland and on to the French islands of St Pierre and Miquelon. More on that next month, but here's a teaser. We loaded and fired a medieval siege weapon (scary!) and bought the most expensive fuel (ouch!) I have ever seen from a dispenser with the safety interlocks disabled (scary again!)

**Steven**

**2013 Membership Form**

**Winnipeg Area Chapter RAA**

Full (\$25.00)

**Required Information**

<b>Name</b>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b>		Renewal Date
<b>Phone(s)</b>		Chq.      Cash Other
<b>E-mail</b>		Initials
<b>Are you an RAA national member? <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Do you give permission for your information to be made available to other Winnipeg RAA members?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Optional Information**

<b>Do you own an aircraft?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Make/model: Registration:	<b>Are you a member of other aviation groups?</b>	EAA: <input type="checkbox"/> COPA: <input type="checkbox"/> Others:
<b>Are you building or restoring an aircraft?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Make and model of project(s):	<b>What Pilots licences and ratings do you hold?</b>	

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**Notes:**

RAA Winnipeg contributes \$15 per member towards the insurance program maintained by RAA National. This program provides liability insurance to cover local chapter events. The \$15 does not provide membership in RAAC.