



Winnipeg Area Chapter of RAA Canada

September 2009

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 17 | Summer Adventures – first flights, trips, kit progress and other activities of club members. Lyncrest Flight Centre
Lyncrest Airport 7:30 pm

Bring a guest tonight or any other night |
| October 15 | Election of Officers and Directors, Awards, demonstration of the new bending brake and other tools acquired over the summer. |
| November 19 | Still up in the air |
| December 5 | Saturday evening “Pot-luck” pre Christmas dinner/get together
Lyncrest Flight Centre |

Regular meeting – Thursday September 18

Please join us at the Lyncrest Flight Centre on Thursday September 17 at 7:30 pm. We'll have an Oshkosh report, and if you have any pictures, memory sticks or DVDs of what you did this summer, your construction project or anything that may be of interest to our members, please bring them. We'll have a laptop, In-focus projector and a group of enthusiasts at the hangar that will be interested in what you bring. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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 Steven Smart at 661-6636. Elections will be held at our regular meeting on October 15th.

Congratulations

Congratulation to George Inman for his first flight in his RV 8 and Gilbert Bourrier for his first flight in his Acco Sport II. Congratulations to Rick Riewe for the purchase of a Land Africa kit.

Workshops and Courses

The RAA is interested in planning courses and workshops over the winter. Some of the suggestions are fibreglassing, 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.

ELT Update

Copied from the 21 July 2009 issue of the COPA newsletter

by Kevin Psutka

COPA received the following statement from Transport Canada regarding the status of the ELT regulation:

"Transport Canada will recommend that the emergency locator transmitter regulations be published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, pending a Treasury Board Secretariat meeting, which will take place sometime in the Fall 2009. Once published, the regulations will require all aircraft used for commercial, private, or government-run operations to be equipped with either a 406 MHz ELT or an alternate means of emergency location approved by Transport Canada.

The regulations will provide for a transition period of two years to allow sufficient time for stakeholders to adhere to the new requirements.

Aircraft engaged in non-commercial recreational aviation operations that are currently required to be equipped with an ELT, will be required to maintain their ELT. However, any aircraft not equipped with an ELT capable of broadcasting on the 406 MHz frequency will be required to

retain their current ELT and also have on-board a placard that is visible to all passengers. The placard will inform passengers that the aircraft is not equipped with an ELT as recommended by international standards, which may contribute to delays in search and rescue operations. The regulations will provide for a transition period of 90 days to ensure compliance with the additional requirements.”

This statement follows COPA’s efforts to stop the draft regulation, which was released to the Gazette I public consultation process, from going into law in Gazette II. The Transport Minister turned the draft back for more work and the above statement reflects this work and Transport Canada’s intent not to seek more consultation. It is important to note that the above statement is a statement of intent, not an announcement of the final regulation. The current draft is undergoing internal government review, including legal vetting, and may change again as it works its way through the internal process.

If the final version of the regulation fulfills this intent, privately registered recreational aircraft, including foreign registered aircraft, will be permitted a choice between a 406 ELT (TSO C126), an alternative means and 121.5 ELTs (TSO C91 or C91a).

If you have not converted to 406, please remember that satellite monitoring of 121.5 has ceased as of 1 February 2009 and you should consider carrying an alternative device, file and adhere to a flight plan and use flight following services whenever possible, as well as monitoring 121.5 MHz because this may be the only means of alerting for many of your fellow pilots. Even if you have converted to 406, you should consider additional measures to improve your chances of your distress being detected and then being found.

EAA Manitoba - Chapter 63

Earlier this year we reactivated the old Winnipeg EAA Chapter 63, primarily to provide a way to continue our support for the Young Eagles program. Expanding on that role, we wanted to find a “niche” we could fill within the broad range of aviation interests and organizations in the local area. Two obvious items came to mind, participation in AirVenture Oshkosh and the continuation of Young Eagles Rallies. Both of these activities are already firmly entrenched but we have the opportunity to build on them under the umbrella of a Winnipeg area EAA Chapter. Beyond that, we think there will be opportunities to participate in other aviation activities in partnership with RAA, COPA, local Flying Clubs, International 99s, Women in Aviation, Manitoba Aviation Council, etc.

We think issues related to building and restoring aircraft, although well within the scope of EAA, are currently well served locally by the Recreational Aircraft Association and we think we should support RAA in their endeavours. Similarly, regulation and advocacy issues are well served by COPA, and to a degree RAA. We admire and support the work they are doing and we want to assist them in any way that we can by adding our voice(s) as appropriate. As partners in aviation we also want to support COPA’s efforts to establish COPA For Kids as a made in Canada opportunity to encourage participation by youth in all that aviation has to offer.

Each of the other organizations has their own mandate to pursue and we want to support them as well in any ways we can.

As we thought about a purpose to sustain another aviation organization (beyond AirVenture and Young Eagles) it occurred to us that there is one area that we might focus some attention on and which would provide a differentiated purpose to come together. EAA is all about the Spirit of Aviation and celebrating the freedom to fly. It’s about recreational pilots—those who fly for fun and who enjoy connecting with fellow members of this community, providing reasons to fly and opportunities to participate. It’s about making flying more accessible and affordable and around these ideas we want to focus our “new” Manitoba Chapter. We’re thinking that our mission should

be **Having Fun With Our Planes** and since airplanes excel at going places we suggest that we rally around this idea as a primary theme.

- How many of us have a hankering to stretch our wings a bit and go places?
- How many of us have been thrilled over the years to read about flying adventures by others and wished we could do more of that – like camping under the wing or just exploring the majesty of our great country with views and perspective that other travelers can't even hope for?
- How many times have we planned a trip, long or short, executed it as planned, marvelled at the freedom and opportunity we have, and regretted not being able to share the moment with others?
- How many of us have had a great flying experience that could be shared by others but we carried an empty seat along for the ride?
- How many of us have returned from a great trip and would love the opportunity to share the experience with others by telling our story and showing our pictures?
- How many of us would love to go somewhere, anywhere, but we just don't have the right destination or know what we would do when we get there?
- How many of us would like to do more with our planes but are a bit intimidated by venturing too far from home because our skills are a bit rusty?
- How many of us have experienced the camaraderie or hospitality of aviation people in other places or have been honoured to extend hospitality to others and have thought that there's lots of opportunity to do more?

We could go on but you get the idea. We want our chapter to be about having fun. It can range all the way from organizing a long distance vacation or overnight fly-out for a bunch of planes to inviting someone to come along on a one plane trip out and back to a nearby airport and anything in between. Every trip is an adventure and every trip is an opportunity to share the experience with other Chapter members, especially those who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

To date we have been involved in three Chapter activities, a Young Eagles Flight Rally on International Young Eagles Day, AirVenture Oshkosh, and an overnight Fly-out to Disley Saskatchewan where we met up with members from High River Alberta Chapter 1410 and were hosted by Regina Chapter 154.

Any EAA members, or prospective EAA members, are welcome to join our local Chapter 63. For more information contact Jack Neima, President EAA Manitoba Chapter 63 at jneima@shaw.ca

Jack

2009 Membership Form

Winnipeg Area Chapter RAA

Trial (\$25)

Student(\$25)

Full (\$50)

Required Information

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

Optional Information

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

Please make cheques payable to: RAA - Winnipeg Chapter
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Notes:

- 1) 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.**