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## High Winds Hit Lyncrest Sat. Jan. 31



High winds hit winnipeg on Sat Jan 31.

Environment Canada says the wind gusts peaked at 100 km/h in Winnipeg and were consistently strong across southern Manitoba.

The last time Winnipeg recorded gusts higher than 100 km/h was June 23, 2007, the weekend of the Elie tornado. A severe thunderstorm generated gusts of 106 km/h.

The strongest winds ever in Winnipeg were recorded Feb. 20, 1965 at 129 km/h

The winds ripped Mark Essenburg's C150 C-FKYP from it's tie down ropes, and flipped it over

between two other aircraft, damaging one of the other aircraft in the process.

Several shingles were ripped from the roof of the new clubhouse (flight centre). Gil Bourrier and I managed to replace the missing shingles the following week. It took almost 4 bundles.



George Inman

# NOT ALL ROPES ARE CREATED EQUAL

IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT NASTY WIND AND THE LOSS OF AN AIRCRAFT AT LYNCREST, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE AN AIRCRAFT TIED DOWN AT THE LYNCREST AIRPORT TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE QUALITY OF ROPE THEY ARE USING TO SECURE THEIR AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT ARE MADE TO FLY AND WHEN THE WIND SPEEDS ARE HIGHER THAN THEIR STALL SPEEDS, THEY WILL LIFT OFF AND FLY. THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT THIS IS TO TIE THEM DOWN SECURELY AT ALL THREE POINTS WITH A ROPE THAT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO PULL A CAR OUT OF THE DITCH.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS A BRAIDED OR TWISTED NYLON ROPE AT LEAST 5/8" IN DIAMETER WITH A BREAKING STRENGTH OF 6000 LB +.

OTHER ROPES OF LESSER QUALITY SUCH AS POLY, SISAL ETC ARE SUBJECT TO ROT AND UV BREAKDOWN.

YOUR AIRCRAFT ARE WORTH MUCH MORE FLYING THAN ROLLED UP IN A BALL!

HARRY WIEBE  
SAFETY  
SFC



At left is an example of a rope  
NOT TO USE.

On the outside it looks like a  
braided rope, but on the inside  
is just a weak tissue-like filler.  
You get what you pay for.

George Inman

# Now a Word About UFO's

No not Unidentified Flying Objects !

Fellow SFC Member Bill Gibson recently qualified for membership in United Flying Octogenarians

Started in 1982 by a group of about 25 aviators over the age of 80, today the United Flying Octogenarians (UFO) has a membership of about 600 men and women. When each of our members joined, at the age of 80 or older, they were still flying. Today, many of them are no longer at the controls of an aircraft, but their love of aviation still binds them to this elite group. Our oldest member is 102.

An international, non-profit organization, UFO, has members in the United States (including the U.S. Virgin Islands), Canada, Argentina, Australia, and France.

To be eligible for membership you must have flown an aircraft on or after your 80th birthday, in compliance with the regulations required of your aircraft. You could have been licensed in whatever manner your aircraft requires, and actively flying an airplane, glider, helicopter, ultra-light, balloon, or similar aircraft on or after your 80th birthday.

Check their Web Page at [www.unitedflyingoctogenarians.org](http://www.unitedflyingoctogenarians.org)

George Inman



The Proboard flooring Has been installed in the new clubhouse.  
Thanks to all who helped out.

**If you have submissions for the newsletter send to - [ghinman@mts.net](mailto:ghinman@mts.net)**