



# The Step

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## **It's July!**

Almost time for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual BC Floatplane Association Annual General Meeting & Nimpo Lake weekend. Your presence as well as your membership is important to keep abreast of the issues that may affect our freedoms of flight & float splashing. Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> is good for getting settled in, Saturday & Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> is action time.

Those who have been here before know about the camaraderie, the assembly of various aircraft & pilots, the joy of meeting old friends & making new ones. They know about the great speakers & presentations we arrange, and the fun of the silent auction. They know about the famous feast put on by the local ladies who love to feed people, and are good at it! They know about listening & dancing to the "Late Breaking News", that dance band from Williams Lake. They know about the pancake breakfast with all the trimmings put on by our Pres, Steve James, on Sunday morning before the fly-outs.

Those who haven't been here yet don't know what all they're missing unless you tell 'em, and convince 'em to come & share with us. This year we have several new planes & pilots coming from Wash. & Ore. as a result of recent discussions on [www.supercub.org](http://www.supercub.org) and the pent-up desires after hearing stories from their fellow airmen that have ventured through this area.

We have a new charter air service at the south end of the lake, flying a Beaver & a C185. They also sell AvGas at a competitive price. (Today it's \$1.57/liter) You can check them out at: [www.lakesdistrictair.com](http://www.lakesdistrictair.com) or phone (250) 742 3508. If Cora isn't busy flying fishermen or flightseers, she will be driving a shuttle van between here & the other Nimpo area accommodations to make it easier for folks to get to/from here. This is the first time we're trying this, so if you have (cost effective) suggestions, please let us know.

Pioneer Log Homes is building a brand new 200' dock for Terry this month, and will be in place by the time you get here. The old one got rotten & succumbed to a windstorm this spring, and we still have to get the old remains out, and the beautiful new dock in.

Jeeze, the fish are biting! Last year a fisher-family pulled up to our campfire at dinnertime & asked how the fishing was. Another camper piped up & said "They're biting so well you have to hide behind a tree to bait your hook!". This year, a similar situation, but the comment was "Not too good, it took most of an hour to catch our limit." Bring some fishin' gear & hang around an extra day or so.

Transport Canada said they'd have an update on the airspace restrictions around Vancouver for the 2010 games by July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and as soon as we know for sure what's up w/that, we'll have a link posted on our website:

[www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com](http://www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com)

This year the agenda will be similar to the usual, and times are in Chilcotin (loose)

**Saturday morning**, meet & greet, coffee & etc.

This year we have some nice additions to the "logo stuff table" so check that out!

10:30 – 12:00 will be the AGM, members & guests only.

12:00 – 1:30 will be lunch (provided) and socializing (read: BSing)

1:30 – 4:00 will be the guest speakers & presentations. (see list below)

4:00 – 5:30ish will be happy hour (refreshments provided)

5:30ish will be dinner (tickets this year)

The silent auction will be running all afternoon, winners announced after dinner.

Right after that the Late Breaking News will get your MoJo going.

The "refreshments" usually last most of the night.

**Sunday morning** pancake breakfast (worth the trip in itself)

7:00 coffee & great smells in the hangar

7:30 – 8:30 Pancakes with al the trimmings.

9:00ish – Fly-out (yet to be determined)

Sometimes BC Parks arranges an interesting "work party" for us.

If not, we'll have another poker run or some fun fly-out.

After that you can set out for home (or the next stop) or tune up your fishin' gear.

**The list of speakers/presenters this year includes (but not limited to):**

**Bryan Webster** (Bry the Dunker Guy) trains underwater egress.

**Terry Brandt** (we're in his hangar) will talk about his WAAAM museum in Hood River.

**Willy Trinker** (Narrating his 30 minute video of flying the Cariboo mtns)

**BC Parks representative** (to keep us up to speed in their department.)

**Ian Hunter** of Inland Communications (ELT issues, & avionics related)

Perhaps Transport Canada & others, not yet confirmed.