

Greetings, y'all, 'eh? (Multilingual)

At the July AGM in Nimpo Lake, we had a bit of a change of Directors. First, we'd like to sincerely thank those who have stepped down, for their time & efforts in guiding the Association & all the issues we have faced. Steve James, our past-president & hotcake breakfast chef; Keith Monroe for many years of very professional guidance & always "being there"; John Baker who has also been there from the beginning, and instrumental in achieving our MOU & agreements with BC Parks. Thank you all very much!

Now, a warm welcome & hearty thanks to those who have stepped up to the plate to offer their time & assistance for the next two years. This year, the list of "new blood" is: Cameron Fraser, Ken Munro, Mike Thompson, Walter Klatt, & Wendy Boyes (our new Pres.) When you view the member list on the website, www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com you will see the Directors listed at the top of the list, with contact information.

A message from our past-Pres, Steve James:

I have made the decision to step down as the President of our great association. It has been a real honour to have served as your President and was very fortunate to have worked with a great executive. Our current board has voted in Wendy Boyes as our new President. I feel confident that our association is in good hands. Wendy was elected to the board at our AGM in 2008. During the past year Wendy quickly jumped in & proved to be a valuable addition to our executive. Wendy has considerable experience with many other volunteer organizations and will do a great job of taking the BC Floatplane Association to new levels.

I would like to give special thanks to long outstanding hard working directors Keith Munroe and John Baker. Both Keith & John have contributed a tremendous amount of time and effort to our association and have helped make us what we are today. They will certainly be missed for their tireless effort that they have put into our association. I'm happy to announce our three new directors'; Walter Klatt, Cameron Fraser and Ken Munro.

I will be staying on as a director and looking forward to working with our new Board. We are committed to looking after your interests and taking our association to a new level. With new people come new ideas and this will benefit us all.

(signed)
Stephen James

If you haven't been to the website lately, do go & check it out! It is being rebuilt so it can take advantage of new features available on the internet. The overall appearance is not much different, but we now have a photo album where you can post your favorite flying pictures, and soon we'll have the ability to include a blurb about the pix. Hopefully we'll get some good travel ideas, tips about various places, fuel info, & etc.

Nav Canada has announced a new RCO @ Pemberton!

Pemberton, British Columbia Flight Information Services En Route (FISE)

NAV CANADA, the country's provider of civil air navigation services, has evaluated the provision of Flight Information Service En Route (FISE) using Remote Communication Outlets (RCO). As a result of this evaluation NAV CANADA has embarked upon a multi-year RCO redesign program aimed at improving FISE service coverage and reducing frequency congestion on 126.7MHz.

To achieve these objectives and better serve aviation communication requirements in the Pemberton area, the following FISE RCO changes will be made:

- A new FISE RCO with frequency **122.375 MHz** will be installed at Pemberton. Pilots operating in the vicinity of Pemberton who require flight planning, weather or NOTAM information should contact the Kamloops FIC (call sign "Pacific Radio") on this new frequency.
- Frequency **126.7 MHz (bcst)** will also be established with this new RCO. This frequency will not be monitored by the Kamloops FIC nor will it be used to provide FISE. It will however be used by the FIC, as required, to provide the aeronautical broadcast service (broadcast of SIGMET and urgent PIREP) and to conduct communication searches for overdue aircraft.

These changes took effect August 27, 2009 at 0901 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
The appropriate aeronautical publications will be amended.

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Also see these changes to the RCO maps:

http://www.navcanada.ca/ContentDefinitionFiles/Services/ANSPrograms/RCO/Redesign/Launch_en.pdf

ALSO, some news on the Olympic Airspace Restrictions...

http://navcanada.ca/ContentDefinitionFiles/Vancouver2010/RulesInfo/AirspaceBrochure/8x11_Brochure_EN.pdf

BC Hydro has plans for Phantom Lake

We are faced with an issue of losing a very beautiful & pristine lake on the south coast. Phantom Lake is in danger of being “manipulated” for a BC Hydro power project. The BC Floatplane Ass’n. has written a letter (copy following) and we ask each of you to write an email to the contacts provided, to protest as well. Thanks. Apparently, Lesley & James are sympathetic to our concerns, but they need to HEAR from MANY of us users or potential users. Email: Lesley.fettes@gov.bc.ca and CC to: James.davies@gov.bc.ca

Here is the letter from your directors, sent by your Pres:

Integrated Land Management Bureau
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Attn: Lesley Fettes, Lands Officer

Subject: Hydro Power Applications on Phantom Lake

The British Columbia Floatplane Association (BCFA) represents all pilots from all over the world including Sweden, Germany and Rome who fly in British Columbia. Our members include pilots who fly in to BC from as far south as Texas and Florida USA, as far North as the Yukon and Northwest Territory and Alaska, and as far East as Ontario. We work actively to preserve access to wilderness areas of BC, maintain a proactive partnership with BC Parks, engage in constructive dialogue with other user groups, and promote flight safety, environmental responsibility, and the awareness of the rights of other users to enjoy the wilderness experience.

We as an association are very concerned about the following hydro power applications on Phantom Lake.
<http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/viewpost.jsp?PostID=9292>
<http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/viewpost.jsp?PostID=6027>

Phantom Lake is a beautiful pristine alpine lake surrounded by overhanging glaciers and icefalls, and one of a very few lakes in the south west area of BC that is accessible by floatplane. The lake is used for fishing, and there is a sandy area near a creek inflow that is very suitable for beaching a floatplane which is used for picnics and overnight camping. The area surrounding the lake is a hiker’s paradise used by many that come here to enjoy the beauty and solitude. To lose Phantom Lake as we know it now, would be to lose a jewel, one of the last gems we have left on this place we call earth.

The BCFA is objecting to any proposal that would violate the area around the lake; especially any proposal that would alter the lake levels and flood this beaching area, thereby making this lake unusable by floatplanes. Phantom Lake has been used for generations by float pilots, both private and commercial; and it would be a shame the people who come to visit from all over the world would not be able to enjoy its splendor and beauty. Due to the lack of other floatplane accessible alpine lakes in this part of BC, to lose the beaching area in this unique lake would be a great loss to the floatplane community and the generations to come.

Since the BC Floatplane Association represents the major current users of Phantom Lake, it is important we should have a say on how this lake and proposal is managed.

Thank you for taking these comments and objections into consideration, and we look forward in discussing our concerns with you. It would also be greatly appreciated if you would advise us on how we can continue to be involved in protecting Phantom Lake.

To help you understand the severity of this issue we have attached pictures of this pristine lake and the beaching area.

For further information and discussion please contact us at the below email address or telephone number.

Sincerely

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cc:
Jim Davies

Thank you for maintaining your membership. Your membership, your \$\$, & your voice when needed (as above) are all important in maintaining our freedom of flight. If you have a friend who is not yet a member, please invite them to the AGM next July. They may well enjoy & benefit as you do.

*******(classifieds)*******

Anyone flying down to the lower mainland and would like a B&B where they can dock their float plane:
<http://seacoastvancouver.homestead.com/>

*******(news)*******

Nimpo Lake Resort has new owners! Congrat's to Ron & Kerry from Victoria on their decision to embrace the Nimpo Lake Lifestyle. They are wonderful (Chilcotin type) folks who currently happen to live in the city. Nothing will change as far as the BCFA weekend except the cha-ching machine operator. Mary & I will live within 100yds, and keep things rolling as usual. Questions, comments, compliments, etc to logan@xplornet.com and complaints to noreply@nowhere.com.

One of the valleys in the Ilgatchuz mtns, just north of Anahim Lake

