



The Step

30 January, 2010

President's Message

January 2010

As we move forward into 2010 I personally, and on behalf of all the Directors would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to the BC Floatplane Association.

I look back on this year with pride. There has been no shortage of hard work and professionalism with our Board of Directors, and for this I thank them. A leader is as good as the team working with him or her; and I have to admit, I am honored to be the leader of this prestigious group. Not only do these men and women give their energy and time in keeping our mandate alive, but they also have full time jobs and family they are devoted to. These volunteers selflessly work together to keep general aviation alive in BC. They continually strive to give you, our members the tools you need to keep safe and the ability for you to have what our ancestors had; The Freedom of Flight in BC.

As you read through the newsletter you will see action taking place by our Directors to benefit all of you. I am excited and looking forward to a great future for our Association; but we cannot do this alone. I urge you to help, by please continuing to support the B.C. Floatplane Association by renewing your membership. Tell a pilot you know that we represent every one who fly's in B.C.; whether they fly on floats or wheels; fly certified, amateur built or ultra-light, fixed wing or rotary and ask them to join us. We need the membership so we, and future generations can enjoy the freedom of flying in B.C. the way we have known it.

Thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to seeing you at our Annual General Meeting at Nimpo Lake B.C. July 17 – 18, 2010.
Let's do some dancing.

Wendy Boyes
president@bcfloatplaneassociation.com

BCFA's New Web Site!

BCFA will be adding photo albums and "Places to Fly" to our site. Join the BCFA and find out about all the great places to fly a floatplane in BC!

Puyallop Trade Show – Feb 20 & 21

2010 NW Aviation Trade Show in Puyallop, Wash. Come and see us at our booth.

BCFA offer for SPOT TRACKING

Steve Nunn has arranged for BCFA members to get 1 year of free tracking service for new SPOT messenger activations. In addition SPOT has a special offer for the original SPOT 1 messenger of a \$50 credit if you purchase an original SPOT 1 before March 31st. Since the price is \$CAD 119 this means that the **hardware will cost only \$70** if you buy it before the end of March and you'll only pay \$100 for both service and tracking (normally \$150/year). Of course you can buy the new SPOT 2 device for \$CAD 169 if you want the latest model and still get free tracking. The SPOT tracking service is a great safety feature for flying in remote areas. Please contact steve@stevenunn.com to get the redemption code and the web site to go to for activation which will be set up early in January. Contact Cameron at cbf@cbfraser.ca for a dealer that still has some SPOT 1's.

Setting up a short web site address for your SPOT shared page.

A SPOT shared page is a great facility but don't try giving the URL for it over the phone to say flight service! A share page URL looks something like this <http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?&glId=0FtvRClyWtjXgIZC7b9...> To get a nice short web address go to this web site www.fly.to enter the suffix you want to use in the box above "Check Availability" If suffix is available – then enter your email address to register that short web address, you'll get an email to activate and once you've activated it you'll be able to use an address something like cgfcf.fly.to . You have to put up with ad banners around the shared page but it seems to work fine.

BCFA "Adopt-a-Cabin" idea

We're cultivating an idea to adopt & refurbish vacant/abandoned cabins around the Province to use as floatplane camps. Parks people told me they'd be willing to help (even provide materials) for cabins within Parks! They said it is (another) win-win idea from BCFA. We have several in mind, but if you know of something that could prove useful, please send details to Ken Munro: knmunro@aol.com as he's heading this up.

Classifieds

I'm wondering if anyone out there might know of anyone who is selling, or know of anyone who has a tail wheel assembly for a 1975 C-180J or similar, that they are interested in selling? I have put my 180 on wheels for the winter, however I still need the tail wheel assembly. Thanks, from Mike C. magnumutt@hotmail.com

Some of you have read the new book "**Chilcotin Rose**" but the rest of you will be happy to hear that there is a book chronicling the life & experiences of Nimpo Lake Mary over her 40 + years here. \$23 incl. postage. 250 742 3258 or logan@xplornet.com

COPA Director for British Columbia and Yukon

On behalf of myself **Bryan Webster** I would like to be considered as candidate for the upcoming BC/Yukon 2010 COPA Director position.

I have been involved in commercial and private aviation for the last 30 years and feel very passionate in my love of aviation including flight safety and preserving our freedom of flight. I understand the importance for each of our individual aviation aspects and appreciate complex interpretations of the bureaucracy that goes with Canadian Aviation.

In the early 80s I applied and received an operating certificate for Klondike Air offering a Charter Service at Dawson City Yukon with Cessna's and a Beaver. After operating this company for three years I sold and moved on to new aviation challenges in the NWT involving bird dogging for A26 Water Bombers, float flying and ski equipped aircraft. In 1988 I received my Multi Engine IFR plus ATR to crew Medivacs and Charters out of Yellowknife. Now with two young sons we moved south to Edmonton continuing my aviation career with North American charters and the Training Captain position for the Cessna Caravan 208 division of Fed X Canada. Continuing my career with Fed X by transferring to Victoria BC, where I founded and currently operate Aviation Egress Systems.

In my 30 plus years in aviation I have accumulated over 11,000 hours and have captained over 35 different aircraft as well as being honoured with the 2007 Transport Canada Safety Award for my work in Egress safety. I have published the only fixed wing book on how to egress from an inverted aircraft titled "Ditching Principles". As well writing monthly COPA column "Bry the Dunker Guy" along with many other articles published in AOPA, The Aviator Magazine, Water Flying, Coastlines, Pipers, plus numerous newspapers and Helicopter magazines. Being the keynote speaker for many aviation events such as the BC Float Plane Association, Arlington Air Show, Washington State Aviation Association plus other aviation events gives me a wide vision and understanding of our aviation community needs.

As a long term COPA Member I would like to be a part of the team who help move civil aviation into a more technical age while being a watch dog for all the regulations and changes which constantly arise. Together let's promote new and inventive solutions for safety and civil aviation in general while enjoying all the freedom and beauty Canada has to offer.

Please take the time to view my web-site
www.dunkyou.com or contact me at dunkyou@hotmail.com
in March 2010
VOTE for "BRY THE DUNKER GUY" **Bryan Webster**

Renewal Time! For those of you who have renewed, thank you very much! Your support is important to maintain our freedom to fly. For those of you who have not yet renewed, I wish to remind you that there are two easy ways to renew.

The first one is on the website: Click on the PAY DUES button and that uses the Pay Pal function. You do NOT need a Pay Pal account. You can just use a credit card. Note that you can change the country from Canada to the USA or elsewhere on the drop down menu. Log on today and see how easy it is. The website will automatically update you for 2010. Be sure and return to the BCFA website after you have finished as that ensures the automatic function. The website is

www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com

The second more old fashion way is to just send a cheque to the following address and expect it to be processed sometime after you send the cheque.

BCFA
3753 S. Island Hwy
Campbell River, BC
V9H 1L7

The fees remain at \$40.00

To sum up some of the BCFA activities:

1. Puyallup Trade Show. Committee members have attended the February Puyallup trade show for several years and as a result we now have many members from Washington State.
2. Spring Conference. Every two years we plan a Rust Remover and 2011 is the next one.
3. Nimpo Lake AGM and Social. Hosted by the Nimpo Lake Resort, Terry Brandt, the neighbours and other community members. Among the guests were representatives from BC Parks who expressed appreciation for our unique partnership agreement and stewardship activities undertaken by different members in different areas. Mark July 17-18 on your calendar.
4. A calendar that current members should all have by now. We hand it out at the AGM.
5. BCFA Website. Please log on and **keep your individual profile current**. It is being used for mail-out labels and for current email addresses. Thankfully, we have a committee of knowledgeable computer members and directors helping us with that project too.
6. A newsletter called The Step thanks to director Logan Sudeith.
7. BC Parks MOU with its Pre-Authorization privileges thanks to the hard work of all the membership and in particular thanks to John Baker

All good reasons to keep your membership current. Thank you for your continued support as it is you the membership who have ensured our Freedom of Flight.

Finally, if you wish to be removed from the database, please advise me at bmatas@shaw.ca



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2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Renewals need only fill in name and any changes in data)

New Member___ Renewal___

COPA Membership # _____

Title: Mr___Mrs___Ms___Dr___

Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Fax (____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Aircraft Type _____

Registration _____

Annual BCFA fees: \$40.00

Due Jan 1 of each year.

Method of payment: Cash___ Cheque___

(Please remit the \$40.00 BCFA membership by **cash/cheque** payable to

BC Floatplane Association

3753 S. Island Hwy

Campbell River BC V9H 1L7

You may also use your VISA or a PayPal account through the PayPal function on the website

www.bcfloatplaneassociation.com

Signature of Applicant _____ DATE _____