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Calgary Flying Club's Monthly Newsletter



Member Survey Results

Micaela Widmer, Member Relations Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the 2021 Member Survey. We received over 275 submissions and many valuable suggestions, comments and recommendations that we are already implementing. A few examples include:

- Rental bookings will no longer be "bumped" for student training flights.
- We will provide 2 virtual sessions a month that will be based in general aviation interest and furthering education.
- Training videos for our rental fleet avionics have been added to the website, [HERE](#).
- We will develop and implement a CFC online store.
- We will provide email notifications for members who are about to expire.

Our goal is to promote aviation in Alberta and in doing so, we want to ensure the best possible experience for our members.



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Rental Fleet Update

by CFC GM & CFI, Terry St. George

Good news for all our rental pilots. From our recent survey, we have heard your suggestions and comments regarding your rental experience and have made some changes that should address your concerns.

First of all we are **designating 172S FMTF and T182T GPMK as priority rental aircraft** so you should be able to access these aircraft even on relatively short notice. Both these aircraft are IFR capable and well equipped for cross-country flights. They have Garmin GTN 750 GPS, HSI, XM satellite weather and operational autopilots. Once booked there will be no “bumping” into another aircraft, you will get the aircraft you booked. Within reason, there will be no daily minimums; if you need the aircraft to go to Edmonton for the day, it’s yours. We hope these changes will improve your overall rental experience and provide you with better access to well equipped aircraft when you need them.



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Gone West In Memoriam

We recently learned of former CFC member Bev Watson's passing after a 5.5 year battle with cancer. Her sister and caregiver Janet had this to say:

Over the past 5.5 years, my beloved sister defied the odds, crashing through barriers caused by the "emperor of all diseases", participating in the things she loved - you know them well - swimming, cycling, eating out in restaurants, playing backgammon, shopping, enjoying coffee or a movie with friends, attending art classes, hiking the boardwalks in Florida, spending time in Hawaii, or communing with "her mountains" - all the while conducting herself like the true champion she was. Yesterday the race to the finish line ended. The bond I have with my sister is not broken but my heart is.

On behalf of everyone at the CFC, we would like to send our sincere condolences to Bev's family.



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CFC Trivia

Alberta's first female pilot, Gertrude de la Vergne, obtained her licence from the Calgary Flying Club in November of 1928. She was the sixth female pilot in Canada. (L)

The Club's first president was World War I flying ace, Captain Fred R. McCall, DSO-MC-DFC. Fellow first world war pilots "Wop" May and John Mapplebeck were also founding members.

Please remember all COVID-19 protocols while at or in CFC property! Wash your hands often and ALWAYS wear your mask.

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NORDO (No Radio Procedures)

by Mindy Benson, CFC Safety Officer

Imagine you depart for a round trip from Springbank, and while enroute to Sundre, you hear a fair amount of radio chatter from others enjoying the beautiful day. After several minutes you notice the frequency sure does seem quiet. Pushing down a little bit of adrenaline, you contemplate your next move.

First things first: troubleshoot by asking yourself the following questions. Radio on? Master on? Headset plugged in? Volume set? Correct frequency? Comm 1 vs Comm 2? Test an ATIS frequency? POH for troubleshooting? All checked and your radio is still silent...what do you do next?

Let's look at the NORDO regulations. CAR 602.138 states that where there is a two-way radio communication failure between ATC and VFR aircraft, while operating in Class B, C, or D airspace the pilot shall; leave the airspace by landing at the aerodrome or leave the airspace by the shortest route. Must set transponder code 7600 and inform ATC as soon as possible.

Should the failure occur while outside of controlled airspace and there is no suitable aerodrome nearby, the pilot may enter the zone and follow the Traffic Circuit procedures listed in the AIM, RAC 4.4.5.

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If there is an uncontrolled airport nearby but the pilot wishes to continue into Class C airspace, a clearance shall be obtained prior. Whether that be by contacting the control tower prior to your flight (phone number can be found in the CFS) or if needed, contacting them while in flight, prior to entering Class C. Clearance is not guaranteed as it will depend on workload and traffic. If clearance is given, be alert for visual signals (RAC 4.2.11 & 4.4.7) from the control tower.

In the above scenario, you can continue to Sundre, following NORDO uncontrolled procedures. Call the Club after landing and wait for further instructions.

When a pilot experiences a radio problem, more often than not it can be solved by troubleshooting. Thus, radio panel familiarization is paramount. Our fleet has differing radio panels and our goal is to help each pilot become more familiar with the aircraft they are flying. There are now short videos of each aircraft's radio panel posted on the CFC website. They can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact me at safetyofficer@calgaryflyingclub.com

Upcoming Events

CFC Speaker Series - Women in Aviation Panel - March 11, 2021 7pm
[Register Here](#)

C-T182T Ground School March 15 & 16 6:30pm [Register Here](#)

CFC Speaker Series - Unique Airspace at CYBW - March 25, 2021 7pm [Register Here](#)

