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# THE BEACON

*Calgary Flying Club's Monthly Newsletter*



## Winter Flying

Despite the majority of Canadians constantly hoping for a long & warm fall, winter is here and even colder temperatures are on their way. There are a lot of reasons that winter flying is something that should be looked forward to, and not dreaded!

Even though it might be harder to get motivated to get out the door in the cold, there are many advantages to flying in the colder months.

**Less Turbulence** due to less convective activity.

**Decreased Air Traffic** because let's face it, many recreational pilots only fly in the summer. This leaves more space for you!

**Visibility** improves due to less humidity in the air.



## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

WINTER FLYING

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**Aircraft Performance** improves in the winter because of the dense, colder air.

**Crisp & Clean Views!** Nothing is more beautiful than a pure white, sparkling landscape against a bright blue sky.

Winter flying can be a lot of fun, but the colder temperatures do require a bit more work pre-flight. Make sure that you are being diligent during your walk around and de-icing. Your survival kit also needs to be winterized. Be sure to add in warm clothes and an emergency blanket.

Call Dispatch at 403-288-8831 to book your Winter flight today!



Resources:

[Inflight Pilot Training](#)

[Business Aircraft Centre](#)

[Plane and Pilot Magazine](#)

## Did you know...

In 1967, the Club commemorated our 40th anniversary by keeping our aircraft flying for 40 consecutive hours!



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## Where to Fly?

Ever get the itch to be in the air but are stumped as to what your destination should be? There are a ton of resources that recreational pilots can use to find a new place to check out!

One of these resources is the [Places to Fly](#) page on COPA National's website. You can look at their Aerocamping Directory or their Aerodrome Directory, or just browse the map. These entries are user generated by G.A. pilots and are full of information like ramp fees, fuel prices, airport events and most importantly, whether or not it is a Certified G.A. Friendly Airport.

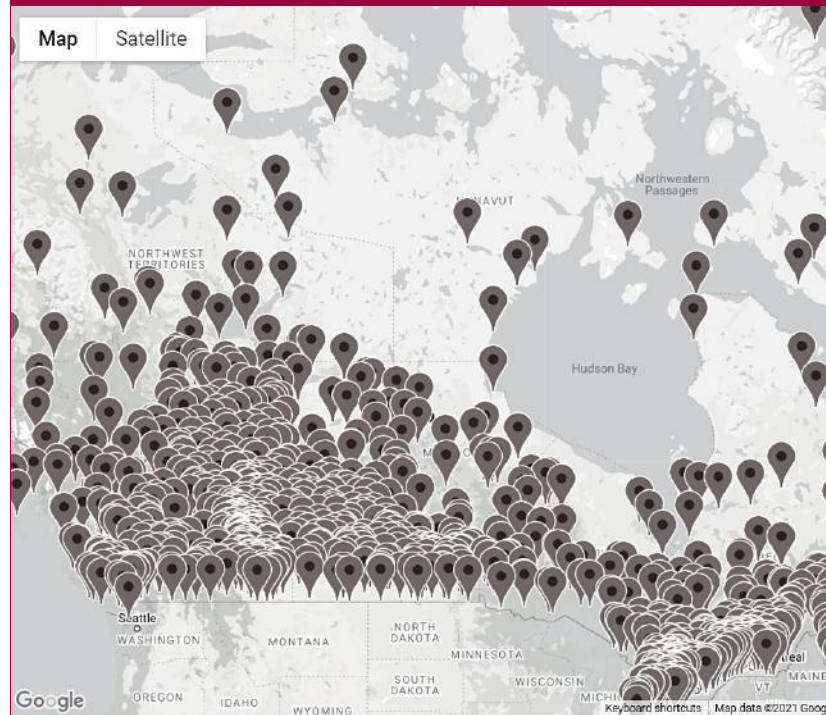
Locally, you can also check out Alberta General Aviation on Facebook and if you are a CFC member, you can ask in the CFC Members Facebook group. There are plenty experienced pilots in the group just waiting to help with a new and exciting destination.



## Upcoming Events

**CFC Virtual Speaker Series November 25, 2021 7pm with CFC Flight Instructor Devin Poppe. Getting Prepared to Survive!**

[Register Here](#)



# Flight Training

Ground School Info, Private Pilot's License, Commercial License & Other Ratings

## Cessna T182T Ground School - Now Self Study!

Have you heard the news? It is even easier to get checked out on PMK, our C-T182T aircraft!

We have moved the T182T Ground School to a self-study program. Originally we started off with a two night, online program led by CFC flight instructor, John Mader. Due to low interest in the online sessions, we thought it best to make this information more accessible to all of our members that are interested in being able to rent out this beautiful aircraft.

John has compiled his resources into multiple PDF's that can be sent out, reviewed and then after completing the Type Check Exam successfully, John will follow up with next steps. If you are interested in learning more about our C-T182T, email Micaela at [membership@calgaryflyingclub.com](mailto:membership@calgaryflyingclub.com).



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## CFC Journey Log Entries

CFC Safety Officer, Mindy Benson

Please ensure you conclude all flights by filling out the journey logbook, including PIC signature and license number.

A reminder on how to properly snag and report a defect discovered **during flight**. Once the pilot and aircraft are safely back on the ground, the defect must be written in the defect column of the journey log, include a description of what occurred. Please ensure you return the journey log to dispatch and inform them of the snag, maintenance will then be notified.

CFC's Maintenance Control Manual allows snags discovered while **on the ground** to be reported to maintenance without the need of a journey log entry. If a snag is discovered during a walk around, please advise dispatch of the problem to see if the issue can be resolved prior to flight.

Thank you to all for your part in helping CFC operate efficiently. Please reach out to any flight instructors if you have questions!

## Student & Member Survey

The CFC Building Task Force, comprised of Sustaining Members is looking for student and member feedback on what YOU would like to see in a new building or in a renovation of the current building.

Please take a few minutes and fill out the [survey HERE!](#)



# ATPL & IFR GROUND SCHOOL SEMINARS

These IFR and ATPL/IATRA ground school seminars help you to gain the knowledge required to be successful on the Transport Canada exams and reach your aviation goals. They are taught by our team of highly experienced professional pilots. We have added the option to attend these seminars virtually as well as in a traditional classroom format. Current scheduled dates are listed below:

## ATPL/IATRA seminar dates:

Virtual Classroom (5 days)

Oct 15-17 & 23,24 (MT)

Dec 3-5 & 11,12 virtual (ET)

Face-to-face classes (3 days)\*

Sept 17-19 Toronto\*

Sept 24-26 Calgary\*

Oct 1-3 Toronto\*

Nov 5-7 Toronto\*

Nov 12-14 Vancouver\*

Nov 26-28 Calgary\*

## IFR seminar dates:

Virtual Classroom (4 days)

Sept 11-12 & 18-19 (MT)

Nov 13,14 & 20,21 (ET)

Face-to-face classes (3 days)\*

Sept 17-19 Calgary\*

Oct 15-17 Toronto\*

Oct 29-31 Calgary\*

Dec 3-5 Toronto\*

\*Due to COVID-19 restrictions in-person courses maybe cancelled or changed, check for updates.

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