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THE BEACON

Calgary Flying Club's Monthly Newsletter



CFC Centennial Celebration

As the saying goes, time truly does fly when you're having fun and the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Flying Club is just 5 years away!

2027 will mark the 100th year of providing excellent flight instruction to students, making flying more accessible through rental programs and overall being a place for the aviation enthusiasts of Calgary and southern Alberta to gather and meet other passionate aviators.

Former CFC President Ken Yewell has started the information gathering process for the Centennial Celebration and needs your help!

Fill out this [MEMBER SURVEY](#) and add in your two cents with how you'd like to celebrate 100 years of the Calgary Flying Club. This will also be an opportunity for you to volunteer to help plan this celebration.

If you have any questions, please contact our Member Relations Coordinator via email: membership@calgaryflyingclub.com

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

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March Guest Speaker - Save the Date!

In order to properly celebrate International Women's Day in March, we have secured a special guest speaker for the March CFC Virtual Speaker Series.

A member of the Ninety-Nines Speakers Bureau, **Alison Chalker** (Moorestown, NJ) will be presenting on her experience racing at the Air Race Classic and give us a bit of a lesson on the history of women in aviation.

Alison has been a pilot since 1990, and has a Commercial pilot's license, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements. She is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA) Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. She currently acts as Chapter Secretary, and recently initiated a Chapter Mentoring program. Her past roles include EPA Chapter Chair, Mid-Atlantic Section Governor, and Section Vice-Governor. She is also an Associate Director on the Board of the Air Race Classic.

Upcoming Events

CFC Virtual Speaker Series - Special Guest Speaker Alison Chalker March 15, 2022 7pm MST

[Register Here](#)

Show us some love!

Have you spent some time at our club? Taken lessons? Rented from us? We'd love for you to share your experience with others. Click below to leave us a Google Review:



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Alison is a general aviation pilot who flies for fun and has more than 1600 hours flown. She has a four-seat single engine **Cessna 182** and enjoys flying to meet friends for lunch around the East coast region; taking passengers for airplane rides to raise funds for the Chapter scholarships in our annual Pennies-a-Pound event; and flying her husband Ray and dogs Einstein and Piper to visit friends and family around the country. Her favorite aviation activity is the Air Race Classic. In this annual adventure, teams of two women fly a four-day, 2000 nautical mile cross-country route that is different every year, competing against their own handicap.

Alison works in the pharmaceutical industry and moved to the US from the UK in 1996.

Join us on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7pm** to get a first hand account of not only participating in, but playing an integral role planning the annual Air Race Classic.

[RSVP HERE](#)

For more information on The Ninety-Nines organization, check out their website:

www.ninety-nines.org



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New Owners at the CAV-OK GRILL

After 23 years of being a big part of the Calgary Flying Club, CAV-OK Grill Owner Sue Lee has passed the torch and sold the business to new owners.

Starting on Monday, February 7, 2022, the CAV-OK Grill will be owned and operated by Sarah and Abe.

Sarah is a red seal chef who did all of her culinary training at SAIT. We look forward to a refreshed menu, including eggs benedict on the weekends, exciting new specials like pulled pork and bulgogi beef, and the opportunity to make more memories over great food at CYBW.

A massive thank you to Sue Lee for her years of serving both great food and smiles for 23 years and **WELCOME** to Sarah and Abe. We all look forward to getting to know you and relaxing at the CAV-OK Grill.



CFC President, Harvey Fairfield & Sue Lee

Flight Training

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

Celebrating Aviation Milestones

There are many milestones in a pilot's training journey that are looked forward by both the student and their instructor. One of the most notable milestones has to be the First Solo!

There are 2 main ways that the First Solo is celebrated:

1) **Cutting the Shirt** - This is where the instructor cuts off the back of the students shirt to symbolize the fact that the student can fly solo and no longer needs to ride the coat tails of their instructor. This also provides the student with a little souvenir.

2) **First Solo Dunk** - This is a common practice in the British Commonwealth countries and what we do at the Calgary Flying Club.



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After a student's first solo flight they will be greeted by their instructor and most likely other instructors, friends, family and other staff at the flying club, all with phones in hand to record the moment. After posing for pictures commemorating their accomplishment, the instructor or a ramp staff member will surprise the student by dumping an entire bucket of water on their heads!

Other than the aviation industry using water salutes to commemorate important events, such as a retirement of pilots and aircraft, the research as to why a First Solo is celebrated with a soaking is slim. All we know that it is a timed honoured tradition that both instructors and students and CFC love!



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2021 CPL & PPL Graduates

Due to past and current COVID-19 restrictions the CFC Board of Directors decided in December 2021 not to host a Banquet for the 2021 graduates. The Board still wanted to figure out a way to recognize the achievements of these individuals.

Instead of hosting an event, the Member Relations Coordinator has been busy putting together individual packages for anyone that finished their CPL or PPL license during the 2021 fiscal year which includes a few surprises, but most notably, includes CFC wings!

If you have received an email from Micaela in the past few weeks about your CPL or PPL license, please come on down and pick up your graduation package!



PPL Wings (Left), CPL Wings (Right)

Congratulations!

Classifieds

Check out this section for planes for sale, hangar opportunities and more!

Hangar Opportunity at YLW!

Do you fly west often? Kelowna has hangar space available that you might be interested in.

A New Era for General Aviation @ Kelowna's YLW

- First major GA-centric initiative in 15+ years.
- Enclosed Steel T-Hangars 41ft wide, 33 ft deep, 12 ft high available on 30-yr lease.
- Insulated, electric power supply.
- Sliding doors, concrete pad, asphalt taxiways. Cost about \$155,000 (cost-plus basis) with annual operating fees of approximately \$3500.
- Presented by the Kelowna Flying Club (KFC).
- For the benefit of resident and visiting pilots, their passengers, the Airport and the Community-at-large.



Why?

The project is presented by KFC for the benefit of Private General Aviation in the Central Okanagan Region. It will create affordable parking, hangarage and fuel solutions for the GA Community.

All proceeds from operations will be used to ensure ongoing costs remain affordable, to maintain/improve the Club's assets and to advance, support and promote the needs of GA in the Central Okanagan Region.

Steel hangars & paved plots available 2022. Pre-sales now!

- Hangar leases to be sold on cost-plus basis.
- Estimated price (for 30-year lease) approx. \$155,000 (includes 15% contingency).
- Economical monthly hangar operating costs.
- About 40 paved parking slots competitively priced vs nearby airports.
- Handy vehicle access gate provided adjacent to each block of six hangars.
- Vehicle access to hangars.

Plus: Kelowna's new AvGas option

Kelowna Flying Club (KFC)

This GA Operation will be managed by the "Facilities Committee" of the KFC Board of Directors, none of whom are eligible for any compensation for their efforts. Supported by one part-time individual / company paid to manage the day-to-day operations of the company.

- KFC is a non-profit Society registered under the BC Societies Act
- Capital projects funded from sales of 30-year hangar leases.
- Payments by lease-owners will be strategically timed to ensure project success while minimizing financing costs during the construction phase.

NOTE: Kelowna City Council has approved this project.

To express interest contact:
mcelroydavid51@yahoo.com

Date	Payment type (All payments + GST)	Amount (Est)	Purpose
Feb 2022	Initial Payment	\$ 30k	Setup & initial deposits to key contractors
Apr 2022	Second Payment	30k	Construction funding
May 2022	Third Payment	95k	Construction funding (Con't)
Oct 2022 15/22	Settlement Payment/Refund	?	Balance owing or contingency fund returned.

