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November Elections

Elections will be held on the next meeting date, November 17, 2002. Nominations of a number of members that wish to run for office has already been made and a list is available to preview in the club meeting room. Please plan on attending the next meeting to vote into office the member of your choice. A number of hopefuls are already listed for the jobs of President and Vice-President. The same can be said for directors. The only jobs that no one seems to want are Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. I think the Secretary and Treasurer are already elected but if there is anyone out there that wants either of these jobs, I am sure that the members already holding these jobs will be happy for the competition. The editor should be removed from his job as he has not completed a single newsletter since the last election.

Nominated for office!

President - Doug Sowden, Glenn Proteau, Frank Benven, Chris McLean, Gerry Budlong

Vice-President - Doug Steele, John Hubbard, George Irbe, Gary Whitaker, Bob Hodgins

Secretary - Wendy Anderson, Doug Steele

Directors - Dan LaRose, Dave Barnaby, Bob Hodgins

Avgas Editor - Chris McLean, John Owen, Irma Erhart, John Hubbard

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New Furnace

The membership approved the purchase and installation of a new furnace. Part of the deal is for the club to remove the old furnace prior to work being done by the successful heating contractor based in Ladysmith. A work party was scheduled to have this work done as well as a few other maintenance items. One of those was the installation of high pressure sodium lighting on the outside of the building. Along with the new furnace will be a new oil tank and a containment tank in the event of any leaks. The work party consisted of predominately old people.

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Thanks

Over the years we have given not much thought to those that serve the membership. Behind the scenes there is so much taking place that we are not aware of. This results in a facility that we can be proud of. So, I would like say thanks, on behalf of all of us, to those that work so hard.

President Gerry Budlong
Vice-President John Hubbard
Secretary Wendy Anderson
Treasurer Joyce Clarke

Directors Sam Anderson
Ray Erhart
Glen proteau
Derek Carter
Joe Mondok

Your work is appreciated!

Fraser Blues

- I was promised some time ago an article on the Fraser Blues. This empty spot will be reserved for a time in the future for that article. I am sure that the fellow that promised it is just a little modest as he is one of the Fraser Blues and also a club member. If you see Willie about, please encourage him to write a small report on the group, the places they have performed, and what they plan for the future.

Flight Services

The flight service people are now able to see on a radar screen exactly what is happening in their zone. A unit was installed that displays on a screen all of the aircraft activity in the area down to about 600 feet. So, when you call in to let them know your position, you best be pretty accurate as they have the ability to let you know exactly where you are in their world. I was advised once that I had 12 o'clock traffic two hundred feet above me. It was nice to finally spot that aircraft which was also turning away from me. Chances are that we would have never seen each other anyway. Thanks to them for their vigilance.

Coffin Point

I live in the Coffin Point area and we have new neighbours on the end of our road that are quite sensitive about the noise of aircraft flying overhead. Personally, I don't believe I have ever seen any aircraft flying below legal altitude except two water bombers this summer. They have apparently been making some complaints, which is their right, as long as they are legitimate complaints. It might be best to avoid this area if at all possible.

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EAA Chapter 679



From time to time EAA Chapter 679 uses the Nanaimo Flying Club facilities to conduct their meetings. These take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 19:30 hours. The meetings are usually every second month in Nanaimo. All Nanaimo Flying Club members are welcome to attend, and they always have donuts and coffee available after the meeting for a nominal charge to defray costs. The executive would like to thank the members of the Nanaimo Flying Club for so graciously allowing them to hold these meetings in such a comfortable setting.

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Yahoo E-Group

Hello I have started a egroup so members can keep each other informed about club interests. This is a private group and you must be a NFC member to be approved!

Terms

You must be a NFC member in good standing to be approved. Contact Frank Benvin quadrajt@island.net to join or go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NanaimoFlyingClub/>

How it works. If you post a message on the site it will go to all members of the group.

Note: This is for club business & activities only.

Example: If you want to talk club business, organise a fly out or social gathering. This is not to be used to send jokes or solicit business, etc.

The club has power to delete anyone from the group if they misuse it.

If you are having trouble signing up contact Frank

Members as of October 20/02

Frank Benvin	Joyce Clark	Doug Tyce
Gord Coyne	Gino DiMenna	Doug McKay
Wolfgang Carolsfeld	John Hubbard	John Owen
Chris McLean	Benny Benvin	Bob Hodgins

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CLUB AIRCRAFT RENTAL

Should the Nanaimo Flying Club have a club rental aircraft?

It sure would be nice to have an aircraft sitting out front that one could rent. It is difficult for pilots to remain current these days without travelling great distances to rent an available aircraft. Many flight schools are busy making new pilots and renting aircraft to only those pilots that they have trained. So you then have to locate a club with an aircraft or flying school that rents to pilots that are current.

How would the Nanaimo Flying Club Benefit?

We would attract new members and a percentage of those would be young members, something that is lacking in a lot of clubs today.

A pool of younger members interested in aviation would ensure the club continuing into the future, by filling executive positions, bringing new fresher ideas forward.

Who will keep it working?

I heard it mentioned at the last meeting that the Nanaimo Flying Club is an owners club. So the question is who will be responsible for the following?

Paperwork, booking, collecting money, scheduling maintenance and all the rest of the duties that no one wants to do? If there is a group out there that want to do all of these things, please make it known that you want to volunteer for duties regarding the club aircraft. Maybe there is someone out there right now that would volunteer to head a committee to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a club aircraft and getting the volunteers needed to make it operate and sustain itself.

The challenge is there. Organise a group of willing people that will commit, not just join. Get all the facts together. Make your presentation with everything in order.

Can we afford it?

This is a question that should be answered through research before any presentations are made.



Some comments I have received.

There's lots of experienced club rental operators nearby that could be a resource for this idea. The members of Parkville Qualicum Aero Club and Duncan Flying Club have each operated a rental C172 successfully for a number of years. They have evolved codes of conduct and aircraft operations independently but their actual outcomes are remarkably similar. They both operate a mid '70s 150 Hp C172, renting out at about \$ 85/hr. In recent years they have seen between 200 -400 hours of use per year, where I think about 200 hrs. per year is an economic minimum. Both have a member who's business staff do the bookings over a broad range of hours. Many hours at exec meetings are spent on the business of aircraft operations, but at the end of the day, a lot of individuals get to fly affordably, that otherwise wouldn't fly at all.

From what little I've observed sporadically attending some meetings at those clubs, and NFC, I'd say that the clubs with a rental aircraft have a broader representation of the aviation community in their membership.

At the moment the first thing I think of is insurance. It may be different for clubs but that's the major reason the school doesn't rent. And the first thing we should look into once someone steps up to the plate to take care of all the daily hassles of a rental plane.

One thing I think that should be pointed out to those that want a plane, is a commitment from one of them to look after it 24/7. The other is to look at Duncan's plane, which landed on the beach in August, and is just now (today) getting the OK to fix it. All down time, and higher insurance in the future. If you jack the price of rentals above \$85 per hour who will rent? There is also a franchise out there called Yourplane, which will set up a new plane for a group of owners and away they go.

Editors note!

I was unable to glean much information from the Duncan Flying Club about how their rental works. Offers were issued by Wolfgang Carolsfield to look into how Qualicum handles their rental but my schedule and his were not compatible. Thanks for the offer Wolfgang. As the deadline for this newsletter approaches rapidly, I will add no more to this subject other than to say.

Someone has to step forward to spearhead research into the subject of the club purchasing an aircraft. A number of willing helpers are required to assist. There must be a commitment to flying it. It has to be affordable. Did I mention that someone has to step forward?



Annual Fly-in Pancake Breakfast

A letter will be sent out to all members very shortly. There will be a number of questions asked regarding your feelings towards our annual fly-in. The executive would like to get a feeling as to how many members are interested in continuing this annual event and are they prepared to put in any time to make it a success. Last year there were far too few people doing a large job under difficult circumstances. If the response is small, or if there are no volunteers to assist in the event, then there is a good chance that we will not be hosting it this year. Other clubs have already gone to an every second year event or not having one at all. If the current trend continues, there will be very few flying events each summer to enjoy. It is up to you. To hold the annual event is a decision that will have to be made fairly soon. Event chairmen will have to be in place soon and volunteers organised in order to host a day. Problems arose last year that will have to be addressed sooner this year. So please answer the letter without delay. If there is a positive response, mark the calendar for Sunday June 1, 2003.

Mailing Addresses

If you notice anything wrong with your mailing address please let someone on the executive know so the changes can be made. Also if you have an e-mail address let us know that as well and we will send a copy of the newsletter and any club business to your computer. That will save time, and effort on the part of the executive and also printing and mailing costs.

Gord the Cook Melisse and Amber

For many years Gord Coyne has been the chief cook at the annual fly-in held in June of each year. His outgoing personality has been a hit with the starving throng of fly-in guests that attend each year. He is there for breakfast and without a break he continues on to provide a wonderful lunch as well. I guess it goes without saying that we can count on Gord again this coming June 1, 2003 if in fact we hold the event again.

It was a shock for me this year to see, or not see his two wonderful daughters, Melisse and Amber Coyne who have been at his side for every event since they were very young. They have been on the ticket sales each year and it was a disappointment that they didn't attend this year. But they have grown up and have jobs of their own. Melisse is turning 20 in January, and is in her third year working for a large department store here in Nanaimo. She has been earning money to attend Malaspina College where she will be taking her Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies. Amber just turned 18 in July and is going to Malaspina College, taking her Bachelor of Science-Biology. Her goal is to become an Animal Technician. Since Malaspina does not offer the program, she will be attending another college. The Nanaimo Flying Club thanks you Gord, and daughters Melisse and Amber for all the years of commitment to our annual event. Good luck to both girls with their studies and goals.

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Few of us are unaware of many things that are done around clubs by individuals. It might be taking out the garbage, general clean-up or other small mundane jobs. For the most part, they go unnoticed. Bob Hodgins, of Cassidy Aircraft Maintenance, and his staff Steve and Bjorne are a few of those individuals. They park aircraft before the fly-in, are always there for the fuel truck deliveries. They field enquiries regarding the club when no one is about. The last thing they do each night is check the doors and windows for security before leaving for home. These many small things you fellows do is very **large** of you and it is greatly appreciated by the Nanaimo Flying Club.

