



Safety is Always Number One When Flying!



The 2021/2022 Board of Directors of the Vernon Flying Club and the Executive of COPA Flight 65 would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can get together safely at meetings, breakfasts and barbeques and fly-outs again.

Until then,

Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe

Roof Repairs



If you have been inside the clubhouse recently, you may have noticed the missing ceiling tiles in the main meeting room. We have been experiencing leaks for the last couple of years but when Vernon was hit by a severe wind and rain storm in early November we knew we couldn't put off repairs any longer.

Flying Club member Mark Hemsley has agreed to undertake the necessary repairs to the metal roof focussing on the ridge cap.

We are therefore looking at an unexpected cost

of approximately \$2,000.00. The work will take place when a reliable break in weather allows it.

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership! As you know, we have had no fundraising events, due to COVID, for almost two years so your dues are essential to funding the critical roof repairs.

There is also damage to a couple of walls which will have to be dealt with as well.



Not anywhere near as bad as at the coast but Vernon did experience our own flooding from the Atmospheric Rivers.

(Photo by Bill More)



ODE TO THE SPELL CHECKER

Eye have a spelling checker
 It came with my pea sea
 It plainly marques four my revue
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
 Eye strike a key and type a word
 And weight 4 it 2 say
 Weather eye am wrong oar write
 It shows me strait a weigh.
 As soon as a mist ache is maid
 It nose bee fore two long
 And eye can put the error rite
 Its rare lea ever wrong.
 Eye have run this poem threw it
 I am shore your pleased two no
 Its letter perfect awl the weigh
 My chequer tolled me sew!

From VFC Member, Sandy Loutitt regarding his Anatov 2:

“We are testing now and plan to head south for the winter. Trina and I would be happy to open the plane up for a members tour next summer when it returns to Canada.”

(This aircraft has been retrofitted as a camper. How cool is that!?)

On The Ramp...

C-FODD - beautiful 2011 Lancair Evolution registered to Royal City Charter Coach Lines Ltd. out of Delta, BC



Ariel Tylk, Kelowna, is the proud owner of this, and the Canadian distributor for, the Super Petrel LS.

The Super Petrel LS is an amphibious biplane with flight qualities of a low wing, cruise speed of a regular upper wing, easy and safe flying. It has robust structure and corrosion resistance and simplicity of systems.

The Super Petrel LS utilizes the Rotax engine model 912 iS with digital panel.

NEW AIRCRAFT TO VERNON - THE SUPERSTOL

1. STOL: The SuperSTOL is Just Aircraft's short takeoff and landing version of the Highlander.
2. EXPERIMENTAL AMATEUR-BUILT: The SuperSTOL's upgraded design features include a new slatted wing and a virtually indestructible landing gear that can accommodate 29-in tundra tires.
3. SLATTED WING: "The new slatted wing has significantly enhanced the performance numbers and slow flight control. This provides access to considerably more off-airport landing sites, making the SuperStol one of the most versatile backcountry machines out there" – Troy Woodland, design engineer.

The SuperSTOL sports an all metal wing aerodynamically designed to enhance slow flight capabilities while also increasing cruise speed. Additionally the wing incorporates self-deploying leading edge slats and long span fowler flaps to further improve the aircraft's stall range. To complement the new wing we have installed a new landing gear system that takes full advantage of a hydraulic strut with a long distance of travel. The tail wheel also incorporates a hydraulic shock to lessen aggressive off airport landings. No other aircraft kit manufacturer offers a comparable airplane.

The wing slats, when combined with the large Fowler flaps, allow the aircraft to be flown at extremely high angles of attack permitting it to 'drop' into small or inclined clearings. This provides access to considerably more off-airport landing sites, making the SuperStol one of the most versatile backcountry machines out there. With the new wing configuration, the Highlander will cruise at 110 mph, land at 32 mph, and take off or land with as little as 150 feet of runway.

The SuperSTOL price includes the Highlander package plus the following:

- Two 13.5 gallon wing tanks
- Wings mated to the fuselage
- 21 inch Tundra tires
- Extreme brake package



Mike Hewson's 2015 Just Aircraft SuperStol
"Highlander" C-GNUG



Meeting the crew
10/19/21



Duke Dawe wanted to meet The Snowflakes and thank them personally for the flyover they did on Duke's 90th birthday. Steve Foord gave him a close-up view of the RV9A

(Collage by Duke's daughter, Sharon.)



Kensie Hewson (17) and Jade Hewson (9, no relation) take to the skies in Kensie's dad's RV9A.

Jade's grandpa, Ken Hewson, flies a beautiful Pitt's Special but it is only a single seat. Kensie kindly offered to take Jade flying and we can see that both young ladies are sporting the RV Grin!

This was so lovely to see! These two young ladies have been flying several times now. This, people, is the future of aviation and flying clubs!

(Photos by Kensie Hewson and her mom, Melissa Brown)



Some Interesting Statistics

COPA National conducts surveys on a regular basis and one of the questions asked is AGE. The 2017 survey confirmed what we can see at flying clubs everywhere. Our membership is aging!

- Youngest: 21
- Oldest: 88
- Average: 60.3

A comment on the survey states: *it is worth noting that the mean age of 60.3 is 3.1 years older than the mean age reported in 2012, which was 57.2, and 4.45 years older than the mean age reported in 2007, which was 55.85. These facts highlight the importance again of redoubling efforts to attract younger members; otherwise the membership will continue to decline over time.*

Comparison of Private Pilot Licences Aeroplane, Commercial Pilot Licences Aeroplane, Airline Transport Pilot Licences Aeroplane and Recreational Pilot Permits Aeroplane In Force (from Transport Canada 2021)

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Recreational Pilot Permit	1,267	1,281	1,265	1,283	1,295	1,305	1,315	1,321	1,331	1,329	1,301	1,292	1,124	851
Private Pilot Licence	27,581	27,138	26,941	26,873	25,868	24,982	24,610	24,132	24,022	23,810	23,425	22,132	19,832	16,608
Commercial Pilot Licences	7,480	8,364	7,668	7,975	7,972	7,838	7,637	7,349	7,774	7,582	7,641	7,470	5,493	2,912
Airline Transport Pilot	11,310	12,004	11,840	11,869	12,192	12,568	12,768	10,840	13,546	13,735	13,970	13,595	9,971	4,327



- Have you ever noticed that telescopes and instruments looking for intelligent life are always pointed AWAY from Earth?
- The irony for mankind is that a computer now asks a human to prove they are not a robot.
- Without "freedom of speech", we wouldn't know who the idiots are.

Submitted by Barry Meek

Random thoughts that come in the middle of the night.

Submitted by Bill More

- › Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?
- › Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- › Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
- › Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- › Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- › Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
- › What is the speed of darkness?
- › Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
- › If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
- › Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?
- › How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- › Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- › Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'
- › Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it's bum.'
- › Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- › Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- › Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?
- › Why does your Gynecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
- › Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs !
- › If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- › If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?



REMBRANCE DAY 2021



(left) The Snowflakes performed flyovers of outdoor Cenotaphs in Vernon, Armstrong, Enderby, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Lavington and Lumby on Remembrance Day.

Bravo Zulu, boys.

(below) The Snowflakes on the ramp in Vernon prepare to depart for the Remembrance Day Flyovers

Photo by Wayne Edme 11-Nov-2021



Pilot Chat

Submitted by Bill More

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

A Cessna inbound at the reporting point over ManlyBeach.

Tower (Female voice): "Cessna WYXD, congestion at airport approach. I'm going to have to hold you over the Manly area."

Cessna WYXD: "I love it when you talk dirty to me."

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement, turn right 45 Degrees."

TWA 2341: "Center, we are at 35,000 feet.. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

From an unknown aircraft waiting in a very long takeoff queue: "I'm f...ing bored!"

Ground Traffic Control: "Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately!"

Unknown aircraft: "I said I was f...ing bored, not f...ing stupid!"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

United 329: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight.

While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long rollout after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able.. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

Tower: "American 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124..7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, American 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Delta 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

Continental 635: "Delta 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied American. We've already notified our caterers."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed.

The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee.

A quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot came back with: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

While taxiing at London's Gatwick Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727.

An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming:

"US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!"

Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically:

"God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence asking:

"Wasn't I married to you once?"



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