



Balloon Glow Vernon Winter Carnival February 4, 2022

Photo by Sylvia Voets

2022 Rust Remover Cancelled

Our RR Coordinator, Doug MacKinnon, has made enquiries to Nav Canada, specifically, Kelly Smith, site manager Kelowna, and Dave Feser, Manager, Kamloops FIC & FSS. Dave Feser has spoken to his supervisor in Victoria and Dave has not received any guidance and Nav Canada has travel restrictions on their employees.

The application for approval needs to be submitted to Transport Canada no later than March 15, 2022 and if we cannot guarantee speakers, well, it would be a bit of a challenge to put on a recurrency program.

There is also the Provincial COVID-19 restrictions such as the wearing of masks and showing vaccine passports.



AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT THE VERNON AIRPORT

Submitted by Bill More



Skytek Aircraft Services has been serving the aviation community in Vernon, British Columbia since 1997. Our company is a Transport Canada Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO 107- 97) with specialized

maintenance approval for structures. Today, we operate out of our own 7000 square-foot facility on the Vernon Municipal Airport.

For over 16 years, we have been offering:

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Darian Swartz

Darian Wayne Swartz currently resides in Armstrong, British Columbia, with his wife, Heather and three sons. Since early childhood, Darian showed great promise as an artist and inventor, often documenting new ideas or creating new items while at the boarding school he attended in Alberta, Canada.

Due to his God-given leadership and technical skills, Darian worked as supervisor at a large, aircraft refinishing facility. Later on, as an aircraft sheet metal specialist in Calgary, Alberta, Darian was asked to travel abroad on numerous occasions to perform custom metal fabrication for large aircraft. Since 1997, Darian has owned and operated Skytek Aircraft Services, Ltd. in Vernon, which specializes in aircraft rebuilding.

Darian's passion has always been creating, using whatever medium available. His mind tirelessly conceives and designs new and improved ways of doing things or making existing products better, especially in the areas of antique vehicle restoration, artwork, and creating unusual toys for his children.

Keith Swartz

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Keith grew up in the West Kootenays of British Columbia as the eldest of three children. Keith's determination and drive early in life earned him the distinction of becoming Canada's youngest Aircraft Maintenance Engineer at the age of 18, then culminated in the realization of his own aircraft maintenance and reconstruction facility in 1997. He specializes in metal fabrications and repairs using custom-built and modified pieces of equipment that most facilities do not have, giving his company, Skytek Aircraft Services, a cutting edge. His ongoing pursuit of excellence was officially recognized in 2001 when his rebuilt 1961 Piper Super Cub aircraft won an award for the "Reserve Grand Champion" at the Arlington air show; and was awarded "Best In It's Class" at Oshkosh Wisconsin in 2002. Keith is currently restoring a number of antique aircraft with the help of his brother Darian, which also promise to achieve an exceptional level of success.

Over and above his expertise in the aircraft industry, Keith's demand for excellence has resulted in the design of creative improvements to various products. Keith, his wife, and one of their two children currently live in Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.



We provide aircraft maintenance services throughout the Okanagan valley. Servicing a range of aircraft from small personal aircraft to business jets.



Okanagan Fix Wings Ltd was established in 2019. We cater to aviation professionals "private owners" and "commercial operators" that are looking for upscale aircraft maintenance services. Our premium services provide air men and women the aircraft maintenance required to own and operate an aircraft.

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Plan your next aircraft maintenance event in the Okanagan. We are located in Vernon BC but have mobile capabilities and options to work at locations away from base including Kelowna.



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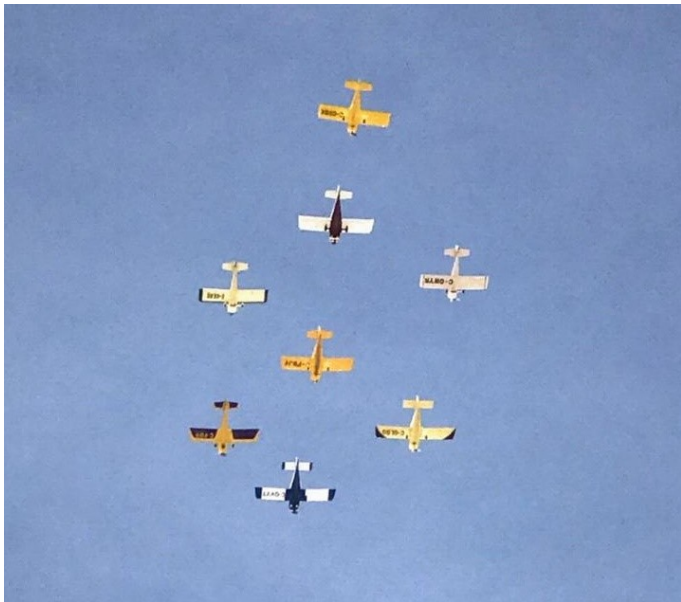
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Mark Paskevich is also a Vernon Flying Club member.

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The Snowflakes Fly-Over the Vernon Winter Carnival Parade



The Vernon Snowflakes were asked by the parade organizer to fly along the Vernon Winter Carnival Parade Route on Saturday, February 5th to start the parade. As always, their efforts were very well received judging from the on-line feedback.



Photo by Carolyn Hoffman, wife of a member of the Snowflakes, Stuart McLean.

Chuck Ross (RV4) C-GEAU

Dave Fish (RV6A) C-GDMF

Franz Fux (RV7A) C-FUXI

Hammy McClymont (RV4) C-GWYR

John Swallow (RV7A) C-FBFV

Rob Kennett (RV6A) C-GRBK

Ron Townson (RV8) C-FIFF

Steve Foord (RV9A) C-GVYT

Steve Swallow (RV9A) C-GLGG

Stu McLean (RV9A built and owned by Rick Thorburn until his own RV7 is completed)

We had snow aplenty this winter and kudos to the Vernon Airport Staff for the excellent job they have done keeping the ramps, taxiways and runway clean.



Franz Fux on an icy ramp Photo by bill More



Snow pile outside the clubhouse Photo by Bill More



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