



RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CANADA Vancouver Chapter 85



General Meeting
Tuesday 3 May 2016

Preliminary

Attendance: 28 people attended. Executive Committee members attending: Heidi Bekker, Tom Boulanger, Shawn Connelly, Perry Delano, George Gregory, Cyril Henderson, John Macready, David Marsden, Eric Munzer, Tim Novak, Bruce Prior, Hugo Regier, Jim Stunden, and Peter Whittaker.

Call to Order: At 1936 by President Peter.

Minutes: Motion (Munzer/Henderson) that the Minutes of the 5 April 2016 General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

Visitors and New Members Introductions: Richard Thorpe is building an RV-9A at Langley. He joined RAA 85 after the meeting.

Correspondence: Agenda received from Metro Vancouver Parks for the upcoming Management Committee meeting on Thursday 5 May.

Program

Sebastien Seykora and Jim Stunden will discuss instrument options for the Cruzer, and poll members on uses for the Cruzer once it is flying.

Note: Next month's meeting will start 30 minutes earlier at 1900. This will permit Michael Reese to fly his gyrocopter into Delta for the meeting and depart again before dark.

Instrumentation Presentation

Jim Spoke first. He passed around a Rocky Mountain Instruments (RMI) Engine Analyser. It displays 13 different parameters. These analysers were \$1500 when new or \$1000 as a kit. RMI is out of business now and doesn't provide support. The owner is asking \$100 for it. Jim explained the pros and cons of complex versus simple panels. He recommended keeping it simple.

Sebastien likes the RMI unit and agreed it is a good price. He suggested our minimum requirement is compass, ball and airspeed, but also we also need transceiver, transponder and intercom for Lower Mainland flying. Those who want GPS navigation could purchase/use a portable like the Garmin Aera500 or run Foreflight on their iPad.

They will prepare a survey with options and prices. It was suggested that only those who plan to be flying members should respond to the survey.

Financial Report

Currently we have \$11,500 in the bank including \$4,000 moved into chequing from a Term Deposit. Year-to-date expenses and revenues are \$19,000 and \$15,000 respectively for a net loss of \$3,800 (all figures rounded). Tom's report will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

New and Ongoing Business

General Meetings: An attempt will be made to limit the business portion of general meetings to key announcements. When required, further details will be included with the mailed out Agenda.

Builders' Certificates and Hats: Those Cruiser builders who didn't attend the Awards Banquet will be presented with their certificates and hats at a Saturday project work session.

Committee Reports

Vice-President: Heidi asked, "what can we do better to attract new members?" She and Bruce had previously talked about improving the chapter website. Bruce agrees the website needs modernizing, but he has little time for such work, at least in the summer months. He would also like to see another member step forward and take over the website. Some familiarity with website design and HTML coding is required. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to get into web programming since the site is already set up and only needs modification from time to time.

Membership: Our membership now stands at 52. The Membership List and the Email Mailing List are now synchronized. The Membership List is available on the RAA website.

Hangar and Workshop: John De Visser's garden shed plan is still being reviewed by Metro.

Custodian: Hugo bought a Spin Mop! All members are encouraged to test it out on the clubhouse floor.

Cruzer Aircraft Project: Major structures are advancing well and we have an engine. Work is shifting to the details—pedals, controls, landing gear, etc. It looks like an airplane now! Sunny weather will hamper big team turnouts on some days but the Saturday work is well attended so far.

DapCom: John, Tom and Bruce met with Metro's Jeff Fitzpatrick to discuss the hangar rents complaint received by Metro. Jeff seemed unconcerned about the complaint but he requested an assessment of hangar rents at Lower Mainland airports. He suggested that DapCom carry out a hangar rent survey. DapCom will do this by the end of the year. Carter Mann will lead the work.

After the Air Park fuel tanks are cleaned, mogas will once again be sold.

The Management Committee meeting will be on Thursday 5 May. Anyone may attend as an observer. Peter and Tom will be official attendees. John, Bruce and Tom met with Metro on 22 April for a pre-meeting planning session in advance of the MC meeting.

DapCom will host the next Pancake Breakfast on 8 May.

The Delta Heritage Air Park Annual Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday 28 May. It only takes about 3 hours. Everyone--tenants, RAA, BBFC and ACBC club members and Air Park supporters--are invited to come out and help. Lunch will be served.

On Saturday 14 May Beaver Scout troop Delta #4 will visit the Air Park. Bruce is coordinating. They will be here at 1000, and will be shown the Cruzer Project and Ray Rousy's hangar. John Macgregor will fly in and display his Cessna L-19 Birddog.

Newsletter: Editor George always need flying and technical articles. The Turn & Bank is posted on the RAA website.

Programs: Future speakers are being planned. Let Sebastien know if you have ideas for speakers or visits. Michael Reese will speak next month and, weather permitting, will bring his gyrocopter with him (an AutoGyro NTO Sport from Sechelt). The meeting will start 30 minutes earlier at 1900.

Announcements

Breakfast Base Team

Supplies Purchaser (Saturday or earlier)	Bruce Prior
Batter Mixer & Table setup (Friday pm)	John Macready
Open Up & Start Coffee and Grill	Gerard Van Dijk
Tea and Coffee Runner / Helper	John Macready
Cashier and Ticket Issuer	Terry Johnston
Wait Staff	John de Visser, Peter Whittaker
Pancake Flipper	Eric Munzer
Eggs and Ham	Heidi Bekker
CleanUp	All

The table above sets out the Base Team to ensure we are always set up to go. All RAA members are encouraged to take on one of the above positions at least once a year.

Next Delta Breakfast: Sunday 8 May 2016.

Next RAA Executive Meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2016.

Next DapCom Meeting: Thursday 26 May 2016.

Next RAA General Meeting: Tuesday 7 June 2016.

Next Delta Breakfast hosted by RAA: Saturday 2 July 2016 (at the Fly-In).

Adjourn: Motion (Seykora/Macready): that we adjourn. Carried. And we did, at 2051.

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