

The Windsack



Stanley Sport Aviation Association Newsletter

Spring 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kevin Layden

We're about to start a new flying season. The weather is warming up, daylight savings time is in effect, and COVID restrictions have been lifted. We have started planning for a full year of activities. Every year we have to adjust for the times and COVID years have been the most uncertain and difficult. We still have no idea where this is going, but we plan and hope. We no longer have the large numbers of young members and their kids to help out at the Fly-In. We also don't have the large number of young pilots and campers arriving on Wednesday and staying until Monday. We now have the highest fuel prices of all time to contend with. Most of the Fly-Ins we attended in the past are long gone, and so are the clubs and many of the airports. During those times, Stanley had prospered and grown.

Jim Ward has a long list of maintenance projects for this year and they all will require volunteers. Much will get done during the work party and others will require time over the summer to complete. Volunteers are what got us where we are today. Your efforts get noticed and are appreciated. I know we will have a good turnout when the call goes out.

This year there will be a spring work party, a Fly-In breakfast, a Labour Day Fly-In, maybe a fall breakfast, if necessary a fall work party, and an adult Christmas social in the clubhouse. I'm sure you'll agree we're all looking forward to getting back to what makes this club so enjoyable!

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Airport Manager's Report



Jim Ward

Hello all members,

Spring has finally arrived, and it will soon be time to get the airfield cleaned up and ready for a busy summer. There are quite a few projects that will require our attention at the work party.

The water is now operational in the clubhouse. There was a leak near the pressure tank that needed to be fixed. I shocked the well with bleach but please do not drink. The water is discolored, and I expect it will remain that way for some time. I had to add air to the pressure tank and it ran out almost as fast as I put it in. It will be ok as long as there is some water pressure to hold the air in. I will pick up a tank at some point in April and install. The trailer line will likely be on by mid-April.

The dates for the work party will be **Saturday, May 7th and Sunday May 8th**. This should have us sitting in good shape for the Victoria Day Weekend Fly-In breakfast. The following is a short list of projects for the work party and beyond.



- Demolition and removal of the existing pumphouse building to a burn area on the west end of the field. I will disconnect the power and make a temporary connection until a new building is constructed. I also have an old bar and chain that I will bring for my saw. If someone has a reciprocating saw, please bring it and some blades. We will need to cover this area with a tarp or something else to prevent water /electrical mix.
 - If field conditions permit, the wind Tee needs to be removed for an overhaul.
 - Demolition of the two outhouses behind the trailer line. This material will need to be carried to the roadway and taken by the tractor to the burn area at the west end of the field. Holes may or may not be filled in at this time. May need to fence off area after work completed. Bring work gloves.
 - The clubhouse will need a complete cleaning in preparation of the breakfast. Floors, dishes, fridge, etc.
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- If not already done, a new windsock will need to be installed.
 - Firepit area to be checked and cleaned if necessary. Picnic tables to be distributed around the field
 - Infield needs to be looked at for damage and safety hazards
 - Check over mowing equipment and note snags that need attention
 - Remove any existing garbage from field, tractor shed and clubhouse. Bag and deliver to garbage bin
 - If we have fresh slab wood on site it will need to be sawed and stacked.
 - Install signage if required

Some of these projects may be started or completed before May. Some will also extend beyond May and into the summer. Other projects could be added.



Vice-President's Report



New board

Following this year's AGM and board member elections, your new board is as follows: President—Kevin Layden; Vice-President, Fly-In Director—Brian Chappell; Airport Director—Jim Ward; Secretary—Derek Brown; Treasurer—Tom Sabeau; Fuel Director—Nick Wilson; Safety Director—Mike Whitehead; Special Events Director—Phil Chatterton; Membership Director—Debbie Murley; Public Relations—Don McLeod; Newsletter Director—Gayle Wilson.

Brian Chappell

Annual Fly-In

For the past two years our fly-in had been greatly modified, but this year all mandates have been lifted. COVID is still here, but hopefully fading away!

So this year we plan to go back to the pre-pandemic fly-ins. We're planning a full fly-in again **September 2nd, 3rd and into the 4th, 2022**.

More information and details will be coming as time moves on. Meanwhile, we'll focus on the Annual Victoria day **Fly-In breakfast May 21st & 22nd**, which is being headed up by Phil Chatterton. Phil will have more info on that.

Spring is springing; another great season coming at Stanley Airport!

Brian Chappell
Fly-In Director



Stanley's annual Labour Day Fly-In 2020.



Fuel Director's Report

When last checked, the pump and tank were mechanically sound with no water contamination.

We're all aware the price of fuel has gone up substantially, and although pilots fueling up at Stanley enjoy lower prices than they will find at many other airports, unfortunately Stanley too has had to increase its prices.

The price at the pump currently is \$2/L for members and \$2.20/L non-members. The plan is to have the price posted on the pump in the future.



Nick Wilson



Stanley's Annual Victoria Day Fly-In Breakfast

We're delighted to see that things are slowly returning to normal after the upheaval and the isolation we've all experienced over the last two years!



That's why we're excited that the **SSSA** community will welcome all aviation enthusiasts in a big way when we host our **ANNUAL VICTORIA DAY FLY-IN Breakfast** on Saturday, **May 21st** and Sunday, **May 22nd, 2022**.

COME OUT AND ENJOY SOME OF THE BEST 'HANGAR FLYING' IN ATLANTIC CANADA!

Phil Chatterton

Special Events
Director

Breakfast will be served in the clubhouse from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and will include:

scrambled eggs

bacon and/or sausage

pancakes

toast

tea/coffee and/or juice

homemade beans



Bon Appétit!



News and views

COPA Aviation Day and Fly-in

On Saturday May 7th Miramichi COPA Flight 39 will be hosting an Aviation Day and Fly-in, along with an open house with the New Brunswick Aviation Museum, the RCAF, Anglophone School District North and other invitees at the Miramichi Airport from 9 a.m.-3p.m.. Sunday, May 8th is the date set as a rain date.

The event will have static displays of local clubs' planes, along with Forest Protection Limited, New Brunswick Aviation Museum's Nieuport 11, and a C-130 with a possible SARTEC paradrop.

Attendees can enjoy a barbeque with hamburgers and hotdogs, along with water and soft drinks. There will also be participation for the event from the local Air Cadets and Anglophone North Aviation Pursuits Class.



Miramichi is extending the invitation to COPA clubs to try and promote interest and awareness of careers in aviation.

Attendees are requested to watch for NOTAMS as arrivals and departures will be limited to certain hours of the day to facilitate RCAF demonstrations.



News and views

Worth a read:



Leaning into the Wind
A MEMOIR BY RAY HAWCO



Ray Hawco's book *Leaning Into the Wind* is striking a chord with readers in the aviation community.

"Ray lead a colourful life and tells great stories of his flying," says SSAA's vice-president, Brian Chappell. He describes the book as ""very good and especially interesting to those of us who know Ray and have some knowledge about Newfoundland, and the many places he has lived as a priest and the interesting people he's known, told only as Ray could tell it."

Ray was born in Harbour Main and grew up there and in Argentina. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1959 and served as a parish priest in St. Brendan's, Bonavista and Buchans.

He got his pilot's licence, had his own plane, and continued to fly up until a few years ago. The last chapter of his book describes various flying incidents.

DRC Publishing, the book's publishers, notes in its overview that over the years "Ray has survived an amazing two life/death experiences related to flying and diving. Ray left his work as a priest in the late 1970s, had a brief and interesting kick at federal politics, and got married. He was very involved in the early days of oil and gas exploration and especially in the 1982 Ocean Ranger disaster in which 84 crew members lost their lives. In the 1990s, he was the provincial government's chief negotiator for the land claims of the Innu and Inuit peoples of Labrador."

Tim Cole, an aviation writer, author, ATR pilot and owner of Cole Aviation Services in Burnaby, B.C., found the book equally enjoyable. "This is an amazing story of a young man's journey through life in Newfoundland's outports, towns and cities, as a child, teenager, parish priest, and later as a provincial administrator and pilot," he commented in an email to Brian.

Cole described the Hawco's autobiography as a "Canadian Classic" with the potential to become a Canadian TV documentary or movie. "Thanks to Ray for sharing his life story that is guaranteed to touch the reader's imagination and heartstrings." The book is available through Amazon and Chapters, among other sources.

Finally!

Postponed almost two years, the highly anticipated sequel to the original movie *Top Gun* (Tom Cruise, 1986) *Top Gun: Maverick* is firing up its jets for opening weekend in the U.S. and Canada on May 27.



SCHREENSHOT, OFFICIAL TRAILER , TOP GUN: MAVERICK, PARAMOUNT PICTURES

In *Top Gun: Maverick*, Cruise's character, Pete "Maverick" Mitch-

ell, is a test pilot who finds himself training a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a highly specialized mission. At 59, Cruise is a certified pilot. In the film he reportedly flies a P-51 propeller-driven fighter plane and a few helicopters, however he was denied permission by the U.S. Navy to fly an F-18 Fighter Jet. While the F-18 jet does feature in *Top Gun: Maverick*, the scenes were filmed with the assistance of Navy pilots.

A trailer for the film can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSqVVswa420>



News and views



Bring on spring!

MIKE WHITEHEAD, PHOTOS

Once again Nova Scotia's changing weather presented its challenges this winter. Luckily, the hangars fared okay, but as members Mike Whitehead and Tom Sabean discovered on a walk-about at the airport following a storm in January, the road sign and windsock didn't. The sign on the highway got nailed by the plow and the windsock was lost.

Nick Wilson was at the airport and took this picture of the flooding in the area in February.



DEREK BROWN, PHOTO



NICK WILSON, PHOTO

LAKE STANLEY

Derek Brown was forced to resort to some ingenuity to get his Searey back into the hangar earlier in April when the field was soggy and everyone who might have helped had left for the day. He had previously made a tailwheel dolly and mounted an electric winch in his hangar and used this to reel his plane in.



Aviation clubs and contacts in Atlantic Canada:

Nova Scotia

- **Bluenose Flying Club New Germany - COPA Flt # 186**— bluenoseflyingclub@gmail.com
- **South Shore Flying Club – Liverpool-** David Oickle oickledavid1@gmail.com
- **Tri-County Flying Assoc., COPA Flt # 63** - Ken Pothier kennethpothier@hotmail.ca
- **Digby/Annapolis Regional Airport – Digby** - (902) 245-5885
- **Annapolis Valley Flying Assoc, COPA Flt # 147** - Gary Dunfield gary@gaspereau.com
- **Kings/Hillaton (CHL2) Aerodrome Canning NS:** <https://kingsaero.com/kings-aerodrome/>
- **CFB Greenwood (CYZX) NS: Freedom Aviation** <http://freedomaviation.ca>
- **EAA Chapter 1051 Scotia Eagles** (located at CHL2 Kings/Hillaton Aerodrome, Canning NS: <http://www.eaa1051.org>)
- **Truro Flying Club, Debert, COPA Flt # 188** Derek Shiers - dshiers@bellaliant.net

Prince Edward Island

- **PEI Flying Assoc. Charlottetown, COPA Flt 57** – Barry Martin Bmartin@Islandtelecom.com
- **Brian Pound** - brian@brianpound.ca
- **Summerside Airport & COPA Flt 125** – Dave Thomas drdaveaviator@hotmail.ca (Continued on pg 4)

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- **Saint John - COPA Flight #193** - Ian Cameron airshow1@nbnet.nb.ca
- **FREDERICTON - COPA Flight #2** - Ray St Lauren
- **WOODSTOCK - COPA Flight #86** - Blair DeGrace bdegrace@acadiantimber.com
- **MIRAMICHI - COPA Flight #39** - Doug Brown nbdbrown@nbnet.nb.ca

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STANLEY SPORT AVIATION

Membership Application



Stanley Sport Aviation Members Enjoy:

Use of Stanley airport facilities, ready access to the fuel pumps at best prices available, use of the clubhouse, a place to camp, and use of bunkhouse with showers, aircraft storage, and great fellowship)

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

LICENSE TYPE: _____

FLYING SKILLS: _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED: Year _____ Type _____

AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION _____

PROJECTS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ COST: Associate Member \$35.00*

MEMBERSHIP IS FROM **JAN 1ST TO DEC 31ST** PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO STANLEY SPORT AVIATION AND REMIT TO: ssaviation.treasurer@gmail.com

*Note: The cost for an Associate membership/renewal is \$45, but if paid by December 31st each year a \$10 discount is applied. New members join as Associate members. If they sign on at the annual Fly-In, they pay a discounted rate of \$35.00 for the remainder of the year. Full members pay \$55, but a \$10 discount is applied if they pay by December 31st. Full members can add a significant other when they renew or upgrade their membership for an additional cost of \$10.00.

