

# The WindsOCK



Stanley Sport Aviation Association Newsletter

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## STANLEY SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kevin Layden

After suffering through a few years of COVID with several attempts to have a modified annual fly-in, we finally got back to normal this year.

We had a great stretch of beautiful weather over the entire Atlantic provinces. The turnout was perfect and it was a great financial success. I will leave it up to the Fly-In chairman for the details.

There were numerous big projects completed this summer. The one I headed up was the total rebuild of the wind-tee. A number of us removed it from the infield and placed it on drums on the concrete pad where it was dismantled.

We got lucky and the frame was in good shape and only required a few boards to be replaced. Robert Cox fabricated a new bracket for the center bearing. I coated the frame with preservative. Paul Layden cut out the pressure-treated plywood and screwed it in place.

Ken Cheslock put two coats of primer on. I then put two coats of white paint on. Leonard Lowe painted the red stripes. Jim Ward picked up new guy wires and turnbuckles. We got a crew together and put the wind-tee back in place.

It looks and works great. It shouldn't need any further attention for many years. The entire project took a couple of months. Thanks fellows for a job well done. I will leave the details of the other projects for the directors directly involved.

It's getting towards the end of September and we should be able to keep the water on until the end of October. The fall weather around here is usually quite nice, hurricanes aside! If things work out we should be able to get one more event in before winter —a fall breakfast. *Kevin Layden, President*

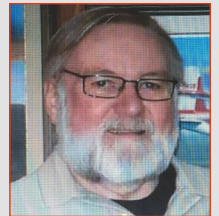


## Report from the Vice-President / Fly-In Chairman

This first "real" fly-In since 2019 was a great success, this largely in part to the weather, clear with light winds for the weekend. Attendance was up from previous years with the longest distance flown being from Ottawa.

We tried something different from the normal pre-pandemic years in that we did not get a food truck but served breakfast, lunch and dinner ourselves. Thanks to Robert Cox for cooking the brisket and his assistance with the preparation of the brisket meal; it seemed to go quite well. The Friday evening corn boil and live music was a great success. Many thanks to Aerotec Engines for sponsoring those Friday activities. They're enjoyed by all!

Also the auction Saturday evening was well attended, and even though there didn't seem to be as many auction items as usual they were all valuable pieces. Thanks to Bob Poirier and Jim Ward for sharing the auctioneer duties. Jim made the bidding interesting by offering a shot of 'This'll Do' Liqueur of Fire Ball/Bailey's to everyone who bid over \$100 for an item. Jim also said he'd have a shot of the same with everyone earning the shot. That happened 17 times; no more comment on that.



Brian Chappell

Below is how SSAA Secretary Derek Brown summed up information stemming from the fly-in wrap-up meeting on Sunday. (Incidentally, 50-50 winner John Baker donated his winnings back to the club. We thank him for that. John had also rejoined SSSA on that weekend.) - *Brian Chappell, Vice-President/Fly-In Chairman*

*Stanley's 51st annual Labour Day Fly-In was very well attended and the weather was nearly perfect. Bob Poirier reported there were 25 registered aircraft. On the Friday, the club recorded 28 movements and by 13:00 hours on the Saturday the count of aircraft on the field had reached 57. Movements for the entire weekend was 145. Several guests chose to enjoy under-the-wing tenting, and that was nice to see again.*

*Jordan Lowe oversaw a flight simulator set up in the clubhouse which proved very popular with several visitors. Prizes included:*

**Longest Distance Travelled:** Jean Pierre Seguin from Cumberland, ON. In a 1964 Mooney

**Best Factory Certified A/C:** Nick Wilson's Zlin; **Best Amateur Built:** P. Richard's CH700; **Best Classic:** Mike Gord's C-170

**Best Overall A/C:** Tom Sabeau's RV-4

**Draw winners:** **Texas Mickey:** Dave McCallough; **50/50 (\$225 prize):** John Baker - **Derek Brown, Secretary**





## Airport Manager's Report

It was a busy summer on the field. The new pumphouse has now been erected. Fantastic job; thanks to Josh Dykens for heading this project and all others who helped.



The wind tee has been reinstalled on its pedestal. Much thought and new ideas went into the repairs which should provide a longer life span. There were several members involved, with Kevin Layden heading this project. Thanks very much to all.



Wires were run underground to power another access point and speakers on the east end of the field. Results during the Fly-In were positive.

I checked the field over the Friday of the Fly-In and I can't recall it looking any better than it did that weekend. Thank you volunteers; you came through once again.

I am working on getting a company to supply a drum for our used oil. Once this is in place, all oil will be disposed of by GFL Environmental free of charge.

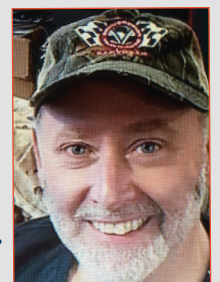
We are also testing an OOMA phone system in the clubhouse. The temporary number is 902-608-5333. Feel free

to call this number if you are calling the clubhouse. Also, anyone in the clubhouse can use this phone at no charge to make calls to the rest of Canada and the US. Please test if you get a chance and forward your comments back to me on phone quality. In a few more weeks the directors will be deciding if we will keep this system or not.

We will hold out as long as possible before we winterize the trailer line and clubhouse. It was close to November last year before we shut the lines down. Please come to Stanley and use the facilities; fall is the best time of year.

On a personal note, I've purchased a Zenith CH-300 project. It was inspected by MDRA recently. There are a few snags, but for the most part the inspector was quite satisfied with the work. The snags will be delt with first and then I plan to start installing the wiring, instruments and some paint. Should be at the field and assembled sometime late 2023.

Thanks for participating in work projects that enhance your club.—*Jim Ward, SSAA Airport Manager*



Jim Ward





# Stanley's 51st Annual Labour Day Fly-In

Photos\*







# Stanley's 51st Annual Labour Day Fly-In

*Photos (Continued)*



*\*Thanks to Craig Seeley and others who  
photographed the events and submitted or posted  
pictures.*





## Special Events

Well another fly-in has come and gone. As you are aware a tremendous amount of work goes into this two-day event. Some of the board members who were directly involved in this event have submitted their reports. My responsibility was with the fly-in market, which included new and nearly new items, crafts, food, etc. I arrived on Friday, later than anticipated due to a work commitment. To my surprise, when I arrived the hangar was almost completely set up. This is a testament to the many Stanley members who have volunteered in past years who knew what had to be done and had it done before the Friday night activities.

This year we opened the doors at 9 AM and worked until approximately 4 p.m. There was a good selection of items at the tables, and lots of people coming in to look and buy. We had planned for work crews of three members, but other members throughout the day stepped in to help during peak times.



Phil Chatterton

I would like to thank the members who donated items to the market – it all helps. All monies that we make at the fly-in goes right back into the account to pay for the upkeep of the field, improvements to our infrastructure and general operating bills.

Once again I would like to thank all the members who helped me prior to and during the fly-in, and for the clean up at the end of the day. You made my job a lot easier.—*Phil Chatterton, Special Events Director*



## Fuel Report

The new tank inspection hatch cover made by Mark MacDonald was fitted by myself and David Rahman. This has greatly reduced the amount of rainwater entering the berm and will help limit corrosion. At the same time, a gate valve was fitted to the berm drain enabling removal of any water from the berm while arresting any leakage of fuel.

Fuel sales have returned to pre-pandemic levels, boosted by a healthy turnout for the fly-in. However, some users have gone back to mogas, which is now cheaper than Avgas.

We've ordered a top up of 4,500 litres, which should arrive early next week, at which time I'll read the meters and issue invoices. We hope the next batch will come in cheaper enough to allow a price reduction at the pump, but as usual (if not somewhat bizarrely) we do not get the exact price until the day the fuel is delivered. In any event, I fear it will not be a drastic difference. - *Nick Wilson, Fuel Director.*



Nick Wilson



## Membership Report

SSAA currently has 103 active members; 74 Full, 23 Associate and 6 Honorary.

About 20 per cent of members renewed for 2023 during the 51st Annual Labour Day Fly-In.

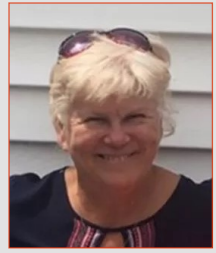
To renew your membership, simply contact the Treasurer, Tom Sabeau, regarding payment. You can reach him at: [ssaviation.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ssaviation.treasurer@gmail.com) The costs are as follows:

- Full Membership (with voting privileges) \$55/year.
- Associate Membership: \$45/year.
- \*Save \$10 on annual membership fees if paid in full by the end of December.
- To extend voting privileges to a spouse/partner there is an additional \$10 fee/year.

We had the pleasure of receiving applications from five fine aviation enthusiasts, all of whom reside near Stanley, which means you should be seeing them often.

- ♦ *Julien Lavoie* is a private pilot. He owns a 1968 Cessna 150H (C-FQLA) which is currently tied down outside at Stanley.
- ♦ *Don Whitton* also flies C-FQLA and has a varied background in aviation. Don possesses an ATPL, ATC, Class I Instructor rating and is a glider pilot as well.
- ♦ *Peter Moore* also flies C-FQLA out of Stanley.
- ♦ *David Rahman's* interest in aviation currently has him working on his pilot's licence as well as on his pet project—building a Christavia.
- ♦ And we welcome *John Baker* back to the SSAA family!

*Debbie Murley, Director of Membership*



Debbie Murley

## Safety Report



The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Stanley Fly-in was one to remember as we had larger crowds and more airplanes than we have seen for several years. With increased numbers, the potential hazards are also elevated. Despite this, there were no accidents or injuries reported. Flying was incident free. The marshalls kept the areas around moving airplanes safe, the BBQ and fire pit areas were handled without anyone getting burned and, as always, the local volunteer fire departments were on hand for any eventuality.

Well done everyone. - *Mike Whitehead, Safety Director*



Mike Whitehead

## Stanley loses another senior member

Stanley Sport Aviation lost another senior member with the passing of **Thomas (Tom) Rodger Forsyth** August 31, 2022. Tom passed away peacefully in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, at the age of 92, after a sudden illness, “stopping his perpetual forward motion,” according to his obituary.

A long-standing member of the club, Tom grew up in Lutterworth, England, and Glasgow, Scotland. He joined the Merchant Marine at 18 and sailed the world. He and his vivacious wife Sheila (Mason) moved to Canada in 1958, with Tom having obtained a job with the Canadian Coast Guard. They were proud and loving parents of five children and devoted grandparents of 10 grandchildren.



**Tom Forsyth**

**NICK WILSON, PHOTO**

Tom was constantly active. He built a house in North Sydney, then a sailboat and dingy, made additions to the family home in Halifax and built a house in Spryfield. Even after retiring at 69, Tom continued to remain active. Among other activities, he was building an ultralight aircraft, spending time at Stanley Airport, flying with fellow plane enthusiasts. Even after Sheila died in 2015, Tom didn't slow down. He travelled to Russia, South Africa, Mexico, and Great Britain. He played bridge often at the bridge club, and spent a lot of time with family and with friends at Stanley Airport. Up until a week before he passed he was buying supplies for a living space he built into his hangar at Stanley.

As his obituary noted, “Tom believed in the power of the human will, and lived every day to the fullest.” He will be missed by his children and grandchildren as well as his ‘Stanley family.’

Tom's passing follows shortly after the anniversary of the passing of **Ronald (Ron) Edward Seeley** on August 10, 2021, at the age of 83. Ron was one of SSAA's earliest members and he held numerous positions over the years including President.

Ron's talent for drawing allowed him to draw many crests for the flying club, but what he is most known for is the design of the word “STANLEY,” which is mowed into the center of the airfield to welcome pilots on their approach.



**Ron Seeley**



**Member Nick Wilson places Stanley's RCAF flag at half-mast in recognition of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, September 8, 2022.**

**BOB KENALTY, PHOTO**

## Manager's new project

SSAA airport manager Jim Ward found this unfinished Zenith CH-300 for sale and said he “couldn't resist it.” With some help from his cousin and brother, he disassembled it and moved it from Fredericton to Stanley this summer. “I will need to get it through a MD-RA inspection before I can decide if it will be finished. Still needs wiring, avionics, and instruments. Drop by to have a look anytime,” he enthused to members at the time.



**JIM WARD, PHOTO**





## News and views

### Stanley guys helping Stanley guys

Tom Sabeen and Mike Whitehead gave Rob McNaught a hand re-installing the wings on his Zenith 701 floatplane after winter storage. The install went well, engine fired at first try, and, after a few test runs on the lake where they could launch from the shore, Rob took off and flew to his home lake.

Brian Chappell kindly lent his trailer and made the operation possible.



MIKE WHITEHEAD, PHOTO

### Out-of-town guests

Stanley played host for a number of days to three couples who undertook a cross-country flight from Alberta to Newfoundland this summer. They raved about Stanley on their Facebook page, dubbed Retired Overlanders. Shown here at Stanley, left to right, are Ron Grue and Sharolyn Pedersen (Cherokee 180), Barry and Carolyn Graham (RV9A) and Tom and Valerie Conroy (Cessna 182).



### Members flew in to

### Air Show Atlantic

Club members Mike Whitehead (Top left: RANS—S17), Tom Sabeen (Top right: Van's RV4) and Derek Brown (Bottom: Searey) flew into the 2022 Air Show Atlantic at Debert on August 27 and were on hand to answer questions about their planes from the many flying and aircraft enthusiasts who attended.



## **Aviation clubs and contacts in Atlantic Canada:**

### **Nova Scotia**

- **Bluenose Flying Club New Germany - COPA Flt # 186**— [bluenoseflyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:bluenoseflyingclub@gmail.com)
- **South Shore Flying Club – Liverpool**- David Oickle [oickledavid1@gmail.com](mailto:oickledavid1@gmail.com)
- **Tri-County Flying Assoc., COPA Flt # 63** - Ken Pothier [kennethpothier@hotmail.ca](mailto:kennethpothier@hotmail.ca)
- **Digby/Annapolis Regional Airport – Digby** - (902) 245-5885
- **Annapolis Valley Flying Assoc, COPA Flt # 147** - Gary Dunfield [gary@gaspereau.com](mailto: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](mailto:dshiers@bellaliant.net)

### **Prince Edward Island**

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

### **New Brunswick**

- **MONCTON AERO CLUB - COPA Flight #112** – Jim Lockyer [Lockyerj@umoncton.ca](mailto:Lockyerj@umoncton.ca)
- **HAVELOCK NB - COPA Flight #27** - Steve Eastwick [sdeastw@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sdeastw@nbnet.nb.ca)
- **Saint John - COPA Flight #193** - Ian Cameron [airshow1@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:airshow1@nbnet.nb.ca)
- **FREDERICTON - COPA Flight #2** - Ray St Lauren
- **WOODSTOCK - COPA Flight #86** - Blair DeGrace [bdegrace@acadiantimber.com](mailto:bdegrace@acadiantimber.com)
- **MIRAMICHI - COPA Flight #39** - Doug Brown [nbdbrown@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.

