

# Smiths Falls Flying Club

## Spring/Summer 2001

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### Great Volunteers

Now that the snow is gone and the frost is out of the ground Jim and I have had a look at the runway lighting. Ed Banford sure trained the new snow crew well because I found only one light or should I say missing light, and the driver of the snowplow took the credit for that one. As you know Ed drove the snowblower since men could fly, and looked after the field right up to Christmas. Ed will now be spending his winters in the sunny south. Again thank you Ed for all your help in the past.

Hartley Marsh has looked after cutting the grass around the large airport sign for years, but has had to give it up. So the club is looking for someone to take over for Hartley. If you have a mower and will travel, please let Jack or Jim know.

Remember our club and airport run on volunteers! Ask yourself if you are giving enough.

### Club History Tidbit

Most members have seen the tile mosaic of a Citation on the Clubhouse floor. And some know that the plane was the pride and joy of Russ Beach for whom the Airport is named, but very few know where that plane is today, until now, thanks to Norm Hull. Norm was recently consulted on a matter involving Cessna Citation N74FH owned by Rod Rogriguez III (The third). This aircraft has had only two owners, and its previous owner was Russ Beach. Russ's Citation is alive and well and now cherished by its present owner in Redding, California. (250 miles north of San Francisco)

### The President's Message

It seems like just yesterday that I wrote my last piece for the newsletter. Time sure flies once the weather improves. The Fly-In Breakfast on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. is just around the corner. I will be calling on volunteers by May 26<sup>th</sup>. If I didn't call you, please feel free to call me or send an email at [jmtedford@falls.igs.net](mailto:jmtedford@falls.igs.net) and I am sure that I can work you in somewhere. I want to thank Douglas and Floyd for undertaking the questionnaire. We are going to be using the information to run the club a little more to your liking. Already a Fly-out to Picton is in the works. Plus, more interesting general meetings are planned for the future. See side bar on the June meeting. We will be trying to arrange some work teams to undertake a few improvements on the field. The clubhouse will see the installation of a new heating & cooling system in the next few months. Those that made it out to our last general meeting enjoyed the tour of First Air, and also the presentation of a lifetime membership to Fred Haughton. Paul Harword and myself are still working on the Hanger Tax issue and all hanger owners are invited to the upcoming Assessment Hearing being held June 4/2001, 9:30 AM at the Smiths Falls Town Hall. If you would like more information, give me a call.

Jack Tedford

### GLIN is home!

LIN is back in Smiths Falls after it's IFR upgrade. We are still working out a few system bugs and anyone renting club aircraft should leave a note for Barrie if they find anything wrong. Barrie cannot fix problems he doesn't know about. KLA now has its engine reinstalled and a new prop on order. If all goes well come June 3<sup>rd</sup> we should have both planes flying sightseers.

### S.F.F.C.

#### Directors of 2001

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### Next General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the General Meeting planned for June 13<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse. We are pleased to report that we have arranged a guest speaker who will be discussing details of **CASARA**.

**CASARA** is short for Civil Air Search And Rescue and is made up of volunteer aviators and aviation buffs. These people work under the direction of the Canadian Forces Search and Rescue and they search for downed aircraft (in the event of an emergency). This is a rare opportunity to learn more about the process of saving downed airwomen/ airmen and more importantly, an opportunity to learn what actions we should take if we are ever unfortunate enough to need these services. At this meeting we will also hear about the success of our breakfast and can discuss our plans for a group fly-out to Picton planned for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please direct any questions to Floyd Graham, Director of entertainment. His email address is

[fmanotic@magma.ca](mailto:fmanotic@magma.ca).

### Hanger Owners

It has been brought to the attention of the Directors that some hanger owners have cars, trailers etc. stored outside of their hangers. This is against the bylaws of the hanger agreements and should be cleaned up at once. And owners are responsible to keep the grass around their site neat.

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## Properly Value Your Airplane

(Submitted by Belinda Bryce)

Don't get caught in a claim situation with an underinsured aircraft. The value of aircraft has been appreciating significantly over the past few years and if you aren't increasing the "insured value" at each insurance renewal you will quickly find yourself in this predicament. Perhaps you are looking to keep your premium down or perhaps your broker has erred in not pointing this out - either way, watch out!

For example, you own a \$100,000 aircraft but insure it for only \$50,000. You have a \$55,000 claim (incl. salvage & transportation). The insurance company has the right to declare the aircraft a total loss, pay you \$50,000 less \$1,000 deductible and take ownership of the aircraft. You are left out of pocket by \$51,000. You have reduced your premium, but not the cost of risk. Make sure that you discuss the value of your aircraft with your broker. If you are adding new equipment or have a new engine overhaul, make sure you advise your insurance company to increase the value by the appropriate amount. A good check is to refer to the Aircraft Bluebook Price Digest, speak to your AME or invest in an appraisal on your aircraft.

If you wish to minimize your insurance premium, ask your broker to provide you with alternate quotes for higher levels of deductibles.

For more information on aircraft insurance or how to determine the proper value of your aircraft, please contact PSA Insurance Services at 1-888-772-4672.

## Fly-in Breakfast weeks away!

This year it is to be held on Sunday, June the 3rd. Jack will be looking for volunteers to help out at this fundraiser.

All members should try and make themselves available whether it is in set-up, cooking, or clean up. Don't wait until Jack comes looking for you. Call him or leave a message in his mailbox at the clubhouse.

## Questionnaire 2001 Results

First I want to thank all of those who took the time to fill in and return the questionnaire mailed out with the Spring 2001 Newsletter. 21% of mailed out forms were returned and 17% of the emailed forms made their way back to me. This I am told is a good response; most thought that 10% returned was all that I could hope for. Now here are your feelings.

Percentage of response:  
55% wanted 4 to 6 meeting an yr.  
41% are too busy to make it out to the general meetings.  
61% are interested in group fly outs, and 20% would be interested in a summer barbecue.  
97% said they would volunteer at our June fly in breakfast and 79% also said they would help with other work at the club. And on that note 89% felt between 5 and 20 hours was the right amount of time.  
39% rent the club's 172.  
52% use the club's web site, and most found it helpful to very good. Club information, weather page and members area were the choice of these users.

74% have email addresses but only 48% of these have given it to the club.

And last but not least, 61% would like to see the Newsletter 3 to 4 times a year.

And on the email idea, the club would very much like to be able to reach members by email, to keep you informed of upcoming events and for sending out the newsletters etc. So if you can, send them in!

## Breakfast Tickets

Associate and Active members with paid up dues for 2001, as of May 3, will find 2 Fly-in Breakfast tickets with this newsletter. If you didn't receive tickets with this newsletter and your membership is up to date, please contact Brenda Haggett, or one of the Directors.

## Annual Membership Dues

Some members have not yet paid their dues and or their hanger taxes.

Members with overdue accounts are requested to settle these accounts prior to June 6; otherwise their club privileges will be suspended.

The insurance coverage on our aircraft applies only to those members that are current. Therefore, effective immediately, only paid up members are eligible to rent the Club's aircraft. Members wishing to settle their accounts can contact [Bhaggett@smithsfallsflyingclub.com](mailto:Bhaggett@smithsfallsflyingclub.com).

## Flyers To Visit Picton June 17

Feedback from the surveys returned from the members last month requested that we organize a FLYOUT. We have been in contact with the club in Picton and they are anxious to welcome our flyers to their breakfast (The Prince Edward Flying Club) to be held on Sunday 17 June. They offered to make their clubhouse available to us for the Saturday evening and encourage us to fly in on Saturday and camp over. We will post details on the web site and in the clubhouse and request that those members interested in participating, please record your intentions on the web or in the clubhouse. (Our contact in the club at Picton is Dawson McWilliam. Please contact Floyd Graham, Director of Entertainment for details or to make suggestions. His email address is [fmanotic@magma.ca](mailto:fmanotic@magma.ca).)