



The Antenna

September 2022



Mike Berends of Calgary landing his Blanik sailplane at CARFF Aerotow Sept 10

Upcoming Events: *Dogfight Over Benalto-Gary Hillman's farm, Sept 17-18*
Next Club Meeting: *October 5, 2022*

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403-885-3333

Field GPS Coordinates: N52° 12' 6", W113° 42' 18"

CARFF on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1418503868392501/>

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Action at the Field”



Left-Mark Meunier's Lancer being prepped for its re-maiden flight after being restored by Mark.

Right-Visitor Gus Persson of Donalda with his 2 planes



EDITORIAL

Well our summer is drawing to a close and outdoor flying season is nearing its end. But that means indoor flying is coming up for those who enjoy that. See Page 7 below for a note from Wayne in regards to the indoor flying sessions. For others (myself included), building season is coming. I have some projects lined up including a discus launch glider, an EDF F-86 Sabre to finish and a Yak 55 restoration. Hopefully I can get them all finished before spring.

Summer has brought us some very good flying weather and lots of you have been out enjoying it. It has been great coming out to the field and seeing so many people there flying this year.

Here's to hoping that the fall will continue to bring us nice weather for a while yet.

Ron

Agassiz Aerotow, August 2022

Eraldo Pomare

It's been on my "to-do" list for years: attending the annual aerotow in BC. If it wasn't work, if it wasn't forest fires it was COVID-19. Finally, I made it to the famed Agassiz aerotow near Hope, BC and wasn't disappointed.

First, the location is amazingly beautiful. Surrounded on 3 sides by tree covered mountains, the site was a little intimidating for someone not used to seeing trees behind my planes in the landing pattern. There's actually more than enough space.

Sailplanes at the event ranged from a 3.5m Phoenix Ka8 (or was it Seagull?) thru to an 8.8m ASW22 GPS Triangle Racer with lots of exquisitely built woodies in between



The standards of craftsmanship & flying at Agassiz were superb; meeting some of the who's who of aerotowing in BC & the Pacific Northwest made the ~950km drive well worth the effort. At one point I counted five large scale sailplanes in the air at the same time and chose to wait before launching

One of the participants posted the linked [5 minute video](#) on the US RCGroups site and this link is for a bunch of [pics and further postings](#).

One procedure in effect at Agassiz was the use of a short loop: the expectation being to attach the loop to your model's release then use the quick connect at the end of the tow rope: makes for a quick tug turnaround. Other than that, operations were pretty much the same as our CARFF aerotow events.

See following page for more photos of the event



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CARFF Fall Aerotow

On Saturday Sept 10, we held our fall aerotow event at the CARFF field. There was a great turnout, with 14 active pilots from Edmonton, Lacombe, Airdrie, Red Deer, Calgary and points in between. Plus many others who came out to watch and enjoy the great weather. Unfortunately smoke from the forest fire near Jasper started to obscure visibility in the afternoon, so the flying wound down around 4:00 pm.

Thanks to all who came out and helped make this event another success, and especially thank you to Eraldo for planning and organizing.



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2023 F3A Precision Aerobatics

Congratulations to Will Gross on being selected as the alternate on the Canadian F3A Precision Aerobatics team representing Canada at the 2023 world championships in Australia



INDOOR FLYING

It is coming around to that time of the year again. We have sufficient funds to cover our flying to the end of December. Before the ending of flying last year some of the members there had a discussion about continuing indoor flying. It was determined that in order for the fliers to be more self sufficient, that we would have to have a least 10 members out for every date and the fees would have to be \$15.00 per person.

Prior to the end of 2022 we will again have a general meeting of indoor flier to determine if we can continue on after 2022.

Time for flying has changed from 10:30AM to 12:30 to our old time 1:00PM to 3:00PM With the exception of Sunday Nov. 20th which has changed from 2:30 to 4:30PM due to a Volleyball camp being held that weekend.

Upcoming flying times:

2022/2023 Proposed CARFF indoor flying schedule and costs

Oct. 9 and 23

Nov. 6 and 20 Nov. 6th 1:00PM start. Nov. 20th 2:30PM start

Dec. 4 and 18

Jan 8 and 22

Feb. 5 and 19

Mar. 5 and 19

For any further questions or input please contact Wayne Hutmacher at whutmacher@shaw.ca or 403-352-9241.

**CARFF General Meeting - Minutes Notes
September 7 , 2022**

Members Present: John Ferguson, Jeff Denny, Ron Hall, Tim Hergert, Tony Lindhout, Wayne Hutmacher, Sorin Dan, George Rehman, Vince Mulhall, Rene Weber, Glen Peden, Wayne Hopp, Bruce Schollie, Doug Lorraine, Eraldo Pomare.

1. Call to Order: Vice President John Ferguson called the meeting to order at 19:30

2. Agenda:

Additions: 5.4 Mowers (George), 6.1 Wings Presentation (Vini).
Motion to accept agenda: Moved by Rene, Seconded by Tony.
Carried.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve August Meeting Minutes published in the August newsletter. Moved by Vince, Seconded by George. Carried.

4. Financial Report:

Financial report by Treasurer Jeff Denny Account balance: \$12,754.03, insurance premium to be paid by mid-Oct (~\$2.3k). GIC balance: \$16,084.36 Motion to accept: Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Ron. Carried.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Cattle & Fencing George reported that 29 new poles are required, John will source 7ft poles. George reported that Innisfail Coop rents a “tow-behind truck” power post driver for \$200/day. George and John will coordinate installation.

5.2 Herbicide Application John reported that quotes for professional application exceed \$2,000. We can purchase sufficient chemical to treat the entire site for ~\$600. Water truck would bring total cost to ~\$1,000. The Kubota is best suited to pull the roller applicator. John & Guy Johnson will coordinate.

5.3 Sale of Ford and Kubota Tractors Members present did not approve the immediate sale of the tractors without prior valuation

estimates. The Kubota will be needed for herbicide application. Wayne Hopp offered to get a valuation opinion.

5.4 Mowers George reported that “Big Dog” mowers offer good value and are well regarded for reliability. Purchase of new mower(s) is not imminently required, so this is early “homework”.

6. New Business:

6.1 Wings Presentation: Vince presented CARFF “A” wings & certificate to one of our newer members, Sorin Dan.

7. Open Discussion:

7.1 Eraldo talked briefly about the upcoming Sep 10th Aerotow & Sailplane event.

7.2 John discussed the 1000’ AGL altitude limit in effect at CARFF.

7.3 Bruce asked about dust suppression on the road. Members present agreed it’s too late in this season but would be approved for next year (to be included in the 2023 budget).

7.4 Wayne Hopp and Eraldo talked of two members suffering new health issues. Names not included in these minutes for privacy reasons.

8. Adjournment: 20:25, moved by George



Well done Sorin Dan on completing your A wings.

2022 Mowing Teams

Mowing Crew Team 1

- a) Dale Vold - **Lead**
- b) Craig Parker
- c) Wayne Hutmacher
- d) Eraldo Pomare

Mowing Crew Team 3

- a) Ken Heck - **Lead**
- b) Tony Lindhout
- c) Wayne Hopp
- d) Bruce Schollie

Mowing Crew Team 2

- a) Harvey Fodor - **Lead**
- b) Dennis Carney
- c) Herb Der (*volunteered by Dennis*)
- d) Randolph Janssen

Mowing Crew Team 4

- a) Mike Trevors - **Lead**
- b) Mila Petrik
- c) Rene Weber
- d) *Volunteer still needed.* Eraldo will backfill as required.

Thank-you all mowing team volunteers!

Same process as last year:

Once a team has completed mowing, the lead for the following team on the rotation will coordinate with his team members for the next mowing session. Team 1 will start once the grass needs mowing and the mowers are deemed useable by Harvey.

Paying your 2022 CARFF & MAAC Dues

- **2022 CARFF dues** can be paid via e-Transfer *or* snail-mail (cheque) - see details below.
NOTE: Dues are now \$175 for the year.
 - Please ensure your MAAC membership is valid for 2022. Pay online at MAAC website.
 - **NOTE: You MUST have valid MAAC membership to legally fly RPAS (models) under the Transport Canada MAAC Exemption rules.**
- **Gate keys were changed at the April meeting:** your 2020/2021 key no longer works.
 - Contact [Eraldo](#) if you need a key. Contact info on page 2.

Contact CARFF Treasurer [Jeff Denny](#) (403-896-5064) if you have any dues/payment questions.

For Interac e-Transfer:

jwdenny64@hotmail.com

No Security question.

For cheques, please confirm mailing address with Jeff:

NOTE: e-Transfer or cheque is preferred over cash as both provide tracking/confirmation of payment.

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2022 Calendar of CARFF Events

Sept 17-18, 2022 (Sat-Sun) Dogfight Over Benalto-Gary Hillman's farm.
Oct 05, 2022 (Wed) Club Meeting, 7:30PM - CARFF Field/Clubhouse
Nov 02, 2022 (Wed) Club Meeting, 7:30PM - TBA
Dec 07, 2022 (Wed) Club Meeting, 7:30PM - TBA ****AGM & 2023 Executive Election****

Sunset over Gull Lake seen from the passenger seat of a beautiful 1943 Boeing Stearman. Photo by Ron Hall



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