

SAFC COPA Flight 80

NEWSLETTER

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I will be putting together a quarterly newsletter for the Salmon Arm Flying Club, and will be looking for submissions from members.

Photos, particularly of your trips stories, biographies, training, any new ratings... would be much appreciated!

Email to SAFCnewsletter@gmail.com

Club News

The executive met on Saturday March 2nd 2024 at 10:00 PM to talk about club direction, aircraft insurance, future events, investigation into COPA funds, and more.

Member Profile:

Executive Introductions

Tanner Tompkins

The backstory

I don't recall the exact age when I felt like I wanted to learn to fly, but I do remember having a general interest in aircraft from early on.

I started building model aircraft with my father around age 6. I've always been interested in military history, so they were often WWII fighters and bombers.

My grandfather served as an aircraft mechanic during WWII. I was quite young when he passed away, but I can recall him sharing some of his interest with me about aircraft.

Right after graduating from high school, I became employed at AOG Air Support (now Stolairus), a company based at the Kelowna airport. Here I was given the opportunity to be directly involved with many aspects of aviation, including maintenance and manufacturing of aircraft parts. Specifically, for the DHC-2 Beaver and DHC-3 Otter. It was an incredible learning experience and fueled my growing interest in aviation.

Flying history

In 2002 I decided to try my hand at flying myself, and the following is a list of where I eventually spent time training or working:

Okanagan Aviation (CYVK) – Private licence

Southern Interior Flight Center (CYLW) – Commercial licence, Multi/IFR Royal

Victorian Aero Club (Melbourne) – Australian Commercial licence Hillman Farm

Skydive Club (Western Australia) – First flying job. Kamloops Skydive Club

Westcan Aircraft Sales (CYKA) – Forestry surveys, fire spotting, charters Skydive

Salmon Arm

SAFC Involvement

I have been a member of the Salmon Arm Flying Club for about 13 years. For 10 of those years, I volunteered as the Secretary.

In my time with the club, I have very much enjoyed conversing with the different members over the years. The stories widely ranging from humorous to the educational. Volunteering for the different functions that the club undertakes has been a very enjoyable, as well. I hope that as a club we can continue to attract the younger generation of aviation enthusiasts and give them the opportunity to enjoy similar experiences that I have been able to enjoy with the club.

If a person is not involved with flying as a career or you are not fortunate enough to own an aircraft, flying is a challenging hobby to afford. As a club member, having nearly unlimited access to a plane at a reasonable cost, is a dream. I am very thankful to be apart of a flying club which can offer this. Being given the opportunity to take on the role of vice president, I hope to be able to help provide the same opportunities to future members, that have been available to me through the club.

Whether in pursuit of a career in aviation or simply to enjoy flying recreationally, I hope the Salmon Arm Flying Club will continue to welcome, encourage, and make flying accessible to anyone with an interest in aviation.

-Tanner





I was able to take my 15 year old for his first flight. Not great weather, but we had a really good short flight through the Armstrong valley.





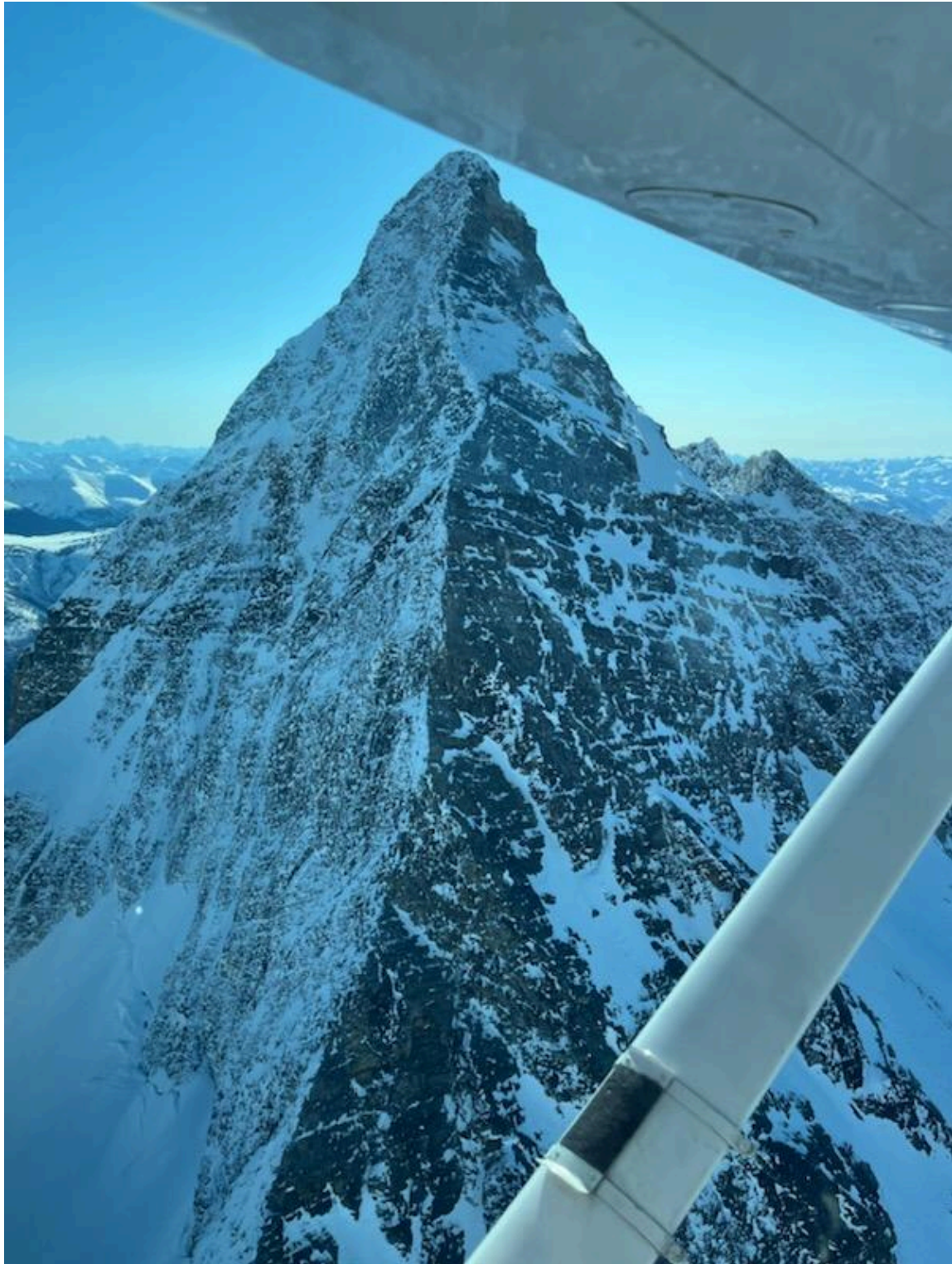


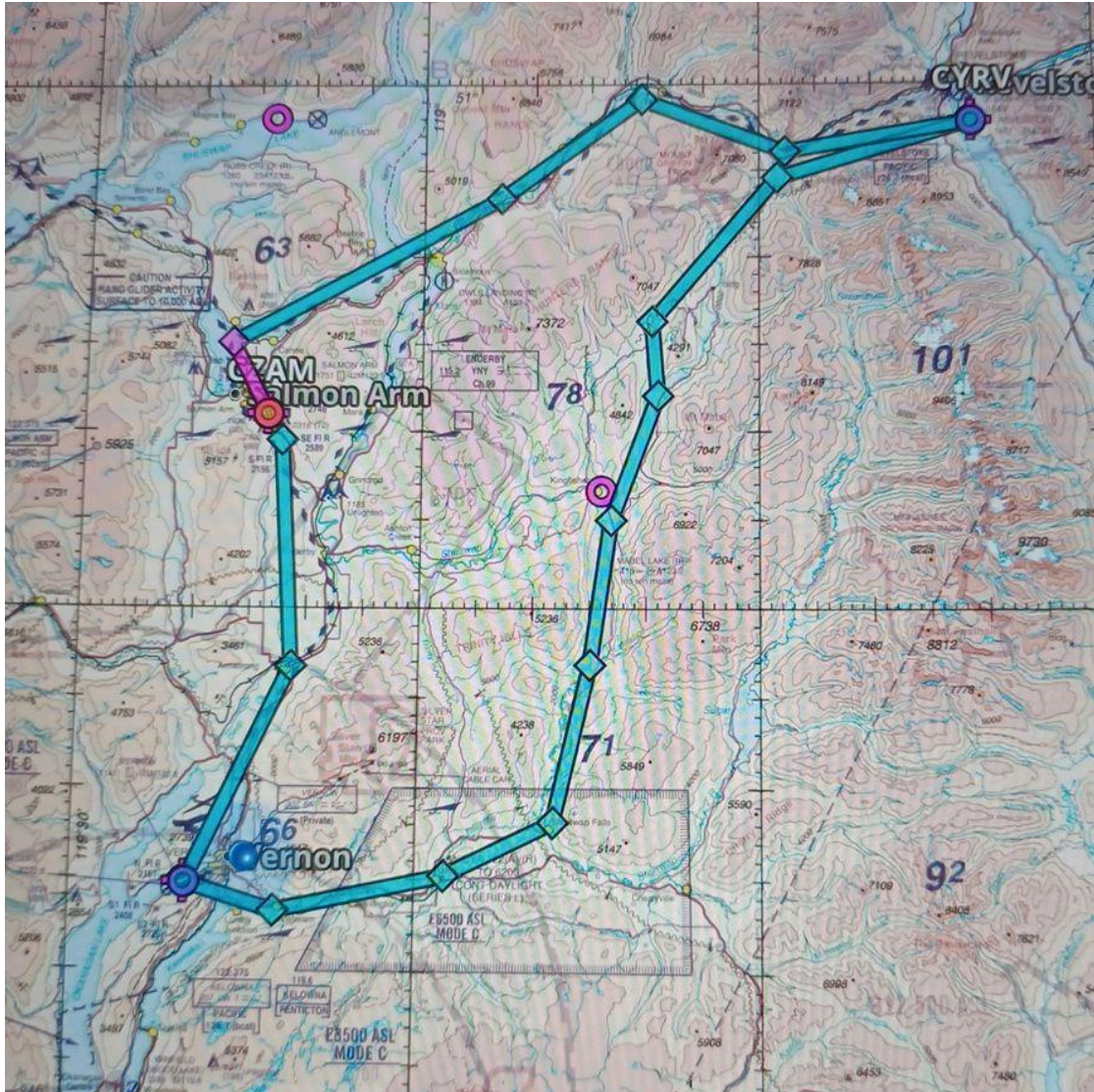
Jamie and Tanner had a great flight in GGHB the other day. March 5, Jamie and I did a flight to Vernon and back.

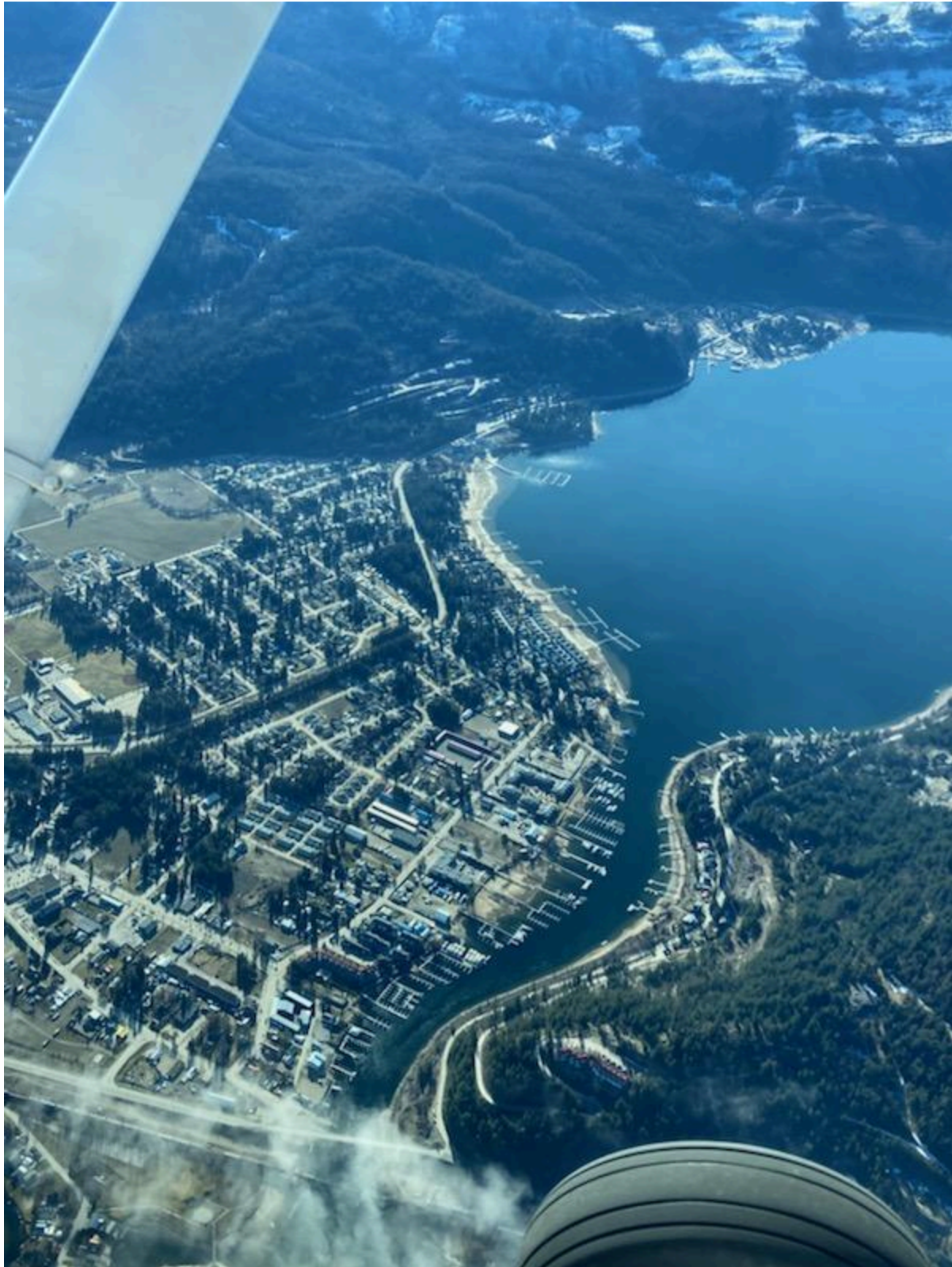
On the way there we noticed that the cloud base was not very high and that the layer was not overly thick. Conditions were such that we were able to conduct an over-the-top flight on our return to CZAM.

A neat flying experience that one does not get to take advantage of very often :)



















Was able to get out for a great flight to Revelstoke and back through the Lumby Valley

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 SAFC Chat / meetup Time TBD	29	30

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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28	29	30				

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Final: Salmon Arm Flying Club (SAFC) Executive Meeting Agenda

March 2, 10:00 am

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the SAFC Clubhouse

Attending:

Steve Genn

President
Tanner Tomkins

Vice President
Tim Auger

Past President/ Acting treasurer (temporary)
John Crook

Secretary
Jamie Spoletini

Aircraft Maintenance
Andrew Affleck

Newsletter / Communications
Bill Keen

Insurance review
Barry Delaney

Aircraft
James Rowe

Director

Waive directors' reports since General Meeting was held recently.

Minutes of last Executive meeting of January 2024 were not available to be read. The new Executive was introduced in around table. Airport Expo Account was added to minutes.

Aircraft:

Steve Genn noted that there are several goals the SAFC is looking at:

1. Undertake Club House improvements, such as new flooring, deck improvements;
2. Get the flying membership directly involved in club social and work party activities beyond club aircraft flying;
3. The president is to contact all flying members directly to increase their participation in SAFC activities;
4. Non-participation by flying members will only be tolerated with good reason.

Tanner Tomkins reported that Kelly had donated a SPOT tracker to help record each flight of the Club Cessna and to enable search and rescue should that be required in an emergency. The marginal cost of operating the SPOT might be reflected in the hourly charges for using then Club Aircraft.

A motion to approve installation of the SPOT and inform the pilots of its operation was tabled by Steve Genn and seconded by Tanner Tomkins.

Tanner will report on progress once the SPOT is installed.

Treasurer:

Tim Auger indicated that the Aircraft Account bank statement indicted that the account was flush as of the end of January. The General account was worth more than \$7,000. Due to the fraud issues associated with the COPA membership payment for the Executive, the SAFC lost \$985.00. The police are looking into the situation and source of the fraudulent activity.

Club Aircraft Operation:

Jamie Spoletini indicated that there were unusually low temperature readings when running the C-172 engine. Measures to cover the engine to increase temperatures in cold weather did not seem to make a difference, so during the annual inspection in two weeks the temperature gauges will be inspected to see if it is a reading issue. Examination of the issue should be undertaken before the aircraft is taken on a long flight. Limited local circuits and flights may be allowed. The annual inspection is expected on March 18, 2024.

The insurance evaluation for the Club Cessna is currently undervalued, and will increase based on market value and any planned improvements to the aircraft instrumentation. It is estimated that the value will be about \$170,000 US for insurance purposes. Bill Keen indicated that the revised evaluation will come into effect in September 2024, and will be reflected in revised hourly fees for the aircraft use.

Jamie Spoletin noted that the engine overhaul cost for the Club Cessna will be about \$45K when required.

Hangar Cleanup Day:

The Club hangar is in need of a cleanup and removal of unneeded equipment and junk. Plans for the cleanup in late April will be discussed at the next Pilots' Meeting. The majority of flying members are expected to take part when the cleanup is announced.

Club House Door:

The Club House door and lock has been replaced. If you need to enter when the door is locked use the reverse code from that on the airfield gate lock, or ask one of the executives for the pass code number.

Club House Floor:

Steve and Tanner are looking at option for 2025 to replace the existing Club House carpeting. Although the building is owned by the City, it was thought that it best for the SAFC to do the work of replacing the carpet since this could be installed by volunteer members quickly and at less expense. Funds could be drawn from the Airport Appreciation Day Account. This work could be done within the next two months.

A motion was made by Steve Genn to budget a \$3,000 maximum for the floor renovation in a dark gray colour. It was seconded by Tanner Tompkins.

SAFC Membership Fees:

The annual membership fees have been fixed at \$50.00 for many years. They could be seen as covering the cost of Wednesday coffee for the year, but clearly need updating to cover general costs for the SAFC. Although no decision was made on what the final membership cost should be next year, \$100.00 per year was suggested as reasonable since the current fees have remained the same for years. Further discussion will follow before a decision on fees is finalized.

Social Events:

There is a need for more social and flying related events at the SAFC. Options include fly-ins, fund raising, COPA for Kids, inter-club coordinated events, etc. These events must be planned on a cost recovery basis. Andrew, Jamie and Tanner will look into possibilities for the coming year. Six to ten people will be needed to ensure the events can be undertaken. Events will need to be coordinated with other airport activities, including the sky divers' events. The first fly-in may be possible around the May long weekend (20th) and/or August long weekend.

New Computer:

Discussions about updating the Club computer concluded that the replacement could wait. There is no urgent need for a new computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Anrew Affleck and seconded by Tim Auger.

By Attached E-mail Approval_

Final version of e-mail Signoff

Steve Genn, President SAFC

John Crook, Secretary SAFC
13 March, 2024

15, March, 2024

I will keep going with member profiles, I will approach people to come and interview you about your flying history for the newsletter.

As events come up please let me know and I will add them to the calendar.

Andrew