



# The Antenna

October 2020



*Guy Johnson launching his Mystique electric assist sailplane.*

**Upcoming Flying Event: Indoor Flying, Sun Nov 1, 13:00-15:00 Penhold Multiplex,**

**Next Club Meeting: 7:30 PM, Wed. Nov 4 at Red Deer Flying Club augmented by Skype**  
**(Practice Safe Social Distancing, attend in person or remotely - see article.)**

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

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## **A Thank-You Note to Rob McCoy from Club President Ron Hall**

On behalf of all of us at CARFF, I would like to thank Rob McCoy for all of his efforts that he has put into CARFF for so many years. All of his work and time put into the field maintenance, auction, and looking after our books had been much appreciated. Rob has decided to step back as treasurer and has passed the torch along to Jeff Denney. Jeff will be our interim treasurer until the annual general meeting and election night. Rob, we all look forward to seeing you out at the field with more of your beautiful airplanes.

### **....and to Jeff Denny**

Thank-you Jeff for accepting and stepping up to the role of Treasurer.

### **....and to the Club Members in General**

As this flying season winds down, I would like to say thank you to everyone for another great summer of flying. Despite the challenges presented to the club and everyone in general due to COVID-19 and a very rainy spring and early summer, I think everyone had a lot of flying and fun over the season. I don't know about all of you, but I am already looking forward to some new winter build projects, and next years flying season.

**Ron Hall**

## **CANADIAN F3A 2020 Nationals and FAI Team Trials**

The Nationals took place in tough, windy conditions on September 5 & 6 at the Aurora Flying Field, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Ontario. Will Gross reports that it was a closely fought competition between 17 competitors. Will placed 4th, making him the first alternate just 20 points out of 1000 behind the third place finisher.



Will sent us a few photos of himself & Chad Northeast traveling to Toronto:







Canadian F3A team members: Ethan Chariandy, Chad Northeast, Michi Akimoto & Will Gross.

Will Gross thanks his sponsors:

- His beautiful family
- Thunder Power batteries
- Futaba USA
- Pegase Composites F3A in France
- Falcon Props US
- Pletterberg motors in Germany

## November 4th Club Meeting: COVID-19 Considerations

The CARFF Executive has decided to run a **hybrid meeting format** next month.

The meeting will be physically held at the Red Deer Flying Club (RDFC) but augmented by a Skype connection.

- Members wishing to attend in-person are invited to participate at the RDFC clubhouse.
- Members wishing to attend via Skype may do so from the comfort of their own homes.

Participant & connection details will be emailed to paid-up members about a week prior to the meeting.

Remaining considerations/issues:

- Determine RDFC clubhouse safe-distancing allowable occupancy and how to inform members well in advance whether the limit is likely to be reached. No one wants to drive to the airport just in time for the meeting only to be told it's at capacity!
- Provide members with Skype Link

The meeting will be held at the usual time: 7:30PM, Wednesday November 4th.

**NOTE:** As decided at the October meeting, the CARFF AGM and Executive Elections will be held at 1:00PM, Sunday December 6th at the Penhold Multiplex. We can safe distance, get the AGM done efficiently, then enjoy indoor (or hangar) flying until 3:00PM. There will be no fee charged to members or guests for indoor flying after the meeting.

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## 40th ANNIVERSARY of DOGFIGHT OVER BENALTO

John Ferguson

Well the 40th anniversary event has come and gone and between COVID, marginal weather, a quiet year, it was still attended by the die hards. Around 18 airplanes and I'm guessing a dozen pilots. It was great to see Tony and Ken H. representing CARFF, Scott Nelson, Brian Irwin and guys from Stettler, Calgary, and Rocky. Here are a few pictures from the 40th anniversary. Our zone director Roger Ganely flew in in his Cessna 172, And I think everyone had a great time. Congrats to Garry Hillman on 40 years of a great event. Ahhh yes, I remember 1980 and the very 1st one very well.



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## Flying a J3 Cub Across the Prairies

### Ron Hall

Hi everyone. I have a little story to share with you all. This is not R/C related, but it does involve airplanes and 2 CARFF members (myself and Colin Vandermeer, a new member just this spring).



St. Alphonse MB

Back in early September, Colin found a full scale classic yellow Piper J-3 Cub for sale. As Colin is just starting his private pilots training, he had been looking around for a small fun airplane to fly once he is finished his training. Well, this particular Cub had previously been owned by his grandpa, so he was pretty keen to have a chance to get it back into the family. Well, after partnering with another local pilot, they were able to buy this airplane. They just needed to get the airplane home to Red Deer from southern Manitoba.

This is where I came in. ...

Next thing I know, Colin and myself were driving east to bring their new toy home. We arrived in Brandon in the evening of Monday Sept 14. The next morning we drove another hour southeast to the farm strip near St. Alphonse where the airplane lived. After a few hours inspecting the airplane, running and testing the engine, and looking through the paperwork, I was satisfied that the airplane was in great condition and safe to fly home.



So I strapped in, taxied to the end of the cornfield runway and took off. One circle overhead to check out the airplane, and then turned northwest to begin the journey home.




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**621** nautical miles, 7 fuel stops, and an average speed of only 65mph made for a long 11 hours in the air over 2 days. I landed back in Red Deer late Wednesday Sept 16, just before sundown. With a bit of headwind between Carlyle and Weyburn Sask, I watched vehicles passing me on the highway below. Twice along the way when Colin, driving back in the car, actually arrived at the next fuel stop before I did! Yes, Piper Cubs are as slow as all the jokes you've heard, and they are also very pleasant to fly. But it was a great fun trip that

took me over the flat Saskatchewan farmland, through the Moose Jaw military operating area, over the Great Sand Hills, and much more. It all finished up with a westbound leg from Hanna AB to Red Deer, flying in perfectly smooth air into a beautiful sunset. I was sore and tired climbing out of the airplane.....but I would do it again in a heartbeat!!

***Ron Hall***







Home!





## EDITOR'S SOAPBOX - Eraldo Pomare

Indoor season snuck up on me; apologies for not getting the word out sooner. Hopefully some of you were able to enjoy the first session on October 11th.

Ron Hall's J3 adventure is pretty impressive. I certainly enjoyed reading about it and looking at the photos, especially the flat farmland pic. Also knowing where there's a J3 Cub in captivity presents a great documentation opportunity for anyone building a model; I'm hoping the owners would permit photo shoots coordinated through Ron or Colin.

Ron has already thanked Rob McCoy for his contributions to the club and I want to add my voice too. Rob has done great work for the club in many areas; his decision to step back will leave a void but I'm sure members will step forward, as has Jeff Denny. We look forward to seeing Rob at meetings, indoor flying and at the field.

On a sad note, we learnt that Gary Mah passed away on October 6th. Gary was a fixture at the field a few years ago.

More sad news: We learnt that Dale Simpson has passed away; Rob McCoy sent a list of RC stuff that Dale's widow Joan has for sale through Jay (Dale's son)...please see the list and information below. Dale was a loyal member, always ready to volunteer.

*Note: "The Antenna" needs your articles, photos and sketches! Previously published articles must be accompanied by a release (permission) from the copyright holder.*

### Gary Hillman Sent in the Following

Here is a photo I took when a group of R/C guys camped at my place on the (previous) long weekend. My friend Paige Smith calls me Grandpa Gary and came out to the field with me as I flew my Apprentice. She watched for a while then began to ask me to do maneuvers such as a loop and then rolls. Then she asked me to land because she wanted to try it. She is 4. And she is pretty hot with Super Mario. But I was reluctant to turn the transmitter over to her. So Don Reitsma invited her to try his transmitter and had her stand beside me as he showed her how to manipulate the controls as she watched my plane. But soon she figured out that she was not in command of the plane and lost interest. But I do think given a couple years she may just go for it. I thank Don for introducing her to R/C flight.




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## **CARFF General Meeting Wednesday October 7, 2020 - Minutes**

### **Members in Attendance:**

Wayne Mitchell, Adam Tomalty, Mila Petrik, Vince Mulhall, Scott Nelson, Ron Hall, Jeff Denny, John Ferguson, John Cameron, Ethan Brown, Tony Lindhout, Buzz Berezowski, George Rehman, Craig Parker, Greg McMaster, Eraldo Pomare

**Call to Order:** 19:25 by Club President Ron Hall

### **Review Agenda**

Moved: Scott Nelson                      Second: Craig Parker                      Carried

### **Previous Minutes**

Motion to accept as published in the September CARFF newsletter.

Moved: John Ferguson                      Second: Vince Mulhall                      Carried

### **Financial Report**

Jeff Denny informed the members present that Treasurer Rob McCoy had decided to step back from duties and requested that Jeff take over.

Motion to confirm Jeff Denny as interim CARFF Treasurer until December 2020 club election.

Moved: John Ferguson                      Second: Greg McMaster                      Carried

The members present thanked Jeff for accepting the role.

Jeff reported the club bank account balance is \$8,744.28 and GIC balance is \$15,861.58 with all major invoices paid except for indoor flying.

Motion to accept financial report.

Moved: John Ferguson                      Second: Scott Nelson                      Carried

### **Old Business**

Club President Ron Hall advised members that Sea-Can modifications will be held over to spring 2021 and that discussions and ideas will be discussed over winter to ensure work will be well planned.

George Rehman informed the club that he has quotes for gravel supply (~\$350) and for relocating the new Sea-Can (~\$250) as discussed at the September meeting. This falls within the approved budget and the work is planned for completion before winter. Electrical connections will be restored which will bring generator power back to the clubhouse.

Members thanked Ethan Brown for removing the old garage to make way for the new Sea-Can.

### **New Business**

2020 Election Process: After discussion it was agreed that due to COVID-19 protocols, the CARFF Executive Elections will be held in-person at the Penhold Multiplex Gymnasium at the December Indoor Flying session (1:00PM, Sunday December 6). This will permit safe distancing.

As back-up, Vince Mulhall offered to develop an on-line alternative.



Winter Meetings under pandemic conditions will be held via Skype (Vince Mulhall to develop process)

Ron Hall informed the members that CARFF has renewed membership with the Red Deer Flying Club (RDFC) which allows CARFF to utilize the RDFC clubhouse for winter meetings. Unfortunately, safe distancing is not practical for the typical club meeting.

George Rehman thanked Vince Mulhall for the donation of an extension ladder which will be useful for roof shingle repairs.

### **Open Discussion**

John Ferguson and Vince Mulhall briefed members on their understanding of the discussions at recent MAAC AZM: FAI membership, new MAAC Safety Rules regarding pilot qualifications and field layouts etc.

Greg McMaster informed members that past member Gary Mah passed away on October 6th.

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Eraldo Pomare at approx. 20:00 Carried.

Minutes to be signed by two CARFF Executive Members to confirm Jeff Denny as current Treasurer as noted above.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** This version includes 2 minor, non-material changes not in the signed minutes submitted for banking change authorization.

The changes are:

Under Financial Report: added “.... with all major invoices paid except for indoor flying.”

Under New Business : corrected the approx. costs of gravel and moving the Sea-Can

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Herb Der has returned to CARFF for some RC Fun. He's flying his old Falcon56 with a K&B 61 circa 1982 and a blast from the past. He also resurrected a TA90 with a Super Tiger 90 circa 1991. I had the pleasure of test flying this one and other than the idle being a little to high for landing, it still performs very well. Great to see you back Herb.



John Ferguson & his EAA Biplane, modelled as owned/flown by his late brother.

*Please, someone help him find a suitable 1/4 scale pilot figure!*



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