



Welcome to the CASARA News Letter

Open House & SAREX, Dauphin, October 23

Zone 2 Command wishes to thank all the members who shared their expertise and time to the Open House held in Dauphin on October 23. 21 members from our zone participated along with two aircraft and three members from Winnipeg -- a big thank you to them!



22 guests signed the register along with reporters from the local media. Mary Ritchie did a great job explaining how our volunteers perform their various tasks and the operational aspects of Search and Rescue.

Fred demonstrated electronic ground-homing and had visitors participate in using the 'Lil L-per' (hand-held directional receiver). An aircraft equipped with the removable direction-finding antennas was on display.

John Carley set up the spotter simulator and Virginia Dixon explained its operation while inviting visitors to try it out.



Brian Fowell did an amazing job on Survival Training with many displays



and great information. His explanation of various survival techniques and use of various pieces of readily available survival supplies was easy to understand. Visitors and volunteers alike enjoyed learning from his experience.

Concurrent with all the ground displays was the Sarex – a contour search over the eastern escarpment and an Expanding Square and ELT to the west of Dauphin. Four flights were completed; two to each of the search areas.

Marvin & Stella Monchka provided a much appreciated vegetable tray, subs and coffee to keep us well fed and happy all day. Thanks for this!

Thanks to all for making this Open House and SAREX a great success!

ID Tags:

We are in the process of updating member identification cards, photo's are needed to do this. Photo's will be taken during the next few meetings/exercises.

From the Zone Commander:

It has been brought to our attention that expense claims are not being sent to the Zone Commander fast enough. The funding for our Zone is disbursed on a quarterly basis. The amount we receive depends in large part on the amount spent in the previous quarter. In order to keep the records and exercises up to date everyone must ensure *All expense claims* are to be turned in the same day as the exercise takes place or as shortly thereafter as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Training Officer:

Pilots, navigators and spotters each have certain minimum training requirements in a 12 month period. It is possible for you to check on your status by signing in to the CMS using your member ID and password. If you have questions on how to do this please contact your training officer at kfox@mts.net or phone Ken Fox at 727-1209. The SAREX planning group is struggling to keep members current for their positions but we desperately need your cooperation! Whenever a SAREX is planned we ask that you respond by letting the organizers know whether you will or will not be able to participate – in other words please respond with a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to the person who contacts you. This information is needed in order to determine the number of aircraft to invite for each SAREX, the # & type of targets to prepare, the patterns to be flown, etc.

Each person plays an important role in the exercise; in order to launch one aircrew(3-4 persons) we need at least 5 support persons on the ground (search coordinator, radio operator, equipment manager, safety officer, targets, etc). Please check the website (<http://www.casaraman.org/>) for notice of anticipated dates or contact an executive member for current information.

Upcoming Events:

We are very excited about an up coming presentation to the Air Cadets in Neepawa. A member will attend their meeting to speak to them about CASARA. These could be our future members.

Navigation training is being planned to begin early in the New Year. We are hoping to attend a one day course in Winnipeg with follow up training in Brandon. Please contact the Zone Commander (Garry) if you are interested.

Those who are interested in new Casara apparel please attend the meetings.

Swan River SAREX September 19:

The target photo shows a plume of smoke rising from the wreckage (center of photo). The Target was set out by Brennan, Dan Laychuk's son. Very well done Brennan! Thanks to Bill T and the Comanche, 2 Navs and 2 Spotters logged a total of 2.2 hours airtime. 9 persons in total participated in this exercise.

Remember why you are a CASARA Member: ***“That Other’s May Live”***