



March 2010

Recent Zone Activities

Provincial Joint Exercise 12 – 14 March



Fog and low ceilings in Winnipeg and Brandon resulted in the postponement of the proposed provincial joint exercise to the weekend of 12 – 14 March. The public forecast looked good on Wednesday, but the fog came back in time to put the exercise at risk again. Friday afternoon provided a blue streak of hope, and two CASARA Winnipeg airplanes were able to depart for Swan River in marginal VFR. The weather cleared a few miles northwest of Winnipeg, and the transit was unremarkable. We were met in Swan by local CASARA members, checked into the hotel, and strolled to a nearby restaurant for an evening snack.



Gerry Angell (Flin Flon), Liz Rodinsky (Flin Flon), Fred Eshpeter (Brandon), Tony Gulash (Swan River), Al Tokar (Swan River), Edith LeSann (The Pas), Grace Schedler, Kevin Choy (Brandon), and Helmut Giersch prepare for their next flights, or just wait for something to happen.



Jerry Roehr, Shawn Sexsmith (The Pas), Dan Laychuk (Swan River), and Tony Gulash (Swan River) are debriefed by Ron Malcolm (Swan River).

Saturday morning brought two airplanes from Brandon, one from The Pas, one from Flin Flon, and, much delayed by fog, one more from Winnipeg in the mid afternoon. An impressive total of twenty-seven CASARA members crowded the Swan River Flying Club building.

By 10:30 am, airplanes were heading out on their assigned searches, travelling around the scenic Swan Valley. Crews were mixed so that each pilot was flying with a nav and at least one spotter from outside his zone. Pizza was waiting for the crews upon their return, and following a quick refuelling, airplanes went up for a second flight with remixed crews. Most crews also received a divert during their flights.

The last flight of the day came in at 6 pm, and the group headed to the restaurant for dinner. Many members also came to Chuck Wilson's hotel room for additional team building exercises.

Sunday morning came an hour too early, but airplanes departed starting at 10 am on their assigned searches. The same procedure was followed, with mixed crews, and divers for ELTs or sector searches.



Al Fraser and Chris Black work on their charts.

All airplanes landed by 12:30, the crews were debriefed, and three platters of Subway subs disappeared. Good comments came out of the group debrief, and these ideas will help make Western Canada SAREx better.

Each participant received at least one flight on the ex, each pilot flew at least six hours, and, due to a shortage of navs, some nav trainees got a lot of practice.

By 5 pm, all Winnipeg airplanes were back at St Andrews, despite slightly gloomy weather.

All participants agreed that the exercise met its objectives, which was to provide an opportunity for members from around Manitoba to meet each other, and to learn to operate together. It also tested the abilities of members to adapt to a fluid situation, and allowed them to gain experience in some aspects of an actual search.

Training

Training Schedule 2010 - 2011

The training plan for 2010 – 2011 is attached to this newsletter. Please mark your calendars, and let your chiefs know when you're available.

Notices

Membership Renewal 2010 - 2011

By now, you should have received your membership renewal form in the mail. The front of the form consists of a summary of the data that we have about you in our training database. Please take a few moments and review your information to ensure it is correct. Write in any corrections and additions as necessary. Make sure you enter your CASARA Identification Card information, and your next of kin information.

On the back of the form is the medical self-declaration and signature area. The form must be signed to be valid. Please review the medical self-declaration and strike out the items that aren't applicable. Pilots must also sign the medical self-declaration, even if you have a current LVC.

Return the form by dropping it off at the Training Centre, or mail it to:
1-915 McLeod Av
Winnipeg MB R2G 0Y4

Membership dues are \$15. Dues are waived for those who have been members for twenty years or more (joined before 1991), and for those who have joined since 1 October 2009.

10th Annual Wings Presentation 7 May

Our annual Wings Presentation evening will take place at Larters Golf Club, 30 River Road, St Andrews (east of Hwy 7). Tickets, at \$32.50 apiece, will be available in April from members of the zone executive. Previous evenings have sold out, so get your tickets soon.

Western Canada SAREx 2010: 20 – 22 August 2010

Check our website, www.westerncanadasarex2010.ca, for the latest information about the exercise.

Coming Events

Meet at the Training Centre unless noted.
 Exercise end times are *estimates*.
 Changes are highlighted in yellow.

Remember to check the recorded message at
 338-7185 before coming out for an exercise.

Subject	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Co-ordinator	No of Aircraft	Total Flying Hours	Description
March								
Crew Resource Management	20-Mar-10	0900	20-Mar-10	1400	Chuck Wilson / Bill Karras	NA	NA	All flying members should attend this session. CRM is used by airlines to improve crew communication and teamwork. Spotters are particularly encouraged to attend.

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CASARA Training Message		338-7185	Don't leave messages on this line
CASARA Manitoba Website			www.casaraman.org
Western Canada SAREx Website			www.westerncanadasarex2010.ca

CASARA Winnipeg 2010 – 2011 Training Schedule

Subject	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Description
April					
Night Navigation Exercise	01-Apr-10	1930	01-Apr-10	2300	Co-ordinator - Trevor Mueller - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 9 - Description - Night flying and night navigation proficiency exercise. Spotters may participate on a space available basis.
Level 1	17-Apr-10	0830	17-Apr-10	1630	Co-ordinator - Jim Bell - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - All new members must attend Level 1 before flying with us. The morning is a classroom session, and the afternoon is the first spotting practice flight. Confirm your attendance with the co-ordinator.
Navigation Planning Classroom Ex	20-Apr-10	1900	20-Apr-10	2200	Co-ordinator – Bill Hilash – Description - Practice in plotting a route, completing the nav log, and transferring the route onto a gps.
Zone Annual General Meeting	28-Apr-10	1930	28-Apr-10	2100	Co-ordinator - Chuck Wilson - Description - Elect the zone commander and hear reports of what we accomplished in the last year. All members should attend this meeting.
May					
Provincial Annual General Meeting / Long Range Navigation Exercise	01-May-10	0900	01-May-10	1700	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 22 - Description - Long range navigation exercise to participate in the Provincial Annual General Meeting in Brandon. We will elect the Provincial Vice President and the Provincial Treasurer.
Wings Presentation	07-May-10	1830	07-May-10	2200	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - Description - Annual dinner and presentation of wings, service pins, and awards at Larters Golf Club, 30 River Road, St Andrews. Tickets are \$32.50, available from Jerry Roehr after 1 April, and from members of the Zone Exec after 7 April.
LOWSAR	29-May-10	0700	29-May-10	1700	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - No of Aircraft - 4 - Total Flying Hours - 20 - Description - Flights in support of spotter training for the Lake of the Woods Search and Rescue volunteer group at Kenora. Spotters aren't required, but we need volunteers for the search headquarters.
June					
ELT Search Exercise	07-Jun-10	1800	07-Jun-10	2200	Co-ordinator - Jim Bell - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 3 - Description - ELT homing practice, using homers and / or aural null techniques.
Northern Navigation Exercise	12-Jun-10	0900	12-Jun-10	1700	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - No of Aircraft - 4 - Total Flying Hours - 24 - Description - Navigation proficiency trip around the north end of our zone. Spotters may participate on a space available basis.
Stevenson College Aviation Day	19-Jun-10	0900	19-Jun-10	1700	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - No of Aircraft - TBA - Total Flying Hours - TBA - Description - Aviation open house at Stevenson Aviation College. Details TBA
Spotter Exercise	26-Jun-10	0900	26-Jun-10	1300	Co-ordinator - Al Fraser / Trevor Mueller - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - Spotting and call-around practice for spotters.
July					
Spotter Exercise	03-Jul-10	1800	03-Jul-10	2200	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - Spotting and call-around practice for spotters.
ELT Search Exercise	12-Jul-10	1800	12-Jul-10	2100	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 3 - Description - ELT homing practice, using homers and / or aural null techniques.

August					
Western Canada SAREx	20-Aug-10	1700	22-Aug-10	1500	Co-ordinator - Jim Bell - No of Aircraft - TBA - Total Flying Hours - TBA - Description - Major joint search exercise with teams from across western Canada.
September					
Spotter Exercise	11-Sep-10	0900	11-Sep-10	1300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - Spotting and call-around practice for spotters.
ELT Search Exercise	18-Sep-10	0900	18-Sep-10	1200	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 3 - Description - ELT homing practice, using homers and / or aural null techniques.
October					
Night Navigation Exercise	01-Oct-10	1800	01-Oct-10	2300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 9 - Description - Night flying and night navigation proficiency exercise. Spotters may participate on a space available basis.
Level 1	16-Oct-10	0830	16-Oct-10	1600	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - All new members must attend Level 1 before flying with us. The morning is a classroom session, and the afternoon is the first spotting practice flight. Confirm your attendance with the co-ordinator.
November					
Spotter Exercise	06-Nov-10	0900	06-Nov-10	1300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 6 - Description - Spotting and call-around practice for spotters.
ELT Search Exercise	13-Nov-10	0900	13-Nov-10	1200	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 3 - Description - ELT homing practice, using homers and / or aural null techniques.
Sector Search Exercise	20-Nov-10	0900	20-Nov-10	1300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - Description - Practice in carrying out one of our more difficult search patterns.
December					
Creeping Line Ahead Exercise	04-Dec-10	0900	04-Dec-10	1300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - Description - Practice in carrying out one of our more difficult search patterns.
January					
Delta Marsh Overflight	15-Jan-11	1100	15-Jan-11	1500	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - TBA - Description - Support to the University of Manitoba's survival exercise at Delta Marsh.
Delta Marsh Overflight	22-Jan-11	1100	22-Jan-11	1500	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - TBA - Description - Support to the University of Manitoba's survival exercise at Delta Marsh.
Rust Remover	27-Jan-11	1900	27-Jan-11	2230	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - Description - Annual refresher session for the general aviation community. Open to everyone.
February					
RAA Springfield Demo	05-Feb-11	1200	05-Feb-11	1500	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - TBA - Description - Support to the annual Lyncrest winter festival.
Expanding Square Search Exercise	12-Feb-11	0900	12-Feb-11	1300	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - Description - Practice in carrying out one of our more difficult search patterns.
Zone Evaluation	26-Feb-11	0900	26-Feb-11	1500	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - 2 - Description - Date and time subject to change

