



November 2010

Recent Zone Activities

Dauphin Joint Exercise Cancelled 27 November

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, the Dauphin exercise was cancelled again. We still hope to hold

this exercise this winter, so we will probably try again in the new year.

Survivor First Aid 23 November

Twenty seven members attended the Survivor First Aid session on 23 November, taught by Gerry Desjardins. Gerry reviewed the types of injuries likely to be sustained in an airplane crash, and what

you can do to treat them. After the classroom session, participants went in groups to a hangar, where each group had the opportunity to extract simulated casualties from an aircraft.



Al Fraser and Dorothy McColl acted as simulated casualties for the first aid scenario. Bonnie Camara (centre) created their "injuries".

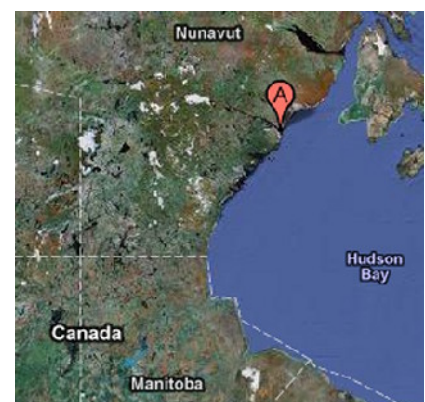


Al Fraser in the cockpit, with a simulated head wound.

Chesterfield Inlet 18 November

On 18 November, JRCC Trenton requested four spotters to participate on a CC-130 Hercules search near Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut. Spotters Doug Brugger, Al Fraser, Darlene Searcy, and Tim Spiece reported to Hangar 16 by 5 pm. The Herc departed at 5:30 pm. During the transit, the

spotters received a refresher on the use of night vision goggles. As the Herc approached Chesterfield Inlet, they were advised that the missing person, a 74 year old hunter, had been found by a ground party. The Herc returned to Winnipeg just after 10 pm.



ELT Search Exercise 13 – 14 November

The ELT search exercise was cancelled due to weather. Some members came out to St Andrews to participate in ground ELT homing practice with the new style Little L'Pers. An ELT was placed somewhere on the airport, and the members had to locate it. The ELT was placed so that it wouldn't be visible, so that members had to rely solely on the homer to find it. Different techniques were demonstrated, including tuning off frequency with a

hand held radio, using the signal strength mode on the L'Per, and triangulating the signal using the DF mode. The exercise concluded with the teams successfully locating the ELT in the cockpit of an airplane sitting in the Harv's Air hangar.

The ELT exercise was incorporated into the following weekend's sector search exercise.



Jason Gren and Darlene Searcy



Peter Banman and Alf Northam

Level 2 & Spotter Refresher / Spotter Exercise 6 November

Twenty one members attended the Saturday morning spotter refresher / Level 2.

Twenty one members participated in the spotter exercise, which followed the morning classroom training. Three airplanes flew around a specified track that was well supplied with targets.



(From front) – Prem Ellis, Peter Banman, Paul Arsenault, Bonnie Camara, Dorothy McColl, Raymond Rittwage, Alf Northam, Gregory Chan, Fernando Peters, Tamara Harrison. Photo by Robert Dearden



Cessna 182 C-GLVH flies over the target – Photo by Robert Dearden

Level 1 – 2 November

We have changed the Level 1 so that it is now only the introduction to CASARA organisation and search operations. Spotter training is done separately as Level 2. We held our first new style Level 1 on Tuesday 2 November. After the Level 1

was completed, several of our new members caught part of the navigator classroom training taking place concurrently. Welcome to new members Paul Arsenault, Larry Dewar, Valerie Dorey, Tamara Harrison, and Mike Manny.

Navigator Operational Training 2 November

Sixteen members attended the Navigator Operational Training session on 2 November. Additional sessions will take place on 11 January, 8 February, and 8 March. Note that for currency

purposes, you must attend more than one of these sessions to meet the minimum academic training requirement.

Training

There are no training notes this month.

Notices

CASARA Participation Schedule

We are pleased with the results from the introduction of the on line Participation Schedule. We will now use the Participation Schedule for scheduling members for exercises. The on line pilot schedule and spotter schedule will be discontinued to prevent duplication and possible errors.

The Participation Schedule now consists of three sheets: Scheduling, Availability, and Currency.

Members use the form as follows:

- enter your availability information on the on line form. Insert your CMS number, if known. You don't have to fill in availability for every exercise. The information you enter will appear on the Availability sheet;
- no later than seven days before the exercise, your chief will designate those who will fly as spotters, navs, or pilots. Check the Scheduling sheet to see if you've been selected;
- no later than four days before the exercise, the co-ordinator will select targets and headquarters staff, and put that information on the Scheduling sheet. You should also be advised by email or phone.
- The Currency sheet is now part of the participation schedule spreadsheet. It contains the same information as the currency page in the newsletter, but will be kept up to date. You can see your last ground training, flights, and search patterns, as well as the date your currency elapses.

If you have any questions about the Participation Schedule, or find a mistake, please contact Jim Bell.

Christmas / New Year's Standby

We are looking for volunteers to be on standby for search call outs over Christmas and New Year's. We need one pilot, one navigator, four spotters, plus a headquarters person. You must be current as a pilot, navigator, or spotter to fill those roles. The headquarters person must have a radio operator licence, and should have headquarters experience.

The standby periods are from noon to noon, on the 24th, 25th, and the 31st. You can use the Participation Form, or contact your chief to let him know you're available.

Currency For Searches and the Currency Table

In order to fly on searches, you must be certified and current for the position in which you will fly. You are certified by the zone commander upon completion of the process required to achieve wings standard for each position. If you have been awarded spotter wings, for example, you are certified as a spotter.

Once you are certified, you must maintain currency by meeting the minimum requirements listed below, within the last 365 days:

SPOTTERS:

3 hours spotter academic training (eg, Spotter refresher or Level 2), and
2 flights of not less than 1 hour each.

NAVIGATORS:

4 hours navigation academic training (eg, Navigator refresher), and
4 flights of not less than 1 hour each, and
3 ELT homings at least one of which must be an aural null, and
4 search patterns appropriate to your area of operation (track crawl, CLA or parallel track, sector, and expanding square).

PILOTS:

3 hours of pilot academic training (eg, Pilot refresher), and
a minimum of 24 hours flying as PIC, made up of 6 flights of not less than 1 hour each that must be CASARA SAR flying, (training), and the remainder can be CASARA SAR training, or "other" flying, and
3 ELT homings at least one of which must be an aural null, and
4 search patterns appropriate to your area of operation (track crawl, CLA or parallel track, sector, and expanding square).

The currency table attached to the end of each newsletter identifies the requirements for currency for each position, for ground training and flights. Pilots and navigators must also fly certain search patterns. The dates listed under each identify the last date you had ground training, flew in that role, and flew that search pattern.

Your Spotter Currency, Navigator Currency, and Pilot Currency dates reflect the last date you are current.

If you have any questions about your currency, please contact Jim Bell. You must not accept a search tasking if you are not current.

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 | Description |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|
| December | | | | | |
| Creeping Line Ahead Exercise | 04-Dec-10 | 0900 | 04-Dec-10 | 1300 | Co-ordinator – Trevor Mueller - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - Description - Practice in carrying out one of our more difficult search patterns. |
| January | | | | | |
| Winter Survival Training - Classroom | TBA | 0900 | TBA | 1600 | Classroom training in winter survival. Day 1 of 4. |
| Winter Survival Training - Practical | TBA | 0900 | TBA | 1700 | Practical winter survival training at St Andrews. Day 2 of 4. |
| 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. |
| Delta Marsh Overflight | 29-Jan-11 | 1100 | 29-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. |
| February | | | | | |
| Rust Remover | 03-Feb-11 | 1900 | 03-Feb-11 | 2230 | Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - Description - Annual refresher session for the general aviation community. Open to everyone. Acceptable as a pilot refresher. |
| 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. |
| Overnight Survival Exercise | 12-Feb-11 | 0900 | 13-Feb-11 | 1200 | Co-ordinator - John Hall / Jim Bell - No of airplanes - NA - Flying Hours - NA - Description - Overnight survival exercise near the town of Starbuck. Groups of four or five participants will be dropped in isolated areas with a survival kit. Participants will build fires, shelters, and signals, and survive for approximately one day, without assistance. You must attend the January two-day training session, or have attended a previous winter survival training exercise, to attend this exercise. |
| Expanding Square Search Exercise | 12-Feb-11 | 1200 | 12-Feb-11 | 1700 | Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - Description - Practice in carrying out one of our more difficult search patterns. This ex will be run in conjunction with the overnight survival exercise. Start and finish times may change. |

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Table with columns: Pilot, Spotter Currency, Nav Currency, Pilot Currency, Spotter Academic Training, Most Recent Spotter Fit, Second Spotter Fit, NVG Qualified?, Navigator Academic Training, Most Recent Navigator Fit, Second Navigator Fit, Third Navigator Fit, Fourth Navigator Fit, Most Recent ELT Air Homing, Second ELT Air Homing, Aural Null, Track Crawl, CLA, Exp Square, Sector, Pilot Academic Training, Most Recent Pilot Fit, Second Pilot Fit, Third Pilot Fit, Fourth Pilot Fit, Fifth Pilot Fit, Sixth Pilot Fit. Rows include Pilots (Bay, Bell, Biber, Carley, Danyluk, Hall, Karras, MacKenzie, Roehr, Wilson, Wiher) and Navigators (Elison, Fraser, Hlash, Latour, Magee, Mueller, Northam, Osted, Rigaux, Webster). A Spotter section follows with names like Barnman, Beghin, Black, Boone, Boyd, Brugger, Buat, Buschau-Lapointe, Camara, Chan, Daerden, Desjardins, Dewar, Duder, Elias, Evans, Falkingham, Gierach, Gross, Gustafson, Harrison, Hochbaum, James, Jenkins, Kitchur, McCol, Miller, Mowat, Neel, Nimik, Onofriechuk, Ouellette, Paik, Peeling, Perks, Peters, Pontanilla, Rimwage, Robinson, Samuel, Schedler, Schreiber, Searcy, Shpak, Spiece, Wall, Werschler.

Please review your data. If you find a mistake or omission, contact Jim Bell