



**\*\*\* Merry Christmas \*\*\* Happy Holidays \*\*\* Happy New Year \*\*\*  
December 2010**

## Recent Zone Activities

### Currency Exercise 19 December

Nineteen members attended a currency exercise, designed to allow some members to regain currency for searches. Two airplanes launched to carry out an expanding square, an aural null, and an ELT homing. Once those searches were complete, the aircraft returned to St Andrews, some crewmembers swapped, and the searches were run again, with the aircraft going to different targets. By the time we finished, eight members were current again.

Concurrent with the flying exercise, seven members who might have spent the day as shivering targets instead learnt about the role of the search headquarters. They ran through the call out process, and then participated in a search scenario, of the same sort that is run on the search co-ordinator course.



*Stephen Dudar, Mike Manny, Al Fraser, Kris Buschau-Lapointe, Tom Park, and Peter Banman plan a search in the simulated headquarters exercise.*

### CLA Cancelled / Ground ELT Training 4 December

The planned CLA search exercise was weathered out on 4 December, but twenty two members came out to St Andrews to learn and practise the use of the new Little L'Per ELT homer.



*Jim Peeling, Bill Evans, and Dorothy McColl check the reading of the Little L'Per.*

After a brief review of ELT operation and use of the homer and the hand held radio, participants split into groups and set off across the airport to find an ELT. Groups used either the homer, or the "tune off frequency" technique with a hand held radio.



*Scott Falkingham, Randy Wall, and Peter Banman set the hand held radio frequency.*

Once each group located the ELT, they returned to the Training Centre to warm up, before the next attempt. Three tries later, members had developed much greater confidence in the use of our equipment.

## Training

There are no training notes this month.

## Notices

### CASARA Flying Suit Badge Placement

Though we are all volunteers, we wish to project a professional image to the public, our peers, Canadian Forces members, and occasionally, the media.

We encourage our flying members to obtain a blue flying suit for use with CASARA. The now obsolete Canadian Forces blue flying suit is preferred, though others are available from various sources.

The standard for CASARA Winnipeg is as follows:

- on the right shoulder, the National Flag;
- above the right breast pocket, your name tape;
- above the left breast pocket, your wings;
- on the left breast pocket, the CASARA roundel; and
- on the left shoulder, you may wear one additional badge.

We have two badges available that can be worn on the left shoulder. They are the CASARA “Spotter –

Eyes of Life” badge (\$4.00), and the air force 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SAR badge (free).



If you have an air force blue flying jacket, you should place the badges in the same locations as on the flying suit. If you have an air force Gortex jacket or parka, you should not sew any badges on it.

### CASARA Participation Schedule

The Participation Schedule 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. There is also a new form for changes from January to March. 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.

## 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:

Role	Academic Training	Number of Flights	Search Patterns	ELTs
Spotter	3 hours of Spotter specific classroom training	2 flights of not less than 1 hour each	No requirement	No requirement
Navigator	4 hours of Navigator specific classroom training	4 flights of not less than 1 hour each	4 search patterns appropriate to the area of operation (track crawl, CLA, sector, expanding square)	3 ELT homings of which 1 must be an aural null
Pilot	3 hours of Pilot specific classroom training	6 flights of not less than 1 hour each, with a <b>minimum of 24 flying hours PIC</b>	4 search patterns appropriate to the area of operation (track crawl, CLA, sector, expanding square)	3 ELT homings of which 1 must be an aural null

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

The on line Member Currency sheet on the Participation Schedule will reflect the most recent currency information.

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
<b>December</b>					
Christmas Standby	24-Dec-10	1200	25-Dec-10	1200	Co-ordinator – Jim Bell - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - 0 - Description – Standby for call outs over the holiday period.
Christmas / Boxing Day Standby	25-Dec-10	1200	26-Dec-10	1200	Co-ordinator – Chuck Wilson - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - 0 - Description – Standby for call outs over the holiday period.
New Year's Standby	31-Dec-10	1200	01-Jan-11	1200	Co-ordinator – Trevor Mueller - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - 0 - Description – Standby for call outs over the holiday period.

January					
Navigator Operational Training	11-Jan-11	1900	11-Jan-11	2200	Co-ordinator - Bill Hilash - Description - Practical navigation training for CASARA operations. Open to navs, pilots, and those interested in becoming navigators.
Participation in CASARA Brandon Zone exercise	16-Jan-11	0800	16-Jan-11	1600	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 8 - Description - CASARA Winnipeg will send two airplanes to Brandon to participate in a CASARA Brandon exercise. If it is not possible to go to Brandon, we will conduct our own exercise on this date.
Delta Marsh Overflight	22-Jan-11	1100	22-Jan-11	1500	Co-ordinator - Al Fraser - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - 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 - Trevor Mueller - No of Aircraft - 2 - Total Flying Hours - 5 - 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.
Winter Survival Training - Classroom	05-Feb-11	0900	05-Feb-11	1600	Classroom training in winter survival. Day 1 of 4.
Winter Survival Training - Practical	06-Feb-11	0900	06-Feb-11	1700	Practical winter survival training at St Andrews. Day 2 of 4.
Navigator Operational Training	08-Feb-11	1900	08-Feb-11	2200	Co-ordinator - Bill Hilash - Description - Practical navigation training for CASARA operations. Open to navs, pilots, and those interested in becoming navigators.
Expanding Square Search Exercise	12-Feb-11	1200	12-Feb-11	1700	Co-ordinator - Jerry Roehr - 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.
Zone Evaluation	26-Feb-11	0900	26-Feb-11	1500	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 1 - Total Flying Hours - 2 - Description - Sesqui-annual evaluation of our zone by the Canadian Forces. We must pass this evaluation to be an active zone. We encourage maximum participation. Flying participants must be current.
March					
Overnight Survival Exercise	05-Mar-11	0900	06-Mar-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.
Sector Search Exercise	05-Mar-11	1200	05-Mar-11	1700	Co-ordinator - TBA - No of Aircraft - 3 - Total Flying Hours - 7 - Description - This sector search exercise will include passes over the CASARA Winter Survival Exercise sites.

<b>Navigator Operational Training</b>	<b>08-Mar-11</b>	1900	08-Mar-11	2200	Co-ordinator - Bill Hilash - Description - Practical navigation training for CASARA operations. Open to navs, pilots, and those interested in becoming navigators.
<b>Joint Exercise (Tentative)</b>	<b>11-Mar-11</b>	1900	<b>13-Mar-11</b>	1600	Co-ordinator – Jim Bell - No of Aircraft - 4 - Total Flying Hours - 25 - Description - Joint exercise in a remote location, with participation from other zones. Exercise is dependent upon funding availability. Watch for further updates.

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