

## **A SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR THE CANADIAN RECREATIONAL AVIATION COUNCIL**

The Canadian Recreational Aviation Council is starting a Safety Committee. The initial or provisional Committee composed of Ted Slack, Kathy Lubitz and Gary Wolf, will be focusing on Standard C. Of A. Aircraft under approximately 3200 lbs., aircraft operating on Special C. Of A. (i.e. amateur-built and owner maintenance aircraft), and Ultra light aircraft (both basic and advanced).

The current mandate for the Committee is to collect safety and educational material on the various types of aircraft that would be beneficial to the recreational aircraft community and to make it available at one source; a Safety Committee web site. The Committee will not be publishing any Committee conclusions or opinions on accident related matters.

Typical information which will be available on the website is:

- A Register of recreational aircraft (as outlined in paragraph 1 ) and as obtained from Transport Canada.
- Summaries of recreational aircraft accidents as released by the Transportation Safety Board.
- Published Transportation Safety Board Reports which have significance or educational value to recreational aviation.
- Reference lists of articles, photos, etc. which have been published on the various aircraft and aircraft types.
- Reproduction of published technical articles on various aircraft types.
- Reproduction of published articles of general educational value (i.e. composite technology, riveting, center of gravity limits, etc.)
- Listings for various types of aircraft showing; numbers of aircraft operating on different types of landing gear, number of active and inactive aircraft, average utilization for the various aircraft types.

The Safety Committee work will be carried out by Volunteers and Transport Canada has started the ball rolling by providing office space, office furniture, and phone and e-mail services but there are other expenses such as travel expenses, software, general office supplies etc. The Committee has proposed that it should be funded by Sponsorship from aviation related companies (i.e. aircraft insurance companies, oil companies, airlines, aircraft supply companies, etc.). To approach potential sponsors the Committee needs to be able to demonstrate what it is doing and not just what it plans to do. The Committee estimates that it will take 6 months to develop a system suitable for demonstrating to potential sponsors.

The Committee estimates that it will require \$6,000.– of interim financing to cover travel expenses, software, and miscellaneous expenses until sponsorship money would be available. The Canadian Recreation Aviation Council at their March 7th meeting agreed to ask each organization for a \$250.00 donation to get the Safety Committee up and running. Due to a very tight time schedule at the meeting one of the things which did not get done was to pass a resolution to open a bank account. since the Council will not be meeting again until October the following interim plan is proposed. Cheques should be made payable to Ted Slack and sent to-

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All cheques will be acknowledged by Ted. Ted will maintain a spreadsheet in his computer at Transport Canada headed "CRAC Funds Held In Trust By Ted Slack". This spreadsheet will itemize receipts and disbursements and show a running net balance which will be the amount that Ted is currently holding in trust. Should anything happen to Ted this e-mail and the spreadsheet would show what Ted (or his estate) owed CRAC.