



Alberta Flying Farmers

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I have changed the venue for Bill's Memorial, there will not be room here at Twin Island Airpark in my Hangar - the Memorial will be held at the Alberta Aviation Museum on Kingsway Ave in Edmonton. I hope some of the Flying Farmers can attend.

I hope that some Flying Farmers can go to the 'Hands Across the Border' at Del Bonita on Friday June 17. It is a worthwhile project to keep the airstrip in good shape so light aircraft can cross the border without the hassles at other airports.

My sister Gloria and I were able to take a two week cruise to Alaska the last two weeks of May and back to Vancouver with Princess Cruises. It was wonderful! Unfortunately Gloria was not feeling well and was taken to the hospital in Juneau and Med Evacuated to the Calgary Foothill's Hospital. She was severely anemic and is now undergoing cancer treatment. I will be spending time with her to help her.

We are all getting older and I know other Flying Farmers have had health issues. Helen Wright has resigned as our Treasurer because she is caring for Ron who has had a stroke. We wish them all the best.

We need to have a meeting in order to approve the financial statement so we can send it in so if anyone would like to plan a get together that would be appreciated.

Please note - I will not be having a Fly In at Twin Island on August 20, the Memorial service will be on August 20th at the ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM at 2 PM.

Rosella

Gorden Barber ...

Gorden Barber Celebration of Life

You are invited to join us Sunday July 24, 2022 12:00-4:00PM
Bow Valley Ranche
15979 Bow Bottom Trail SE Calgary

An RSVP is requested by July 14, 2022

403-686 0647 or hrybak@telus.net

Hazel

Del Bonita Flyin ...

Well we are once again at that time of the year where we clean up the boarder air strip at Del Bonita. Thanks to Don Althen we the Alberta Flying Farmers have been involved in the maintenance of the strip since it was commissioned In 1984.

Over the years we have had many good memories of the great relationships that has developed between every one involved. Both Boarder Customs staff have cooperated with the rest of us . The airstrip is operated by Montana Aeronautics Div as H28 (whetstone) USA & CEQ4 (Del Bonita) CAN . They look after the mowing, bring the gopher bombs and big repairs.

Over time we now have 3 pilot groups in assisting the Alberta and Montana Flying Farmers , The AAC (Alberta Aviation Council) and the Montana Pilots Association. Some times we have others that show up just to see what's happening . But like so many of the freedoms that we have enjoyed have slipped away. From 9/11 to co-vid from old age to the economy time and regulation have affected what we do. Last year 2021 we were just starting to recover from the Co-vid for over 2 years our organization has not had a planned meeting so in a way when we had 6 Canadians and 6 Americans arrived to work on the strip it felt good. We all met around 9:45 it was a nice day and had the strip walked and checked out before noon. We had bagged lunches and a visit and could have been on our way home by 1:30.

What we will have attend this year ? If it's cold, windy, and wet, no one!
If it's nice and a few can fly and if the MPA's Michael Vivion's Newsletter our AAC's Bram Tilroe's advertising has any effect we will see more.

As you know Don, Jack and are on the GO- FER committee. Works not much just some easy walking. It's the camaraderie that really matters. The value of keeping this boarder strip up in good shape for GA use and it's vary good ability to ease transiting the Canada / USA Border has really great value.

Wayne

Del Bonita Flyin, cont ...



JOIN AAC Montana Pilots Assoc. & Alberta Flying Farmers for a Work Session

**Annual
Hands Across
the Border
Work Session**

**Friday
June 17, 2022
1000-1400 h**
Del Bonita
Airstrip
CEQ4/H28

The Work . . .

The work entails parties from both sides of the border walking the strip, gopher bombing the gopher holes and filling them in to prevent badgers from digging them out and creating holes big enough to damage aircraft. The fence is checked, poles are replaced if necessary, and grass is mowed. Aircraft from both Montana and Alberta fly in without having to clear customs either way; we are in no man's land and both the Canada Customs Agency and the US Customs and Border Patrol are notified and participate.

BBO & Refreshments

The Flying Farmers of Alberta will be provide refreshments, food and drink.

(bring your tools to fill in the gopher holes)

Pilot information:

When landing at **Del Bonita** you have not entered or departed either country, therefore you can also depart to your country of origin without having to deal with customs.



CEQ4: Whetstone International.
Del Bonita, Alberta, CA
AIP: 807 747 137 847 247 W
Business, Intl: 710 501, 207 617

Flight category: Unknown ZTIS:
Elevation: **4,330' MSL** Clearance:
Pattern altitude: **5,330' MSL (incl.)** Obstacle:
Fuel: MULTICOM: **122.8**
Procedures: **No approaches** App. Dep:

3D View Comments FBOs

Frequency Weather Runways Procedures NOTAMS CTE More

CANADA FLIGHT SUPPLEMENT / GPH 205
Effective 2021-10-01 to 2022-01-01
NOTE: AERODROME/FACILITY DIRECTORY

DEL BONITA / WHETSTONE INTL AB CEQ4

REF	NSG 59 55 511 12 40 34 25 147.5 UNICOM UNICOM 122.8 ASOS	FLYV 4330
QPR	Montana Administrative Division 406-444-2268 Runy	
QURT	ACE/15 88A-228 1277 12.2 406 406 206 2100 18-05 Jun 1-Sep 16 18-1122 Sep 19-May 21	
FLT PLAN	NOTAM FILE CODE Common 800-VIS/800V (Toll free within Canada or 800-541-4102 (Toll free within Canada & USA))	
RWY DATA	Runy 0707R 1200R 448148 TLRP Dir: No way marks 130 both ways.	
COMM	ATIS UNICOM 147.5 QTY 16 122.8 88M 1430 ABL	
CAUTION	Touching areas W of final Runy 07 along extended way continue	

DEL BURNIE / HALL RESSANCE AB (Pvt) CDD1

REF	NSG 14 11 501 12 24 22 4 500 147.5 UNICOM UNICOM 122.8 ASOS ASOS	FLYV 2750
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Del Bonita Flyin, cont ...

HANDS ACROSS the BORDER FLY-IN

DEL BONITA / WHETSTONE INTL AB		CEG4
REF	N48 59 55 W112 46 15 2S 17°E UTC-7(6) Elev 4335' A5005 E-15 E-16	ELEV 4335
QPR	Montana Aeronautics Division 406-444-2506 Reg	
CUST	AOE/15 888-226-7277; U.S. cust 406-336-2130 (DT15-04Z) Jun 1-Sep 15; 16-01Zt Sep 16-May 31	
FLT PLN	NOTAM FILE CYQL Edmonton 866-WXBRIEF	
RWY DATA	Rwy 07/25 4200x60 turf Opr Ltd wth maint	
COMM	ATF unicom ttd hrs O/T tlc 122.8 5NM 7300 ASL	
CAUTION	Twy/prkg area E of thid rwy 25 along extended rwy centreline.	



Del Bonita Airstrip
~~Friday~~ Friday, June 17 2022
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamburger Lunch provided
Potluck for salads & desserts

NOTE: Those driving should park on north side of Canadian Customs Building [Phone # is (403) 758-3613]

INFORMATION FOR LANDING AT THE DEL BONITA AIRSTRIP

*Canadian citizens not planning to continue into Montana
** You will be directed to a special parking place on the Canadian side of the border. You will be asked for your plane call letters and the number of passengers on board.

*Canadian citizens planning to continue into Montana
**ADCUS two hours in advance of landing [Phone # for American Customs at Del Bonita is (406) 336-2130.] Be prepared to give the following information: plane call letters, pilot's name and birth date, call back number, point of departure, names and birth dates of all passengers.

**Use 122.8 for landing advisory. You will park on the American side. When clearing customs, you will be asked for valid pilot's license, valid medical certificate, and proof of citizenship.

Del Bonita Flyin, cont ...

From: btilroe@gmail.com,
To: alth46@aol.com,
Subject: Re: Del Bonita Hands across the border work session Friday June 17, 2022
Date: Wed, Jun 1, 2022 11:26 am

Hi Don Thanks for checking the strip. Karen Speeg and Tim Conway from MT Aeronautics told me yesterday that they will be mowing the strip at least two day before our event. Will you also give Canada Customs folk a heads up. Karen said she will mention it to US CPB Hope we have a good turnout.
Bram



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On Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM <alth46@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Bram nice write up about D B strip i looked at the strip two days ago the badgers had some large holes and piles which i have filled i will check it out again in a few days maybe i will roll it Jack will bring his trailer again.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bram Tilroe <btilroe@gmail.com>
To: Mike Vivion <michael.vivion@gmail.com>; Karen Speeg <kaspeeg@mt.gov>; Tim Conway <tconway@mt.gov>; Don Althen <alth46@aol.com>; Wayne & Terry Wilderman <wj.wilderman@gmail.com>; Scott Althen (CA - ASR) <scott.d.althen@pwc.com>
Sent: Tue, May 31, 2022 2:44 pm
Subject: Del Bonita Hands across the border work session Friday June 17, 2022

Hi Mike, Karen and Tim
Attached is the poster that we are putting out on our social media to promote and encourage participation, please do the same at your end in MT
Looking forward to the event
Bram



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Calendar of Events

Postponed

Alberta Flying Farmers 2022 Convention

June 17, 2022

Del Bonita Fly-in Friday @ 9am–2pm

July 24, 2022

Gorden Barber Celebration of Life
Bow Valley Ranche @ 12pm–4pm

August 20, 2022

Bill Pratt Memorial
ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM @ 2pm

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End in 2022

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