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# *Cloud Nine*

## SASKATOON SOARING CLUB NEWS

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### 2010 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Soaring Club will be held on Sat. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Commercial Pilot Classroom, B-8, Davies Building Kelsey Campus, SIAST. Parking is available in the staff areas on weekends. A notice of meeting has been emailed to current members, but all others interested are welcome to attend. However, only those who have paid the club joining fee and the 2009 membership fee (or the 2010 fee for new members) may vote or run for executive positions.

The annual club winter dinner will be in the Four Seasons dining room, Park town Hotel cocktails at 6, diner 6:30 following the AGM on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Again, members, guests, and others interested in soaring are welcome. Please RSVP John ([j.toles@shaw.ca](mailto:j.toles@shaw.ca)) if you plan to attend.

There are some important items that will be on the agenda including what to do with the available L-33 solo glider currently stored in our hangar. We could purchase it for club use if we get enough commitment to make use of it by members, a member or syndicate of members could buy it for their use, or we could help the current owner sell it to someone outside the club. There has already been one expression of interest for private purchase by a club member.

We also need members to come forward and volunteer to let their names stand for executive positions. Please contact me (John) or any executive member if interested.

### 2009 Season – in Review

In spite of the less than great weather, 2009 was a successful year for the club. The spring was late, summer cool, and the fall hot and windy. Also, KNG was out of service for about two months. However, membership, the number of days flown 44 (38), number of flights 309 (238), club glider hours flown 127 (98), and number of intro flights 37 (35) were all above the five years average (bracketed). This leaves us in a good financial position going in to the new season.

### Towplane

The decision was made late last fall to retain and upgrade QOK. The airframe was carefully inspected and is in good condition, so we are proceeding with the engine rebuild (to 160 hp), new tow hook and release mechanism, cosmetic cleanup, addition of vortex generators on the wing (further reduce stall speed), etc. It should have the run-in time completed and ready to tow for the start of the 2010 season.

Some weekend in Feb we will be calling for volunteers at Mitchinson's hangar in Saskatoon to work on restoring the paint finish. Seventy Seven Signs Ltd is going to design and apply transfers to each side of the fuselage including the club name and a graphic. When completed, QOK should provide safer, quicker tows and look great too! More info at the club AGM.

### New Licensing Format

During the 2010 season, licensed glider pilots will be required by Transport Canada to apply for a new passport type document. It will require a passport photo with the application. Any new licenses will be issued in this format. More info and application forms are available on the TC website [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca) (search Aviation Document Booklet) and at the AGM.

### SAC AGM Weekend

The AGM is in Vernon, BC this year, so hopefully the west will be well represented. SAC members can see pg 5 of the latest Free Flight for details. Ski on the mountain, golf in the valley, fly at the airport, try out the soaring simulators.

### Canadian Nationals Competition

The SAC Nationals will be held in North Battleford from June 15 – 25<sup>th</sup>. The FAI classes provide serious competition, but there will also be a club class similar to the western meet last June. If you're not ready to compete, volunteers for all or parts of the meet are needed. It will be a chance to meet some of Canada's top competition pilots and see world class sailplanes.

Please note my new email address – [j.toles@shaw.ca](mailto:j.toles@shaw.ca) Hope to see you at the club AGM and dinner.