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Blue sky... blue sky ...??

... Wherefore art thou ??

O.K. O.K. This is not a replay. This was the heading on last month's issue of our Newsletter. More than a month has passed since I wrote that heading and there is still not much blue sky to speak of. Well, this Pineapple Express will soon move on to Australia, I hope. I am now back from Malaysia and Borneo after spending a whole month there. The Chinese New Year celebration there was phenomenal. The food was superb, and the hospitality, second to none. I am tempted to live there half the time but I will seriously miss riding my Harley and will definitely miss flying my plane there. Even with special Ministerial passes to fly the "friendly" sky there, the airspace and scenery are limited. Miles and miles of Jungles, and boring

beaches <grin> :) with not a soul on them. Great for sea turtles and amphibians (yeah, the wheel kind too).

Malaysian Airline system and the government air services own the sky there totally unlike our free skies and the navigational privileges here. I will never again whine about how Nav Canada is not providing the services we want. I kissed the ground upon my return to Canadian soil. Over and over again I must say we live in the best country in the whole wide world. Freedom rules !! Some wise guy once said, we don't know what we miss 'till it is taken from us. How true. I could not wait to get back in my own Cessna to fly the first clear day here and I did it this week on Wednesday and what a glorious, joyous occasion that was. Halleluiah!

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Yours truly, Erissa

Here is me, attending a traditional Chinese New Year Celebration in Kuching, Malaysia. Note that the Lion dance is a must event for auspicious occasions. I am wearing a "Nyonya Kabaya" which is a native costume of Chinese Malay women in Borneo. Mine is hand embroidered by a 75-year-old woman who made it in the "Orang Asli" (not "Orang-utan") way. ("Orang Asli" means person of the natural land, while "Orang-utan" means person of the jungle, as in the relative of the Sasquatch). I was a guest of honor.





Molly's Corner (Molly is a life-time member)

Well, our dear member, **Peter Olivieri** is at it again. He has taken to going to exotic places to fly in ill-maintained planes (just a joke I hope). He was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for 2 weeks in January to fly because it was too wet to fly here ... and here is his sojourn. Brave man ! **Molly** is playing Barbara Walters again. Way to go, Molly !!

Peter: "Molly, why, every time you call me for an interview, do you ask me to bring a bottle of wine? In Italy we say "WINO VERITAS" which means that

wine makes you speak the truth. Do you want to make sure I speak the truth?"

Molly: "Ha! Ha! tell me Peter, where have you been?"

Peter: "I went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico."

Molly: "What did you do there besides looking for the sun?"

Peter: "Molly, you should have been with me there, first I went to the airport, asking if there is any Flying Center, or Club. I was told there is no such thing, but if I pay \$300.00 US I can go up for an hour with an instructor from a Charter Company called : "Aerotron Hangar," so we stepped on to the aircraft below:

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Aviation Humour

The average Navy Pilot despite the sometimes swaggering exterior, is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy and caring. These feelings just don't involve anyone else.

Fly-ins..... Fly-outs.....

Check out these websites for fly-in and fly-out dates at :

www.copanational.org

And **www.aopa.com** And

www.cobaltaviation.com

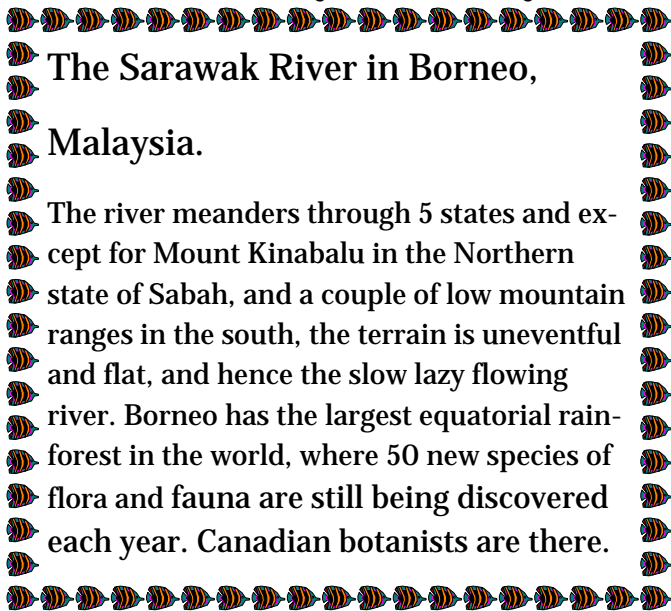
Anyone going to ...???. fly out?

1) Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, Lakeland, Florida. (LAL) April 17-23, 2007

2) Arlington EAA Fly-In, Arlington, Washington. (AWO) July 11-15, 2007

3) EAA AirVenture OSHKOSH, Wittman Regional Airport (OSH) July-23-29, 2007

(Now, that's a fly-out... Way out)!

 The Sarawak River in Borneo, Malaysia. The river meanders through 5 states and except for Mount Kinabalu in the Northern state of Sabah, and a couple of low mountain ranges in the south, the terrain is uneventful and flat, and hence the slow lazy flowing river. Borneo has the largest equatorial rain-forest in the world, where 50 new species of flora and fauna are still being discovered each year. Canadian botanists are there.





Member's Meow:

That's *Horst Romani*, a club member getting a Check ride in a C172. The smile says it all.

A check ride is a great idea to refresh your smiles !!

A check ride is a great way to polish your skills (as in stalls and spin avoidance).

A checkride is a great way to brush up on your communication and navigation knowledge.



Message from the President:

This time of the year has to be the best. I know it snows and rains now and then and the wind even blows. But... the days are getting longer, it is getting warmer, officially spring will be announced this week and it is going to continue to get better. Very soon every day will be a flying day.

As for our Club, the future looks very promising. We have a commitment from the Airport that our building lease will get a long-term renewal. There are a few conditions to the renewal, namely that the building be sound, electrical in good shape and the installation of a monitored fire alarm system. We will want to spruce up the outside of our building so we can be proud of our site. Maybe we want to do the painting ourselves? Any suggestions as to the colour schemes?

Discussions are underway to relocate the fuel facility onto our building site property. It is mutually agreed that the Lease for the fuel facility will be terminated when our equipment is removed. Perhaps the sooner we do this the better. We don't want to do this when fuel sales are at their best.

Upgrading the electrical will be timely and will fit right in with such a move. Watch our Newsletter for future developments.

Jim Zeilstra





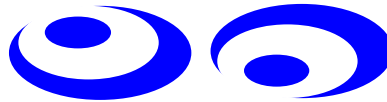
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Happy Easter folks.



Anyone interested in organizing and helping, or joining in, an EASTER EGG (eggs) hunt event at the Club-house on April 8th, 2007 please let Jim or Erissa know. It would be fun to be young again !!! ...

Fuel sale and Hotdog day is the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Molly's Flying (from page 2)



A Maule M-7-235, 180 HP, called XB-HHS

Now, I got to use the right seat. I felt comfortable there. We took off from Puerto Vallarta International Airport, over the ocean. We flew over the harbor, and then did a few touch and goes. The plane was very smooth, and stable enough for "no hands." The touch and go's were a bit tricky, as I have not flown tail-draggers for a long time, but I managed.

Molly: "What else did you do that is exciting?"

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Molly's Flying (from page 4)...

Peter: With the same Company we toured San Sebastian. This was a big mining town years ago, of 20,000 people. Only about 600 are there now. It is considered a Colonial Treasure, located in a valley of the Sierra Madre Mountains at over 4,200 ft. elevation.

I took a plane for \$170.00 US, a 15 minute flight. The option was a bus for an hour and a half. Now which one would you have chosen?



The Captain again gave me the right seat. The runway is about 2,500 ft. on a slope that has a 270-foot difference between the approach threshold of 3,950, and the top of 4,220. Take off downhill and land uphill.

What do you think of this one?

**This one is a Cessna 208 Caravan
675 HP, Turbo-Prop 12**

**San Sebastian Airport North of
Puerto Vallarto**

**(uphill to land, downhill to take
off).**



Molly: "Now Peter on your flying repertoire, you can add Mexico."

Peter: "Yes Molly, and I have other flying adventures that I would like to tell you."

Molly: "Peter, I am sorry but I have to stop here because Erissa needs room for other adventures."

Peter: "Molly, if you like we can meet again soon, with another bottle of wine and more apple pie."

Molly: "I'm proud of your air accomplishments. You're smart and adventurous Peter, and good looking too!"

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The Aero Club of B.C. is celebrating the 92nd Anniversary with a FLY-IN August 11&12, 2007, in conjunction with Pitt Meadows Airport Day.

Our theme of the year: TIGER MOTH

Camping under the wings is available. No parking or landing fee. Fuel discount LL 100. Saturday 11th at noon, free light lunch for the participants of the Fly-In with distribution of trophies to every Tiger Moth and for different categories of aircraft and pilots. Free Cap and T-Shirt to all the pilot participants. Pool Table tournament in the afternoon. Pot Luck Dinner at 18:00 hours, at the Club House (free for Fly-In guests). Hangar Dance with Bruce Orchestra at 20:00 hours for \$17.50. On Sunday the 12th – From 08:00 Runway (Marathon with prizes), Gliding activities, Sky diving, static displays, and Ultra Light Aircraft. Children free flight (Young Eagles). Heritage aircrafts. Kid's mini-airplanes ride (Kiddies Squadron), Car Show. Dynamic & static displays. Fire/Police. Air Cadets. Canadian Museum of Flight. Casera (Search & Rescue.) Model Flying Club. Concession and restaurant open all day. Lots of food and fun for everyone. For registration and up-to-date information please check the Aero Club Web site: aeroclubofbc.ca or phone Peter: 604-465-8817.

From :

Peter Olivieri.

That's a Tiger Moth >>>

