

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES FLYING ASSOCIATION



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS - JULY 2026

NWTFA News and Updates...



AGM and BBQ/Potluck

Join NWTFA on July 22, 2026 for smokies and potluck followed by our annual general meeting.



Recent Events

NWTFA recently sponsored wildlife awareness training and hosted a "Discover GA" event.



Fly-Out Picnic at Ghost Lake

Join NWTFA on August 12, 2026 for a floatplane fly-out picnic at Ghost Lake.



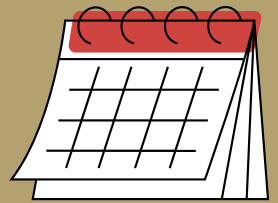
Avionics Installations/Maintenance

Avionics services are now available for general aviation aircraft in Yellowknife!



News from COPA National

Updates from COPA National include advocacy initiatives and new member benefits.



Summer 2026 Events...

AGM and
BBQ/Potluck
July 22, 2026
RSVP Now

Fly-Out Picnic
(Ghost Lake)
August 12, 2026



Read on for more details and info relevant to general aviation in the NWT...



**2026 Annual General Meeting
Yellowknife, NT
Wednesday, July 22, 2026**



Northwest Territories Flying Association (COPA Flight 108)

AGM and BBQ/Potluck

Northwest Territories Flying Association/COPA 108 members and their family/guests are invited to the 2026 Annual General Meeting and BBQ/Potluck:

Wednesday, July 22, 2026
125 Dagenais Drive, Yellowknife, NT
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Burgers and water/juice provided by NWTFA
Bring a salad, snack or dessert to share

The AGM will include reports from the president and treasurer, year-end financial statements, and election of directors. The positions of Vice-President and Directors-at-Large (2) are due for election for 2-year terms. If you're interested in becoming a director, please reach out to Kevin Brezinski at 867-920-7606 or kevinb@theedge.ca.

General aviation in the Northwest Territories is facing both opportunities and challenges with transformation on the horizon for the Yellowknife airport, pending regulatory changes affecting aircraft owners, and increasing numbers of local and visiting pilots/aircraft. NWTFA must maintain a strong voice to represent and grow general aviation. Robust membership is critical so your participation is encouraged.



RSVP by July 20, 2026 so we can plan for enough food!





Wildlife Awareness Training

Arctic Response Canada delivered Wildlife Awareness training for NWTFA on May 9, 2026. Participants from NWTFA and CASARA learned about wildlife behaviour and best practices for avoidance and survival of wildlife encounters.

This training was subsidized by NWTFA using proceeds from our past fundraising events. Feedback from participants was positive with everyone feeling more confident in their ability to react appropriately to wildlife encounters.

Ideas for future training to support member activities are always welcome!

Discover General Aviation

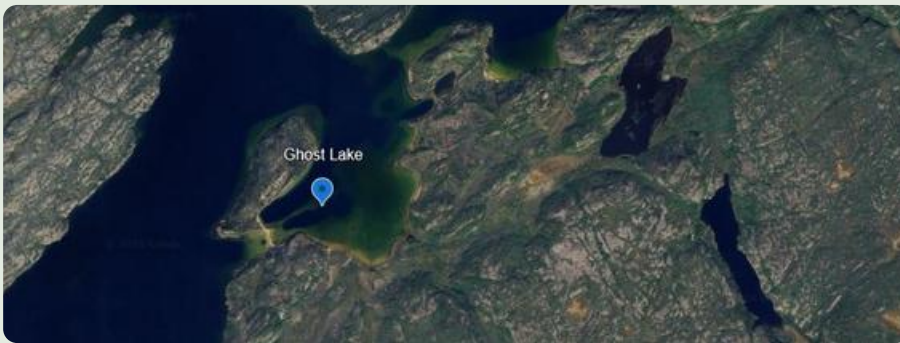
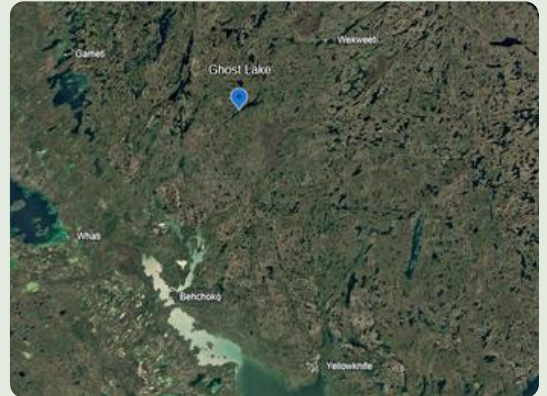
NWTFA hosted another successful Discover General Aviation seminar on June 13, 2026. Through a detailed presentation developed by NWTFA, 11 aspiring pilots were introduced to private pilot training and aircraft ownership. Following the seminar, participants were treated to introductory flights either on wheels or floats.

NWTFA extends appreciation to Kevin Brezinski, Mason Elwood, Cynthia Levy and Dave Taylor for delivery of the seminar and to Shawn Maley, Jeff Anderson, Larry Innes, Scott Robertson and Kevin Brezinski for volunteering their time and aircraft for the flights.



Fly-Out Picnic: Ghost Lake

NWFTA is planning a floatplane fly-out picnic at Ghost Lake on August 12, 2026. The location is 86 NM from Yellowknife on the 330° radial (53°49'00"N, 115°14'32"W). We'll have lunch on the beach and check out a potential camping site. Stay tuned for final details closer to the date.



YZF Practice Area

NAV CANADA advises that an informal practice area has been established this summer to support flight training being delivered by Super T Aviation for students in the St. Pat's High School aviation program. The practice area has not been published and a dedicated frequency has not been assigned. The practice area is just to the west of the YZF control zone and located between the highway and the shoreline of Great Slave Lake as depicted below. CASARA is conducting drone training in the same area.



Avionics Services

NWTFA is excited to report that avionics services are now available for general aviation aircraft in Yellowknife! Denis Ranque of Compass Avionics has obtained Transport Canada approval as an AMO and is ready to help pilots with avionics installations, servicing and troubleshooting.

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NWTFA Visitor Floatplane Dock

The NWTFA visitor dock is in the water at Ahmic Air and on standby to welcome floatplanes and pilots to Yellowknife. 100LL avgas is available onsite from Ahmic Air. For more information and online dock reservations, visit <https://www.flyingnwt.com/visitor dock.html>.

COPA Flight 108
Northwest Territories Flying Association
invites you to...

Explore
Northwest Territories
by Air

A photograph showing several floatplanes moored at a wooden dock on a body of water, with a forested shoreline in the background.

Visitor floatplane dock available in
Yellowknife during open water season

Aircraft maintenance services and 100 LL
available at CEN9 waterdrome and YZF airport

For more information... www.flyingnwt.com



Tie-Downs at YZF

YZF airport is continuing installation of tie-downs for aircraft parking on KILO. Tie-down rings embedded into the ground were added to several visitor parking stalls last year. Testing is now underway for a system using chain bolted through anchors so that aircraft can tie down at any position.



Flying in Smoky Conditions

Wildfire smoke is common throughout the Northwest Territories in summer and creates challenging flying conditions. Visibility can change rapidly posing sudden danger for VFR pilots. Read this [BackcountryPilot](#) article for "9 Things Backcountry Pilots Learned from Flying in Smoke".



Remote Weather Forecasts

Weatheradio Canada service was permanently discontinued by Environment and Climate Change Canada on March 16, 2026. For pilots seeking weather updates and forecasts while out in the bush, various services offer weather forecasts via satellite SMS messaging.



NWTFA members have tested [BoltWX](#) outside of Yellowknife internet/cell range and initial indications are that the service is functional and reliable. A simple satellite text message including GPS coordinates bounces back a text providing a weather forecast for your location.

Member Spotlight: Len Smith

NWFTA congratulates Len Smith on his well-earned retirement following 40 years as the only full-time ophthalmologist in the Northwest Territories. Read more in this [Cabin Radio](#) article about Len's valuable contributions to eyecare in the North.

NWFTA wishes Len all the best in retirement. We hope he enjoys many more adventures flying around the Yellowknife area in C-FARW.



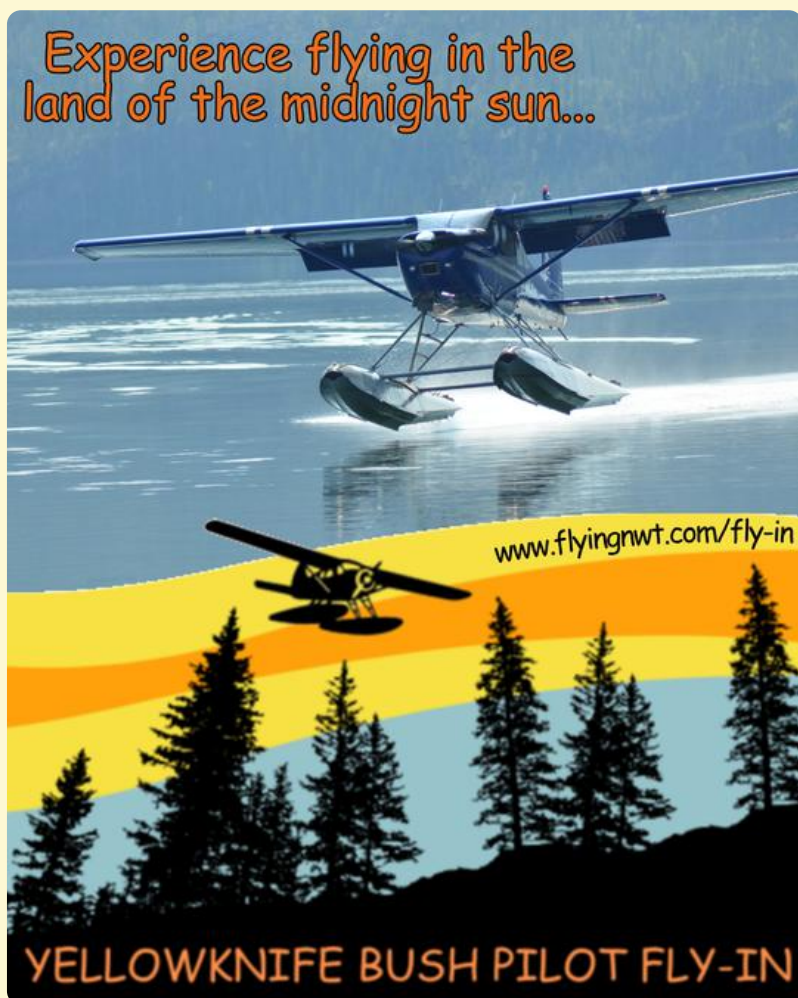
COPA National: "A Year in Review June 2025-2026"



The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA National) outlines its activities and advocacy over the past year in "A Year in Review June 2025-2026".

2027 Yellowknife Bush Pilot Fly-In

NWTFA anticipates hosting our next Yellowknife Bush Pilot Fly-In in July 2027. Ideas for the Fly-In and feedback from previous visitors would be helpful and can be sent to flyingnwt@gmail.com.



COPA Member Benefits

Membership in COPA National* provides access to a wide range of member benefits and savings designed for the general aviation community.

The newest member benefit is a 15% discount on most online purchases from Hammond Aviation.

* COPA National and NWTFA (COPA Flight 108) memberships are separate.

Send us your Photos!

NWTFA loves aircraft and flying picture! Photos can be submitted to flyingnwt@gmail.com.

