

## ZONE 4 NEWS

SAREX April 8, 2006  
TransWest Cafeteria  
09:00 to 15:00

At this time the weather for flying looks good and if that holds we will have four aircraft ready to go. To maximize the training dollars we will be flying only full crew flights of approximately one and one-half hour duration. We will be utilizing the Nav Training Search Charts worked out in February as this will facilitate into-the-air and turn-around times.

In addition, our First Responders Ground Search Co-coordinator, George Bihun, will be setting up shop, assessing our equipment and needs, and then starting training in this very important area.

Assisting George this Saturday will be Don Dunk, recently retired RCMP Sergeant.  
Thank you Don.

All those who have expressed an interest in this area or are interested now, please advise your wishes. This part of CASARA does not exclude you from the flying portion. The more people we have trained in all areas of our function, the more valuable and effective a resource we will become.

On the close-in agenda, we would like to send one plane and crew to the "SAREDKINS SAREX" being held in Lac La Biche May 5 - 6 - 7. Please advise this Saturday if you are available. On this same date, my plane is scheduled to be in Stoney Rapids for Navigation and Spotter Training. Along with Zone 2 members, we will conduct the training.

May 26, 27, 28 is the date for the Joint Military 435 Squadron and CASARA exercise. We would like to send one plane and full crew, something we have not done before.  
Please advise your interest and availability.

In the long range, At the Provincial AGM in Saskatoon this past weekend, attended by our Provincial Directors - Kobus Steyn and Dan Haugen, plus myself, we were asked to hold the "WESTERN CANADA SAREX" in 2007.

Based on Zone 4's enthusiastic, tentative approval one year ago, we accepted. This will mean a lot of work for our Zone, but will also be a lot of fun and we certainly have the people to put on an exercise second to none.

Despite the poor timing (July 1st Weekend), the similar event in The Pas, Manitoba, this year will be a must for as many of us as possible, even if we go by canoe!

LaRonge Zone 2 are holding their AGM on Sunday, April 27, and would like two planes with Pilots only. An indication from those available by return email would be appreciated.

One other event coming up is our EVAL, tentatively scheduled for October 4, 2006.

Another change - Our full-scale simulated search will be on June 9 - 10 weekend, not May 13. This will start Friday evening 19:00 hours and continue through most of Saturday. Not everyone will be involved for the full time. Most of the exercise will be conducted on Saturday.

All of this long epistle is intended to stop me from wasting valuable flying time this Saturday.

Bill