

# Info Feature: It's the off season

## But it is the time we learn & make ourselves better

We've prepared this newsy letter to give you the latest AG Industry information we have come across, enjoy.

time sensitive!

### Hemisphere GPS

We've just returned from the Annual Dealer Meeting & Training Session. Hemisphere will be soon releasing their newest generation GPS Product.

Beta Units are out there working and first reports are very favourable.

Windows XP embedded, bigger processor, more memory are all good! Applications coming with the new product in the future include Street Mapping, Weather, Imagery, Tracking—to name a few!

Screens are brighter (and dimmer) & perhaps best of all, metal connectors are back!

More information coming but don't hesitate to call to learn more!

### Google Earth

Saskatchewan Pesticide Regulator Allan Bakke spoke at the SAAA recently to illustrate how GPS log files can be interfaced with Google Earth. From a regulator point of view Allan believes the ability for an operator to not only show but also prove where he has flown will go a long way in dealing with complaints and improving the perception of the Ag Air Industry. He encouraged operators to log "all the time", right from takeoff. He cited the example of a constant complaint that an ag plane was flying over the house "all day". Using the operator's log file to visually show the complainant the aircraft's flight path from take off, during work, to landing in relation to the house's location on that day quickly dismissed the allegation.

The use of this tool for drift complaints and operator management are just two more examples this utility provides.

We have the Google Earth utility here for SATLOC GPS users. It is FREE! Call or email and we will get it to you!

### Canvassing Interest

Could you use a couple of hours with Cheryl? Ok, I am just trying to get your attention! I am considering delivering a basic course on GPS to our customers. Topics may include quick troubleshoot tips, a review of new software, the new Google utility, a Flow Control review, using Mapstar for looking at log files etc. If there is enough interest we will look at perhaps hosting a learning session at the CAAA. If this interests you please email me or call.

### 3 Credits Available, we host sessions too

This Friday October 30th we are hosting 2 sessions for a total of 3 credits in Yorkton at the Comfort Inn. Sessions are delivered on a break even basis (costs are divided amongst participants.) Both sessions are being delivered by Roger Beebe, former TC Regional Director:

1. Dealing with the Regulator (2 Regulations Credit)
2. Human Factors (1 Health & Safety Credit)

Call Nancy at our office with inquiries or to register.

### Transland designing new Firegate!

The Bombay model is a 2-door system (run from nose to tail), it has achieved a level 6 drop pattern from an AT802!

### Laser Altimeters Interface with GPS

You may not think you need to know how high you are above canopy in standard crop spraying (vs forestry) but it can be a tremendous safety tool especially when flying at dusk or if you have a new pilot in your aircraft. We will be able to interface this technology with your GPS, making that info available to you right on the GPS screen. Think about it!

### The SATLOC M3 Goes USB

Tired of fighting with old PCMCIA cards? A USB upgrade to the CPU with remote install is now available. No more card hassles, increase your memory storage capability too!

### Calling all Air Stars & Forest Stars

We are assembling a list of old units out there still in use. We want to find some parts & talk to you about trade in time. It's amazing how long these units have kept working isn't it!

### Upcoming Shows

See you in **Red Deer**—November 9 & 10

See you at the **NAAA**—December 7—10 and yes, we can take orders at the NAAA if buying there is more convenient for you than the CAAA. Supporting Canada strengthens the whole Canadian industry.

### Air Bags Save Lives

Just a reminder that the \$200 US rebate program for Air Bag installs expires Dec 30th



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