

Your Day At Hope

Preparation of the gliders usually starts prior to 09:00. At 10:00 pilots, instructors and students meet for a pilots' briefing. At this time the allocation of planes and instructors takes place. Throughout your training you will participate in these daily briefings.

After the pilots' briefing, flying commences and continues until late in the day.

The nature of our sport requires an emphasis on group effort and assistance. The club expects members to actively participate in the various aspects of flight operations. We are a volunteer organization and we all help each other, learn from each other and support each other. A club like ours is a group effort. This results in lower fees than commercial operations.

Many members stay overnight camping by the Club House or staying in town. This results in the camaraderie of shared mealtimes and 'hangar flying', both of which provide entertainment and education. Our Club House has a full "double" kitchen, barbecue, three washrooms with showers and a lounge area.

For a list of nearby overnight accommodation, contact:

Hope Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 1-604-869-2021



Powerful Towplanes (Birdog)



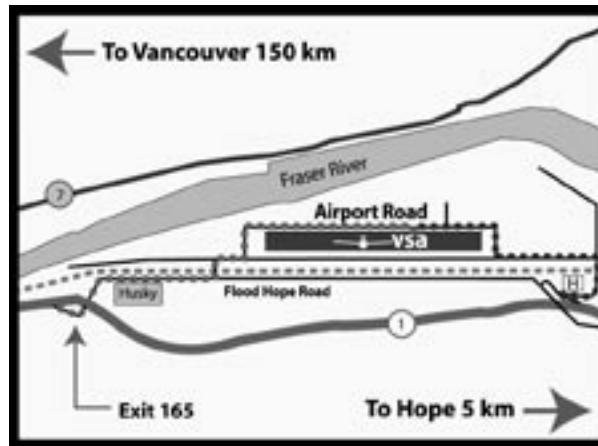
Proven training gliders
for basic training



Performance two-seater
for advanced training



Performance single seater



This is how you will find us

Fulfill Your Dream

For centuries mans' imagination has been sparked by the mystery of flight, fascinated by the eagle's ability to soar effortlessly high in the sky above us. Soaring pilots do not envy the eagles, they fly with them! Share this unique experience with us!

Single Introductory Flight - \$120*

5 Flight Introductory Instructional Package - \$425*
(* 2006 Prices)

If you select the Single Introductory Flight you will receive a 20 - 30 minute flight that will allow you to experience the magic of soaring.

Selecting the Five Flight Introductory Package offers you the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of soaring with hands-on involvement. Experienced instructors, licensed by Transport Canada, will introduce you to the glider and its safe operation both on the ground and in the air. You will learn about the sport and feel the shared enthusiasm of our members. You will feel the freedom of flight that is rivalled only by birds - silent and free! When your instructor feels you are ready, you will be encouraged to take-over the controls and thus, you become a pilot.

We guarantee that this is an experience you will never forget. You will come away with such memories that those who stayed behind wished they had gone before. We feel confident that you will be so excited that you will return for more fulfilling experiences.

Soaring

Experience Motorless Flight!



visit the
**Vancouver Soaring
Association**
at the
Hope Airport

Learn to Fly Become a Licensed Pilot

We invite you to join in the sport of flying gliders. We will teach you the art of soaring and instruct you in the necessary skills to become a licensed glider pilot.

The soaring season is from March until the end of October. Throughout the season we offer complete training courses at affordable rates. These courses will take you to your first solo flight and onto being a licensed glider pilot.

We also offer Ground School courses which will prepare you for your Transport Canada written glider pilot exam. Because all instruction is given voluntarily by members, who are qualified instructors, Ground School costs are minimal.

Training and solo flying can begin as early as 14 years of age while licenses are issued at any age after 16. Age is not a limitation. Barring any serious medical condition, medical certification is easily obtained.

Soaring is a wonderfully exciting sport for young and old alike. If you have the desire to fly, then you will fly.



The Club fleet - you too can learn to fly these ships.

About Our Programs

Pre-Season: March
Start of Season: First Weekend in April
End of Season: Last Weekend in October

We fly weekends and holidays from April to October, weather permitting.

- Single Introductory Flight
- 5 Flight Introductory Instructional Package
- Full Training Courses
- One Week Training Packages
- Hope Student Camp
- Conversion From 'Power'
- Mountain Wave Flying
- Cross Country Flying
- Away Camps
- Ground School
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Radio Licensing

Hope, BC has been the preferred soaring site for our Base of Operations since 1966. It is unique with hill, ridge and mountain topography. Its proximity to Vancouver has provided countless people of all ages and backgrounds with the opportunity to experience soaring. Come and enjoy scenic Hope, the vast experience of our Club members, instructors and the excellent soaring conditions in the Hope area.

We hope that our programs and amenities interest you, your friends and your family and that we will see you out at Hope Airport in the near future.

*Come and fulfill your dream....
Come soar with the eagles*

For additional information, please contact us at:

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Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X9
Phone: 1-604-869.7211

Website: www.vsa.ca (Vancouver Soaring Association)
www.sac.ca (Soaring Association of Canada)

Coordinates: N49-22-06 W121-29-53
ATF 123.30 - Elev 128'

And you may find us at altitudes as high as 12,500'



Bring your tent or camper van and stay overnight

What's Next ? Life After Solo

Since "practice makes perfect," you'll want to fly a lot. With the expert help of others, working towards fulfilling the Bronze Badge requirements is the next step. After the Bronze Badge, you might want to move onto the Silver Badge, National Championships, Gold Badge, and diamonds. Speak to any of the Club's experienced pilots for details. And join us at the annual awards dinner where you may be one of the recipients of many VSA soaring awards.

Once you are an experienced pilot you may want to give back to the students the benefit of your expertise by becoming a flight instructor. In this area, too, you will find support. Then there is Ground School and winter maintenance. As you can see, VSA has much to offer to you, your friends and your family.

Membership in the VSA has many advantages!

For further membership details, please contact our Membership Director at 1-604-869.7211 or come out and visit us at Hope Airport.

*Vancouver Soaring Association is a member of:
BC Soaring Society
Soaring Association of Canada*