



NEWS AND VIEWS

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Items to Note!

1. Next COPA 26 Meeting is Tuesday Sept 8, 2026.
2. The next Pilot Decision Making (PDM) Zoom Workshop is Wednesday September 2, 2026. To join, send an email to cykf.pilotworkshop@gmail.com.

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WELCOME!

Well with weather like we had in June there's no excuse not to go flying! So get out there and enjoy your (expensive) hobby!

And speaking of places to fly, this edition highlights my Bancroft pancake breakfast flight with a friend a few short years ago - so now you have a destination to check out!

Fly-Outs and Aviation Events!

Here are more coming events on the horizon. There are lots of choices - hope to see some of you there!

July 12, 2026. Bancroft annual fly-in pancake breakfast and BBQ (Sunday). Hosted at the Bancroft Community Airport (CNW3), featuring live music, an expanded vendor market, antique cars, static aircraft, and scenic local sightseeing flights (Rain Date: July 19).

Military Heritage Fly Day (Tillsonburg Ontario - CYTB) on July 18, 2026. Hosted by the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association, this outdoor open house lets you see vintage military aircraft up close.

August 29, 2026. Warbird Fly-In (Saturday). Held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at the Hamilton Airport (CYHM). This gathering features vintage military aircraft like the Spitfire, Mustang and Chipmunk rather than a formal airshow performance.

Canadian International Air Show (August 29-31, 2026). Running during the final 3 days of the CNE in Toronto, featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds (final appearance) and vintage aircraft appearances by the Edenvale Classic Aircraft Foundation.

Tiger Boys Open House (September 18-20, 2026). Come on out to see vintage aircraft (static and flying), check out the hangar museum and enjoy refreshments!

Fall Colours Fly-In (Saturday Sept 26, 2026). Hosted at the Stanhope Municipal Airport (CND4) in Algonquin Highlands. Pilots fly in to enjoy the autumn foliage, antique cars, and model aircraft displays.

GADGET CORNER

(Editor): Recently saw this in my copy of Canadian Aviator. Just when you thought you had everything! If you have the baggage capacity this might be useful....



Electric Scooter

Have you ever flown to a distant airport only to discover there is no rideshare or taxi service into town? Or have you decided against exploring a rural airport for that reason? Why not purchase an electric scooter (or two)? Segway-Ninebot, a merger of the famous U.S. company and China-based Ninebot, offers a line of eKickScooters that have great power and endurance, and are foldable such that they easily fit into small aircraft. Several different models are on offer, ranging in price from about C\$270 to C\$1,300.

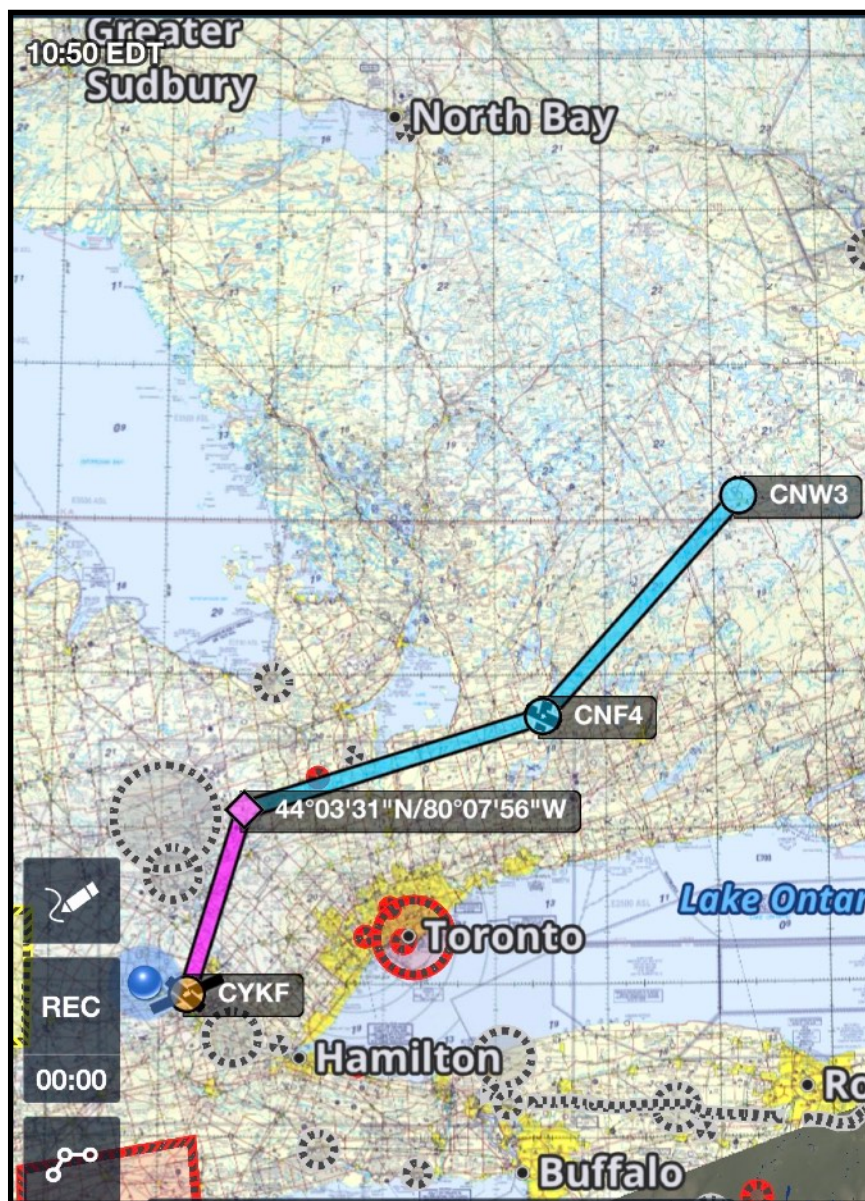
Learn more at [segway.com](https://www.segway.com). Available from [bestbuy.ca](https://www.bestbuy.ca).

Visiting Bancroft (CNW3) for Breakfast!

Well, this had been on my bucket list for a few years. Several attempts were made to attend but were foiled by either challenging weather or other commitments.

Then in July 2022 the stars aligned, weather was good, and my chance came.

Here are the highlights from the trip, including some preparation advice, as well as some suggestions on the approach and departure.



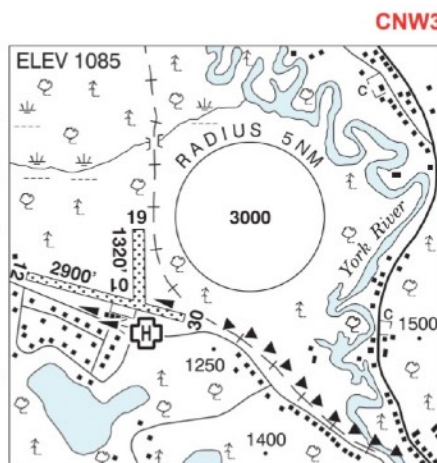
Preparation

I picked a scenic country route that generally avoided Toronto airspace, provided a nice view of Lake Simcoe, avoided para-jumping areas, and enabled a fuel stop at Lindsay (CNF4), which of course is optional.

The flight distance shown was 156 NM, and about 1.6 hours of flight time in the Zenith. With the optional fuel stop, you can plan a flight time of about 2.0 hr each way if filing a flight plan.

Fuel is available at Bancroft. Runway 12/30 is the longest (2900 ft) with compacted gravel and grass. Runway 01/19 is much shorter (1320 ft) and grassed. Unicom is 122.8. Due to the hilly terrain surrounding the airport, it is important to adhere to the CFS recommended procedures for departure and arrival, as noted below.

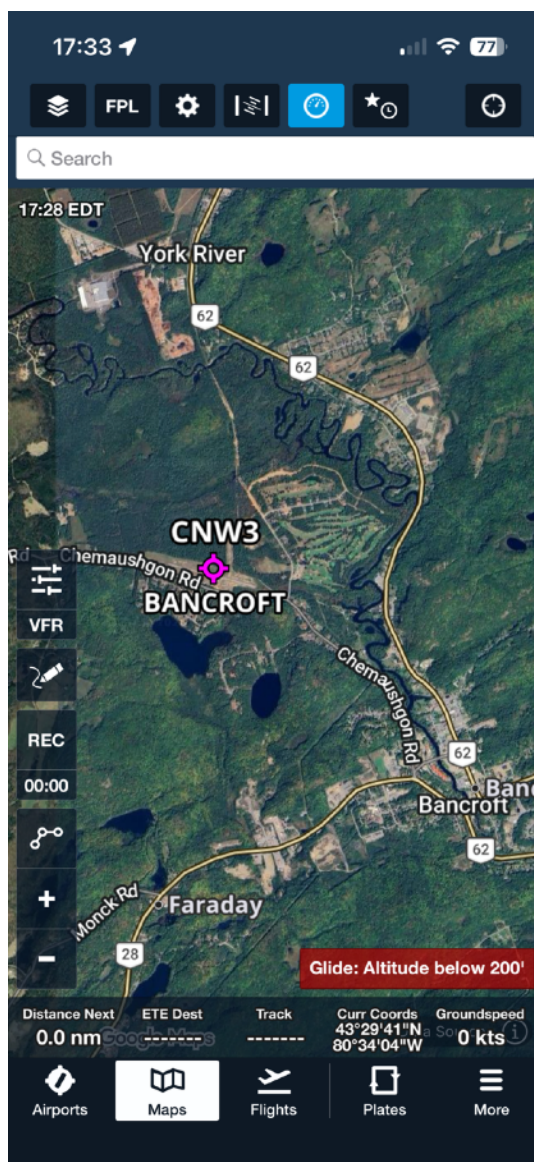
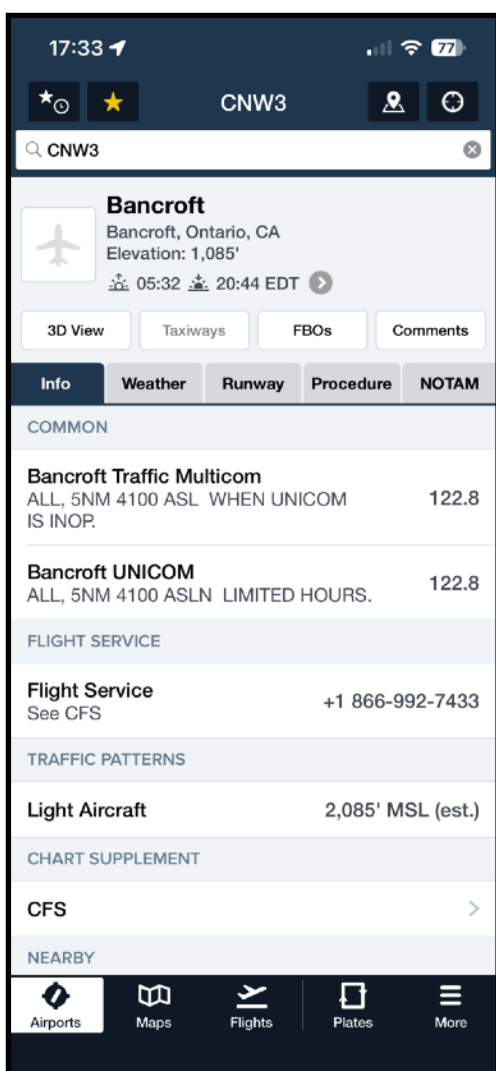
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OPR	Bancroft Flying Club 613-332-1446 Eric Tingey (APM) 705-991-3190 Reg
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FLT PLN	
FIC	London 866-WXBRIEF (Toll free within Canada) or 866-541-4104 (Toll free within Canada & USA)
WX	WxCam
SERVICES	Check with opr for availability of svcs
FUEL	100LL, JA-1
OIL	X/C 20W50, 80, W80 plus
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COMM	
ATF	UNICOM ltd hrs O/T tfc 122.8 5NM 4100 ASL
PRO	Dep rwy 12: Straight-out rstd to acft capable of climb of 700'/NM. Other acft follow dep route SE along river to safe alt. Restriction due to hi terrain 1500 ASL on apch Rwy 30/dep Rwy 12.



Approach

The airport is located about 2.5 NM northwest of Bancroft, and in a valley between the hills. I recommend crossing over the field at circuit height plus 500 ft (2600 ft asl) to evaluate the field conditions, wind sock, and traffic activity, then do the turn-around for the cross-over and downwind on the active runway. At this particular event, if the weather is good, a lot of aircraft show up, so be vigilant during all phases of the approach and landing (ie. head on a swivel OUTSIDE the cockpit).

On our approach that day, we ended up going around twice due to taxiing aircraft taking off. After the 2nd go-around we made a radio call asking aircraft to wait so that we (and other aircraft in trail) could land. Don't let that deter you - it works out in the end, just be patient.



Bancroft Airport



Hilly Terrain on Approach with the Airport Nestled in the middle



Town of Bancroft



Looking toward Runway 30 approach. Note the dust from the gravel sections. Be aware of this, and avoid any run-up near the gravel. Note also the hilly terrain. When departing Runway 12 towards these hills, you can climb straight out if your aircraft performance enables it - otherwise follow the CFS recommendation to make a right turn and follow the valley on the departure.



My Zenith safely parked at Bancroft!



My friend Hojae, who is currently flying the Airbus A320 for Air Canada



Great live entertainment, plus delicious pancake breakfast with all the fixins..!



Departing Bancroft - Worth the Visit!

Coming Next:

Flying to Gatineau Quebec for Golf and Museums!