

BLOGGING 101

(& OTHER TECHNICAL STUFF)

WITH TAMMY

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

“CHANGE IS GOOD, DONKEY.”

Shrek

AGENDA

1. Context for Change
2. Current club technologies

- ▶ [Wordpress blog](#)
- ▶ [Flickr](#) photo sharing
- ▶ Wild Apricot - [current membership directory](#)
- ▶ [Eventbrite](#)

3. Blog vs. Website - What's the Difference?

4. How to Participate?

- ▶ *Questions/discussion/applications throughout . . .*

1. CONTEXT FOR CHANGE

LIMITATIONS OF 2011 WEBSITE

- ▶ static - single administrator, shared leadership difficult
- ▶ navigation complex
- ▶ focus on *COPA Flight 10*, less room for *RAA 4901* and *PPAC* interests
- ▶ curation of club photos challenging

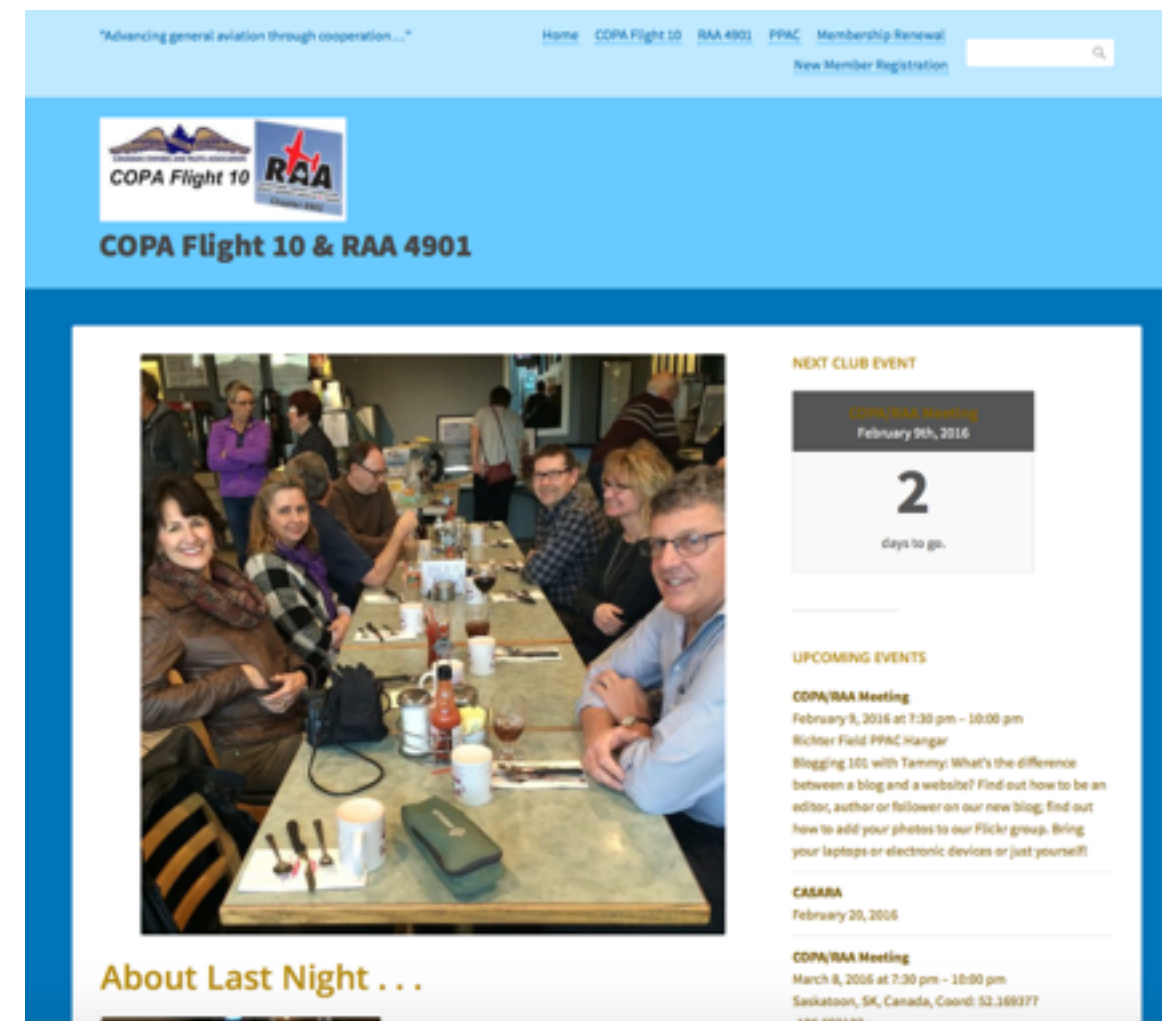
TIMING

- ▶ *COPA Flight 10* website expired January 29, 2016 - cost had doubled!
- ▶ Cory Cox had idea of Wordpress blog ...

2. CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES

COPA FLIGHT 10 & RAA 4901 BLOG

- ▶ title and domain better reflect who we are - www.copasaskatoonraa.com
- ▶ **HOME PAGE** with blog posts - information for everyone - latest news is at the top of the page
- ▶ **MEMBERS ONLY LINKS** at footer of pages link members to club [Flickr group](#) and [PPAC Wild Apricot directory](#)
- ▶ **STATIC PAGES** for separate organizations ([COPA Flight 10](#), [RAA 4901](#) and [PPAC](#); contact forms at the bottom of each page are set to email club executive when forms are submitted
- ▶ **STATIC PAGES** for members who have lapsed and would like to rejoin ([Membership Renewal](#)) and for new members to initiate membership ([New Member Registration](#))

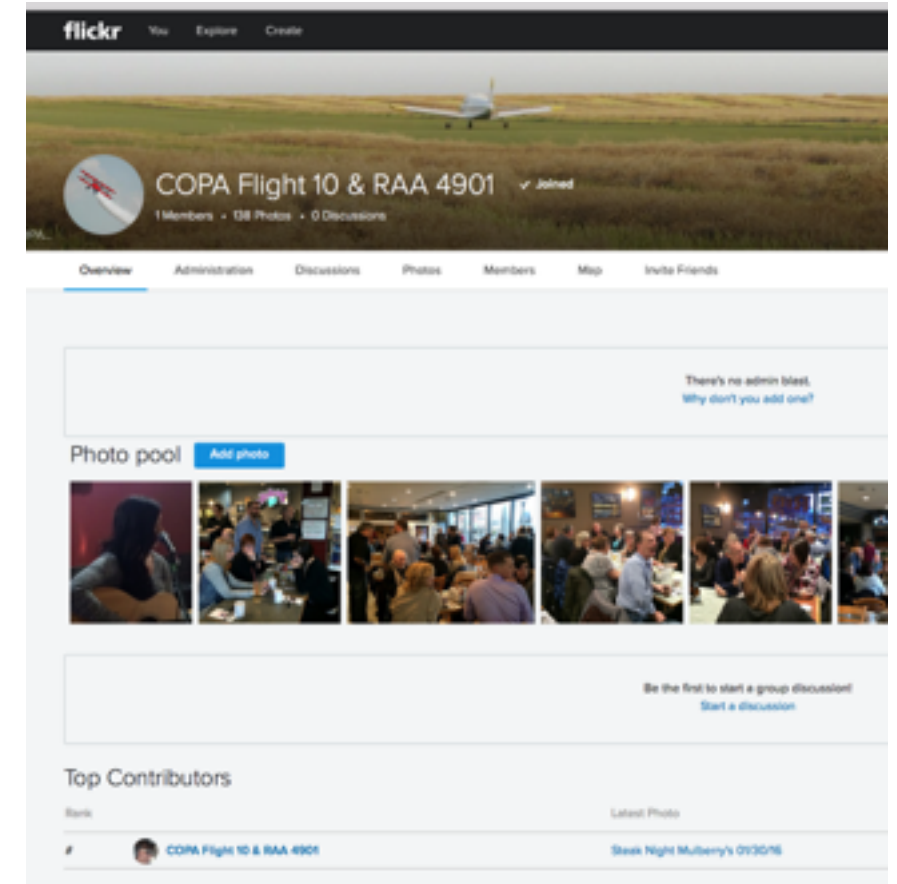


new blog home page

2. CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES

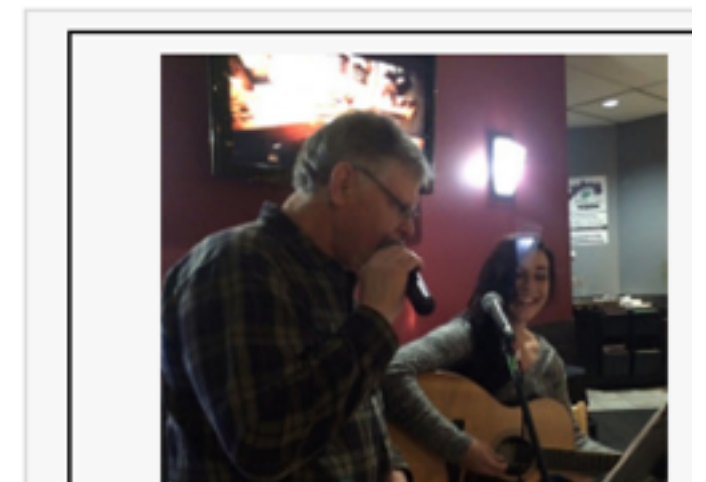
FLICKR

- ▶ solution to sharing aviation photos by and with club members online (If there is a better solution, please let me know - Flickr is new to me, too!)
- ▶ sidebar widget on home page of the blog supports one person's feed and it cannot be a group feed - mine (iflygirl) is there now. My feed includes only photos related to club events and it is public - however, they are all taken by me ...
- ▶ To view &/or to upload your own photos to *COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 Flickr group*, follow these steps (all free):
 1. get a yahoo email account
 2. get a Flickr account and upload photos
 3. join the *COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 Flickr group* (current members have been sent invitations)
 4. copy selected photos from your Flickr account to the *COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 Flickr group*
- ▶ And the question is - will it work?



COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 Flickr Group

IFLYGRL'S FLICKR FEED



sidebar widget on blog home page

2. CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES

WILD APRICOT PPAC DIRECTORY

- ▶ I did my best to simplify the directory - the link to *PPAC Wild Apricot Membership Directory* is under *Members Only Links* in the footer of the blog pages.
- ▶ Use the email you have given us and click on “forgot password.” Wild Apricot will send you an email with instructions on how to set your password.
- ▶ Once you are in, I have included tips on how to use the directory as well as how to create your own email distribution list.
- ▶ You may change your own personal information in the directory (includes adding own picture).
- ▶ The directory can be viewed only by current PPAC members from both clubs.
- ▶ Only current members of both clubs can be seen in the directory.

Login

"Advancing general aviation through cooperation ..."

PRAIRIE PARTNERS AERO CLUB (PPAC)

- proud home of **COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901**

Please login to continue

Please login to continue to the page you have requested.

f Log in with Faceb...

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Email

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"Prairie Partners Aero Club" is a non-profit organization that supports the hangar home of COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901.

Email address: copaflight10@gmail.com

PPAC Wild Apricot Membership Directory log in page

Directory Tips:

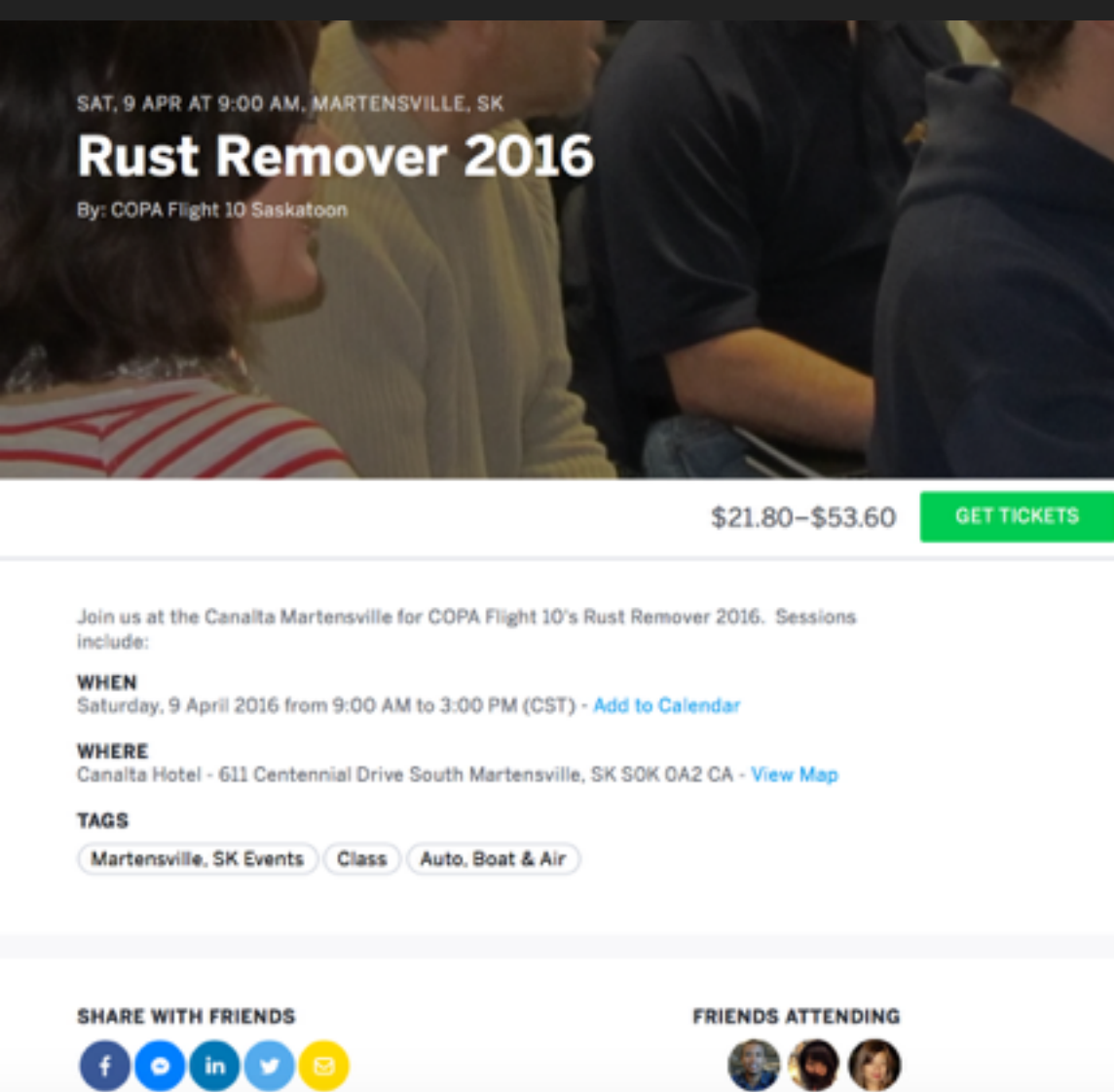
How to use the Group Participation organizer: Click on the group you are looking for information about and to the members who participate in that group.

Create your own email distribution list: Right click on a member's email address to copy and save that address address onto another document or file.

PPAC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



"Directory Tips" once you log in



proposed Eventbrite page for rust remover

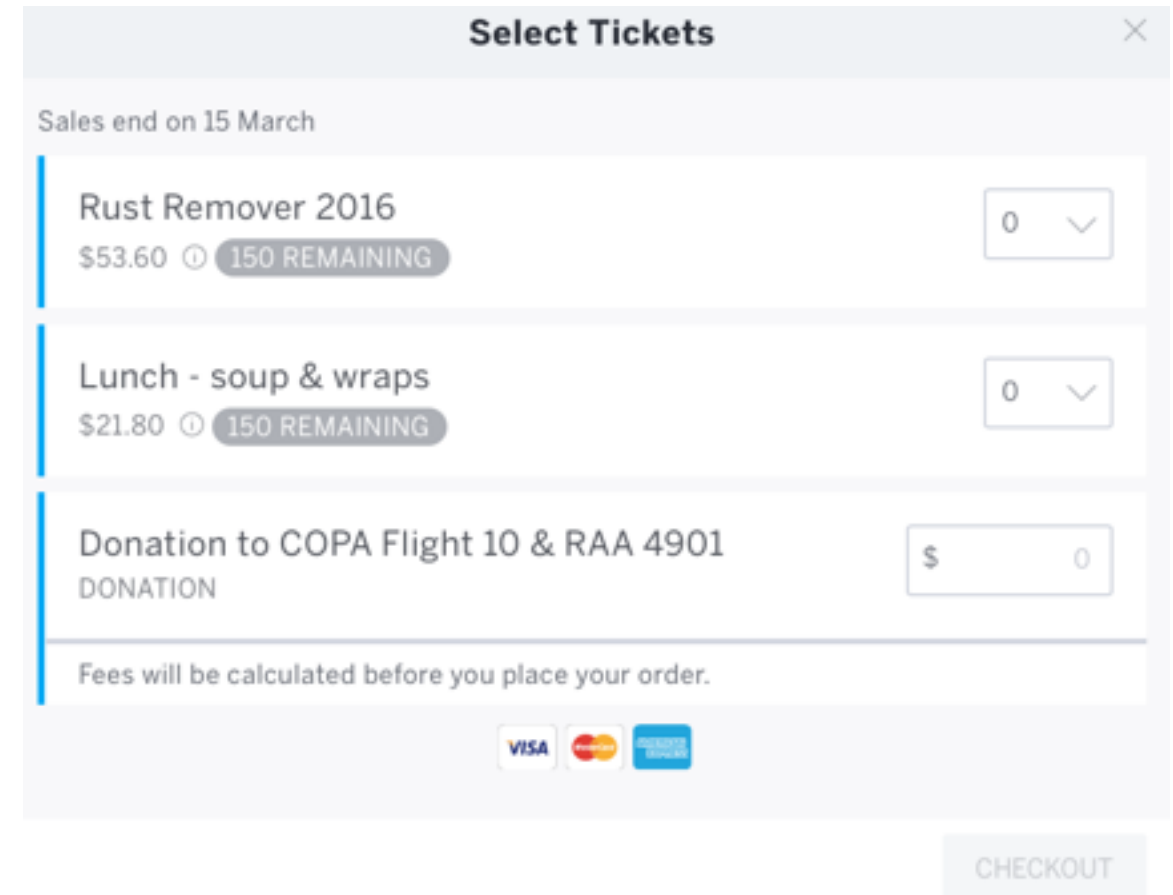
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAY
FOR OUR UPCOMING RUST
REMOVER ONLINE?

INTRODUCING –
EVENTBRITE!

2. CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES

EVENTBRITE

- ▶ Eventbrite works with our Wordpress blog.
- ▶ Registrants can pay with VISA, MasterCard or AMX.
- ▶ Money deposits into our bank account 5 business days after the event.
- ▶ **COSTS:**
 - ▶ service fee (3.50% + \$0.60 per ticket sold)
 - ▶ processing fee (2.50% of tickets sold)



The screenshot shows a 'Select Tickets' modal window with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, it states 'Sales end on 15 March'. The modal lists three ticket options, each with a quantity selector (a box with '0' and a dropdown arrow) on the right:

- Rust Remover 2016**: Price \$53.60, 150 REMAINING.
- Lunch - soup & wraps**: Price \$21.80, 150 REMAINING.
- Donation to COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 DONATION**: Price \$ 0.

Below the list, a note states: 'Fees will be calculated before you place your order.' At the bottom, there are logos for VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. A 'CHECKOUT' button is located at the bottom right of the modal.

screen when prompted to select tickets

3. BLOG VS. WEBSITE - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BLOGS

- ▶ Blogs allow us to involve more people in the conversation. The comments and different post authors make it come alive.
- ▶ This can be a great way to involve members who are not able to be with us, to involve the greater community and to attract new members.
- ▶ Remember your audience - it is the whole world. Think about who needs to know the information before you share it on a blog. Think about how you are going to share it.
- ▶ All comments are moderated before they are posted.
- ▶ To learn more about blogs, here are some links to pages on my class blog:
 - ▶ [What is a blog?](#)
 - ▶ [How to Comment](#)
 - ▶ [Writing Quality Posts](#)

4. HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

FIND YOUR COMFORT ZONE

BLOG LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

- ▶ *administrator* - full control (Tammy, Cory)
- ▶ *editor* - has access to all posts, pages, comments, categories, tags, and links (COPA Flight 10 & RAA 4901 executive have been invited)
- ▶ *author* - can write, upload photos to, edit, and publish their own posts (interested members talk to Tammy and I can invite you)
- ▶ *contributor* - has no publishing or uploading capability, but can write and edit their own posts until they are published (interested members talk to Tammy and I can invite you)
- ▶ *follower* - can subscribe at blog to receive email notifications when new posts are published; can read and comment on posts and pages; all current members have been subscribed
- ▶ *viewer* - can read and comment on posts and pages

Visit Wordpress for [more detailed explanations about levels](#).

Invite prospective members to an event! Encourage them to complete the [new member registration form](#) on the blog.

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Let's continue the conversation . . .