

Message from Our Chair Bram Tilroe



Finally, we are able to enjoy a summer of person-to-person meeting and many flying activities throughout the province. The AAC ran a very successful Conference in Calgary which set us up on a new path to rejuvenate and encourage more participation in the activities of the Council.

List of venues and activities: MB Aviation council in March, AAC conference in April, AOCM (Nav Canada Area Operations Consultative meeting) for the Edmonton Flight information region, April, BCAC (BC Aviation Council) in Victoria in May, Various fly-ins i.e. Lac La Biche and Camrose to promote the AAC, June 4 th Alberta Airtour to Lloydminster, St. Paul and Cold Lake regional, June 17 Hands Across the border Work session at the Del Bonita Airstrip along with the Alberta Flying Farmers, MT Aeronautics division and MT Pilots Association, NCAC. (Nav Canada Advisory Committee) held in Ottawa, first face to face meeting in 2 years, CWIA (Canadian Women in Aviation) conference in Edmonton.

Some of these activities are reported later in more detail in this newsletter along with pictures from these events.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and the fall flying season!

THANK YOU

AAC would like to thank **Kendra Kincade**, Elevate Aviation and **Aja Davis**, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame with their collaboration on the AAC Spring Conference.



Canada's Women in Aviation (CWIA)

The 3-day Canada's Women in Aviation conference took place in Edmonton this year. It concluded on Saturday, June 25, 2022 with a gala. AAC contributed to the event, paid for two conference registrations for women in aviation. We were pleased to support **April Caron** of Bristolow Instruments as one of the delegates.



The two speakers at the informal talk Saturday evening were **Judy Cameron** CM, a Canadian retired airline pilot who was the first Canadian woman pilot to fly for Air Canada, the second woman to fly for a Canadian commercial airline, the first Canadian female captain of a Boeing 767 and the first Canadian female captain of a Boeing 777.

The second speaker, **Rosella Bjornson**, is a retired Canadian airline pilot, who was the first woman in North America to be hired as a First Officer for a Canadian airline and the first woman member of the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association, International. She is also an inducted member of the Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.



L to R: Chair, Bram Tilroe, Sophia Wells, Kendra Kincade, Brian Andrus

Air Show & Career Exposition

The AAC has sent out information about a unique opportunity at the Alberta International Air Show. Within the grounds the Alberta International Aerospace and Logistics Exposition will take place.

Over 30 vendors will promote their business and use this venue for recruiting potential employees. AAC will have a booth within this venue to promote our association.



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What Has the Council Been Doing Over the Past Few Months?

additional information about member's activities found within this newsletter

- **Bram Tilroe & Bruce Sinclair**, Representing the Council on the first Alberta Air Tours this summer (page 3). These directors also flew to Del Bonita airstrip. (page 2)
- Three AAC Directors attend Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Gala. All with guests of the council, directors **Brian Andrus**, **Scott Clements** and **Kevin Wong** represented the council at this event (page 2).
- AAC Directors planned the Spring Conference. Conference summary found on page 4.

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Upcoming Aviation Events

- **August 12-14, 2022, Villeneuve**
Alberta International Airshow
- **November 3-4, 2022, Saskatoon**
Wings of Saskatchewan Conference & Tradeshow
- **November 15, 2022, Vancouver**
ATAC 88th Conference & Tradeshow
- **February 28 -March 1, 2023, Winnipeg**
Manitoba Aviation Conference
- **April, 2023, Edmonton**
AAC Conference & AGM (tentative) & Trade Fair



Casino Update - COVID-19

Casinos are open and most of the COVID restrictions have been removed. Our next AAC casino will be likely be early 2023. The Grande Villa casino reopened in the city of Edmonton. AGLC will advise us when our date is secured.

We are hoping our membership will volunteer to work the casino. These funds help us to provide scholarships, support the aviation community and produce the facilities map for our members.

Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame (CAHF)



AAC was pleased to attend Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremony held in Calgary June 23, 2022. We were well represented at this function where 5 prominent aviation legends were recognized for their contribution to Canadian aviation. At this ceremony the Red Knight was recognized with the Belt of Orion Award for Excellence. The gala was well received as it was the first in-person event post covid.



L to R: Brian Andrus, Debi Andrus, Barry Anderson



L to R: Debi Andrus, Barry Anderson, Scott Clements, Jane Staudenmayer, Deanna Wiebe, David Moody, Kevin Wong



HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER - DEL BONITA AIRSTRIP

Meeting at the Border

On June 12, 2022 AAC Directors **Bram Tilroe** and **Bruce Sinclair** participated in the annual Hands Across the Border Work Session at the Del Bonita airstrip on the border of Canada and USA.

Once again, the AAC has been involved with the work group at the Del Bonita airport sitting on the border between the Montana and Alberta.

The Work . . .

The work entails parties from both sides of the border walking the strip, gopher bombing the gopher holes and filling them in to prevent badgers from digging them out and creating holes big enough to damage aircraft. The

fence is checked, poles are replaced if necessary, and grass is mowed. Aircraft from both Montana and Alberta fly in without having to clear customs either way; we are in no man's land and both the Canada Customs Agency and the US Customs and Border Patrol are notified and participate.



AAC PARTICIPATES IN AIR TOUR #1

The first Alberta Air Tour of 2022 took place on June 4, 2022. With more than 30 aircraft, they started in Lloydminster and traveled to St. Paul then headed to Cold Lake (Medley Airport) for the final stop of the tour.

The Alberta Air Tour encourages new pilots to participate in flying to various destinations and celebrates the aviation industry's robust presence in

The goal was to show off all these small airports and then the communities around them so private pilots when they're flying around, know where to land and know where to stay-and-play.

the province. It encourages local participation by the communities and airports.

AAC participated in the air tour with **Bram Tilroe** and **Bruce Sinclair** making the tour advertising the AAC. **Scott Holmes** of Outlaw Air Racing, **Dina Jammaz** of Elevate Aviation and **Shane Getson**, MLA of Lac Ste Anne-Parkland, launched the first Alberta Air Tour in 2020 to celebrate the local aviation industry.



Next Air Tour – Saturday, August 27, southern Alberta. Starting bright and early in Medicine Hat, then off to Claresholm and finishing in Beiseker.



Good Link for Resources

The British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) has collected a number of useful resource links related to COVID-19 and the aviation industry.

[LINK](#)

SAAC - UPDATE

SAAC Update

The Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC) has had several meetings over the last few months. At these meetings there were presentations made by industry leaders providing an overview of post pandemic and their challenges. We have had a few presentations where there would be an introduction of new aviation initiatives to move aviation forward.

The Council discusses an item, formulates a recommendation and then forwards the recommendation to the minister of Transportation for consideration. The minister would action the recommendation or would consider that further information would be required by Transport or redirected to other Alberta Government ministries.

AAC is very fortunate to have two of our directors sit on this Council, **Brian Andrus** and **Kendra Kincade**.

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We Would to Thank the Following for Their Support of the Conference

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AAC Conference

The AAC had its first in-person conference since our conference in Ft McMurray 2015. As we are coming out of COVID there seemed to be renewed enthusiasm to attend but there was still hesitation with the new wave 6 slowly rearing its head in Alberta.



Regardless the conference was a success with support from our vendors and the aviation community. We had delegates and vendors travel from across Canada to attend. We had the Meet and Greet at The Hangar Flight Museum with Minister **Rajan Sawhney**, Alberta Transport attending.

Our guest speaker for the Saturday evening dinner was **Brian Shul**, SR71 pilot who described his challenges and experiences being a pilot in this unique aircraft. The opening guest speaker was **Andy Cook**, Associate Director General, Civil Aviation, Transport Canada (TC). He spoke about the challenges TC is having in meeting the demands of transportation as we break out of covid.

The conference had approximately 120 delegates registered with many of those attending being students, who were attending their first aviation conference. There were three main breakout sessions to accommodate the range of diversity within our industry. The Plenary sessions were popular. Two of the most popular were: the session with the Alberta airport managers or CEOs discussing the challenges of the post covid airport activities; and the second session was the discussion about the airlines and their challenges around rebooting the flights.

We would like to thank the Alberta International Aerospace and Logistics Exposition for sponsoring the Meet and Greet Friday evening. We would like to thank Executive Flight Centre for sponsoring the student registrations. AAC is looking for individuals wishing to assist with next year's conference to be held in the Edmonton area. Contact the AAC info email.



COPA members in front of their booth. L to R: Ken Zachkewich, Christine Gervais, Fred Vos.



Airport CEOs and managers on a panel discussion about post covid.

Photo Credit to Bruno Bradley for the conference photographs



Brian Shul



Andy Cook



AAC Director, Kendra Kincade



Airline panel moderated by Michael Stimac, AAC Director



AAC Chair, Bram Tilroe



Conference Director, Brian Andrus



SAAC members at the conference. L to R: Elizabeth Evans, Kendra Kincade, Richard Gotfried (Chair), Brian Andrus