

Message from Our Chair
Kendra Kincade

Dear Alberta Aviation Council Members,
We are delighted to share some exciting developments within our council. Firstly, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our new board members who are embarking on this journey with us. Their expertise and dedication will undoubtedly propel the Alberta Aviation Council to new heights.



We extend our gratitude to **Kurby Court**, our new Chair of the Associate Board, for providing leadership and guidance to our junior board members. We also appreciate the commitment of **Carl Lorimer**, Chair of our Social Media/Marketing Committee, who is spearheading efforts to re-

vamp our membership, with a focus on engaging the future generation in council activities and, by extension, the field of aviation. Lastly, we welcome **Mel Cornelius** as the Chair of the Education and Labor Force Committee, aiming to expand the network of aviation education organizations in Alberta.

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Alberta Aviation Council Conference is scheduled to take place at the Westin Airport Hotel in Calgary from April 28th to 30th. This event promises to be a remarkable gathering of aviation enthusiasts, professionals, and experts. We sincerely hope you can join us for this outstanding conference celebrating our shared passion for aviation.

But that's not all! Alongside the conference, we are proud to introduce

the Aircraft Maintenance Competition. This competition will showcase the skills and dedication of aviation maintenance professionals in Alberta, adding an exciting dimension to our event. We encourage everyone to participate and witness this remarkable display of talent. Our heartfelt thanks go to **Nicole Holinaty** for leading this competition initiative.

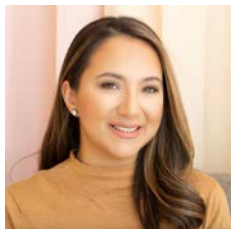
Please mark your calendars and make your travel plans because this is an event you won't want to miss. We eagerly anticipate your participation and support in making the Alberta Aviation Council Conference and Aircraft Maintenance Competition a resounding success.

Stay tuned for more updates and details in the coming weeks. We can't wait to welcome you to Calgary this April 2024!

AAC Conference - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The AAC is planning the 2024 Spring Conference, April 28 – 30, 2024 at the Westin Airport Hotel in Calgary. At this conference, at the same time, will be an Aircraft Mechanical Engineer (AME) competition. Teams from across Canada will compete against each other testing their skills in repairing aircraft.

Our keynote for Monday evening banquet is **Shaesta Waiz**, the first female certified civilian pilot born in Afghanistan, and in 2017, became the youngest woman to fly solo around the world in a single-engine aircraft.



The conference director for the 2024 year is **Charmain Calancia**. **Hannah**

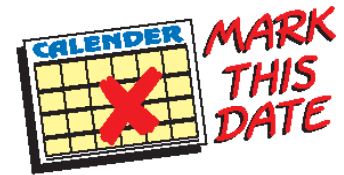
Mckay is the conference co-chair representing the Associate Board.

The conference featured sessions from a wide variety of organizations such as: Nav Canada, COPA, Transport Canada and we will have as we have had in the past, panels consisting Alberta airports, airlines and Strategic Aviation Advisory Council (SAAC), AAC Associate Board.

Registrations will open January 1, 2024, please check the website for conference discount on the accommodation. <https://www.albertaaviationcouncil.com/aac-conference-2024>

As our conference continues to grow so does our support of the event. We are looking for sponsors and exhibitors to support our conference. Please

contact the conference director at aac.conference16@gmail.com for more information. Sponsorship webpage page will be available January 1st, 2024.



AAC Conference - April 28 - 30, 2024



The Board of Directors of the Alberta Aviation Council & Associate Board wish our friends Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED

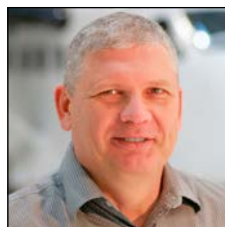
The Alberta Aviation Council would like to announce three new directors as part of our AAC Board. Welcome Aboard!



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Upcoming Aviation Events

- **AAC 2024 Spring Conference**



April 28-30, 2024,
Calgary, AB

- **BCAC Spring Conference 2024**



May 27-29, 2024
Nanaimo, BC

- **CBAA 2024**
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Convention & Exhibition
June 11-13, 2024
Montreal Saint-Hubert Airport, QC

- **ConverGX**



September 17 & 18, 2024
Calgary, AB

- **ATAC 2024 Conference & Trade Show**

November 5-7, 2024
Vancouver, BC



Memberships

We would like to thank all of our members and your continued support during these unique times.

The AAC is a registered charity and provides charitable receipts. If you are considering your 2023 or 2024 charitable donation, please consider the AAC before year end.

We would like to thank our members for their continued support.



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AAC Makes A Presentation to Air Cadets

The AAC is pleased to announce we donated a little under \$20,000 to the Alberta Provincial Committee (APC) of the Air Cadet League of Canada on October 28, 2023. In an MOU agreement between our two organizations, a portion of casino funds raised are directed to the programs conducted by the Alberta Air Cadets to help support their programs such as gliding and flying. Presenting the cheque to Dawna Mercer, Chair of the APC, were **Kendra Kincade** and **Bram Tilroe**.

AAC Directors attended the annual ATAC conference held in Montreal this November. The is one of the conferences that our association attends yearly. With the main focus on the aviation and aerospace industry, networking with other industry professionals also becomes part of a successful conference.



From L to R: Ryan Albizzati,
Dean Buckland and Bram Tilroe

SAVE THE DATE - AAC Spring Conference 2024 - April 28 - 30

Spring Conference

The Council is already planning the 2024 conference in Calgary. Dates have been selected and we have our conference venue, the Westin Calgary Airport.

You don't want to miss this year's conference which will be filled with a wide range of topics for the aviation and aerospace communities, leadership, and of course - networking!

Stay tuned to our website for more details. <https://www.albertaaviation-council.com/aac-conference-2024>

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, April 28

- Meet & Greet

Monday, April 29

- Opening Remarks
- Breakout Sessions
- Plenary Sessions
- Evening Banquet & Keynote Speaker

Tuesday, April 30

- Plenary Sessions
- Panels

KEN LETT - Canada's Hall of Fame Inductee



Major General **Ken Lett** is a former President and an honorary life member of the Alberta Aviation Council which was

formed in November of 1962. Through his strong leadership as president during 1980's the council was rejuvenated and he was able to attract many new board members.

Ken's success as a leader in the aviation industry is due in large part to his ability to build strong relationships with his colleagues, partners, and customers. He is known for his approach-

ability, his willingness to listen, and his ability to inspire those around him to achieve their best.

Overall, Ken's impressive career in aviation and leadership roles speaks to his dedication, skill, and commitment to excellence. He is a highly respected figure in the industry and a role model for aspiring aviation professionals.

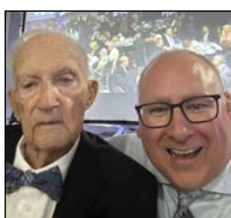
In September of 2023 Ken was inducted into the Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

This is another great achievement for Ken who also turned 100 years old in July!

In support of the Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame recognition of Ken Lett, several members of the AAC Board Directors attended the induction ceremony held in Calgary, September 14, 2023.



From the left: Brian Andrus, Bram Tilroe, April Caron, Mel Cornelius, Kevin Wong, Kim van Vliet, Ronan Court, Debi Andrus



Ryan Albitzatti with Ken Lett



Scott Clements, center, joins Ken Lett and Pat Firth

AAC's Nomination to NavCanada Advisory Committee



AAC is pleased to announce that Doug Francoeur will be our nomination to represent Alberta on the NavCanada Advisory Committee. Bram Tilroe is stepping down as his three year appointment comes to an end this January, after 15 years of service on the advisory committee.

Doug is currently working as a Senior Airport Specialist at Tetra Tech. He has previously worked for YYC as the Director, Compliance and Safety and previously Director, Airside Services. Prior to YYC, he was Manager Airports, ATCO Airports / ATCO Frontec at the Edmonton City Centre Airport.

AAC's Anniversary

We would like to thank all of our members and your continued support during these unique times over the past 61 years. As an organization we started November 23-24, 1962. Aviation pioneers such as Fred Winters and Ross McBain were two of our founding members.

More Information Coming Soon! AME Competition

An AME Competition will coincide at the same time as our Spring Conference. The competition will take place in a tent in the parking lot of the conference hotel.



We are opening this competition across Canada for the two day competition. Please check our social media and website for more information in January.

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](#)

Alberta Airtours 2023 (COPA Flight 220)



The AAT is a collective of pilots soaring through Alberta to ignite enthusiasm for general aviation and engage aviation advocacy in communities throughout the province.

COPA 220 had a BBQ to conclude the Summer 2023 Air Tours in Villeneuve. AAC had a table setup for the event and we wish to thank directors **Brian Andrus** and

Charmain Calancia for representing AAC.



AAC Attends 100th Anniversary of the South Cooking Lake Community League

Cooking Lake Community celebrates 100 years of history and adventure. Canada's oldest operating public airport celebrated nine decades of aviation on Saturday, August 19. The volunteer-run airport was founded in 1926 by some of the country's first bush pilots.

Today, Cooking Lake Airport is the oldest operating public airport in Canada, the fifth busiest community airport in Alberta, and one of only 5 CBSA approved international (CANPASS) airports in the province.



Ken Zachkewich, Charmain Calancia, Bruce Sinclair. Thanks Charmain for organizing the booth

AAC Supports Elevate Aviation

In October, the AAC was proud to attend the Elevate Aviation Gala. Kendra Kincade hosted the evening which featured eight inspiring women from across Canada. The event not only shows off these incredible women in aviation and aerospace, it encourages others to look at this industry as a potential career, while also raising funds for the Elevate Aviation programs such as mentorship, scholarships and the programs at the Elevate Aviation Learning Centre which train people to have the skills needed to enter the aviation in-

dustry. To read more about these programs please visit, <https://learn.elevateaviation.ca>

AAC Directors attending: **Brian Andrus, April Caron, Bram Tilroe, and Ryan Albitzatti. Kendra Kincade and Sophia Wells**



AAC Travels the Province

The AAC attended several airshows this past summer. Lethbridge, Red Deer and Alberta International Airshow. We would like to thank our directors, **Mel Cornelius, Kevin Wong and April Caron** for coordinating our booth at each show. AAC and especially April was pleased our Premier, Danielle Smith, stopped by our booth at the Career Expo at the Alberta International Airshow. We also attended the Cooking Lake Anniversary weekend, thanks to Charmain Calancia for manning our booth.



April Caron beside Premier Danielle Smith



AAC booth at the Red Deer Airshow manned by Kevin Wong



Booth shared with SAIT at the Lethbridge airshow. Thanks to Rocky Mountain Aircraft for their support.

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