

What Has the Council Been Doing?

AAC at ATAC Conference

AAC is affiliated with ATAC and Bram Tilroe represented our organization at the ATAC annual conference in Montreal November 2019. The conference was very well attended and had many excellent presentations from, Transport Canada, the Transport Safety Board, Nav Canada Canada, and numerous aviation operators and part-

ners. Some of the key topics included flight duty time, Safety Management Systems, RPAS, the new International Civil Aviation Organization Notice To Airmen (ICAO NOTAMS), (Runway End Safety Area) RESA, approved check pilot program, water aerodrome and airports certification requirements, Vancouver airspace project,



Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) sessions, and flight training. Congratulations to ATAC for a sold out tradeshow representing all the facets of aviation. Ryan Albizzati, AAC Treasurer, attended the conference on behalf of his company, Executive Flight Centre (EFC).

Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) shares the same concerns and issues identified at the ATAC conference.

ALBERTA AVIATION COUNCIL - WORKING ON 2020 FACILITIES MAP

AAC Gets Involved

Mount Royal University Scholarship

AAC is working with Mount Royal University Aviation program to provide an annual scholarship of \$1,000, for a student in the commercial pilot training program. The successful candidate will be awarded the scholarship based on their academics in the program.

Scholarship for Potential AME

Acting Chair, Bram Tilroe presents to Rhonda Barrclough, Chair of the Alberta Provincial Committee, a letter



of intent to support an air cadet scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the Aircraft Mechanic Engineering (AME) program at SAIT. The scholarship will be awarded to an air cadet based on their academics, community involvement and desire to continue in an aviation career.

Notes from Nav Canada

Bram Tilroe sits as a representative on the Nav Canada Advisory committee which is also monitoring the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) requirements as well as the Air Traffic Control (ATC) staffing concerns, RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems, formerly referred to as drones), the Nav Aid Modernization program, and the Level of Service Policy for Northern operators.

Along with COPA, Nav Canada works on similar issues including the aeronautical study over service in the Red Deer area. Nav Canada is installing cameras and MLAT to provide better service from the FSS and have indicated that they change from an FSS to an ATC tower in the next 18 months. This is due to high levels of student pilot activities, particularly from students from China. Bram also attended a successful LIFT GALA in Calgary which raised funds for the Flight Safety Foundation. The highlights were the presentations by astronaut Dave Hadfield and co-founder of WestJet, Don Bell.

COPA Update

Bram Tilroe, Acting chair of AAC attended the COPA Board meeting. Along with COPA, the AAC has been dealing with Nav Canada on the ADS-B implementation. Nav Canada had set out an implementation mandated for

equipment by aircraft and their requirements for surveillance to provide service in Class A and B airspace. After receiving complaints that the equipment timelines are too short, Transport Canada has rescinded the standard until proper legislation is in place and in force. Therefore, Nav Canada can use ADS-B in Class A and B airspace; however they have to accommodate non-equipped aircraft as per current regulations and practices. COPA is not opposed to ADS-B as it provides many safety benefits including a possible alternate means of compliance to eventually replace 406 ELTs. A number of recent high profile accidents have shown the value and accuracy in providing an extremely accurate location of the accident location.

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Two AAC Board Members Recognized

Brian Andrus and Kim van Vliet are recognized for their contributions to the community and country. More information on page 2.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COMING

Membership renewals will be upon us soon for the upcoming calendar year. Please consider renewing your membership. Encourage a friend to join!

Alberta Aviation Strategy

The AAC has been working closely with Richard Gotfried, MLA for Fish-Creek, to re-establish a framework for an Alberta Aviation Strategy. AAC is thrilled to be a major stakeholder in moving this initiative forward. More information will be provided as plans are formalized.

Successful Casino

The AAC completed another successful casino in Edmonton with the assistance of the Alberta Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Several years ago a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two organizations that provides the League a portion of our revenue to support their programs. Our next casino has been scheduled for the first quarter of 2022.

We would like to thank the following Directors for their assistance:

Ryan Albizzati, Brian Andrus, Rick Artymichuk, Ray Pritlove, and Bram Tilroe.



A sincere thanks to the **Air Cadet League of Alberta** for their support at this casino.

AAC DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED

AAC Board Members Recognized

Volunteer Recognition

Brian Andrus,

Owner of JB Educational Consulting & Board Secretary

The Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a Canadian decoration intended to honour volunteers who have made a significant and continual contribution to their community, either in Canada or abroad. The medal was initially conceived in 1995 by Governor General Roméo LeBlanc as the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to



Edmonton Airshow 2020

Regrettably the Edmonton airshow was cancelled due to the weather. The excessive rain saturated the grounds creating an unsafe condition for spectators and emergency vehicles. There was suppose to be a career fair for cadets as well as an aviation trade show. The good news is, all the performers and static displays will be returning for the 2020 air show except the RCAF Snowbirds.



Stand by for more information.

Airport Facilities Map

We are finalizing the 2020 AAC Alberta Air Facilities chart and its accompanying directory. We have approximately 460 listed airports and airstrips making this the most complete inventory of available facilities in Alberta. The AAC Alberta Air Facilities will be free to members and airports that renew their 2020 membership.

recognize volunteers. This program was replaced in 2015 by the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Brian Andrus was awarded this medal in March 2019 by Brigadier General Bill Buckham (Ret'd) at a Royal Canadian Air Force Association function in Edmonton. Congratulations Brian!



Board Member Recognized

Kimberly Van Vliet,

Founder & CEO, WaVv/ConvergX® & AAC Director

AAC is pleased to acknowledge Kim has been awarded **Top 20 Women in Defence** by *Esprit de Corps Magazine* for 2019.

Esprit de Corps is a Canadian military magazine operating out of Ottawa, Ontario, by publisher and former soldier Scott Taylor. The magazine reports on Canada and international military issues, politics, military history and current events.

To All Our Members

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Directors of the Alberta Aviation Council



Best Wishes in 2020!

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