



EAA Chapter 154 is about to complete and celebrate it's 50th year of operation. In December of 1962, 14 people got together and formed the South Saskatchewan chapter. 50 years is a long time by any measure and that half-century has seen the completion of many fine aircraft. There have been many fine aircraftmen and aviators and enthusiasts among the members. The chapter has a proud history that will hopefully inspire present and future members.

One more short pep-talk from your editor... EAA and COPA members, this is your newsletter. It will be what you make of it so give it some of your input. I haven't heard a thing from COPA 4 in months! Drop an email to The Leading Edge at 585-7449 (voice or fax), by email at yqrflyer@gmail.com or by mail at 13 Langley St. Regina, S4S 3V5.



Disley hosts the 50th Anniversary Fly-In for Chapter 154

The Fly-In Barbeque at Disley was the wrap-up event for 50 years of Chapter 154 history and it was an event like many past fly-ins; when the weather tried to discourage us but ultimately co-operated. Not a drop of rain had fallen at Disley since late June but the morning of the fly-in the clouds

gathered and drizzle began. It seems nobody was too worried about the weather as about a dozen aircraft and more than 100 people arrived for the burgers, beans and flying machines. The decision to have a lunch rather than a breakfast was motivated by the time of year and the relative ease of food preparation. We have not received any negative feedback on the choice (so far).

We didn't give out an award for the best homebuilt, but it would easily have been won by Shaune Switzer who flew in from Sibbald, Alberta in his beautiful RV6.



A big thank you goes to Mike and Debby Paiement who marshaled the food and drink, and everyone else who helped put on this event. Also thanks to Darrel Dickson for the photo of the RV-6 and the banner photo of Norm Seiferling's Emeraude, crouched between the meadow muffets.

EAA 154 Annual Meeting

Chapter 154's 50th Annual Meeting will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday November 3rd**. We will be electing a new board of directors at that time so we do require a majority of members to attend for that purpose. If there is some program activity or service you would like our chapter to provide this would be the perfect time to propose it. The meeting will be held at **1 PM in the Regina Flying Club Classroom**.

Current EAA 154 Executive

President – Malcolm McLeod
Vice-president – Vic Zubot
Secretary- Treasurer – Bert Hamilton'
Director – Ron Wood
Director – Mike Paiment
Director – Norm Seiferling
Director – Ken Lumb

Guest Speaker – Jack Dueck

EAA 154 Annual Aviation Dinner

We are bumping our annual meeting back a week because our regular last Saturday in October was not available at the Royal United Services Institute and we want to have the annual meeting and the dinner on the same day, so **Saturday evening November 3rd** will be the annual Aviation Dinner at the RUSI. Cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. This is the same location as last year – the single-story building immediately south of the Regina Armory. Tickets will be sold in advance at \$30 per person and may be picked not be up at the door.



We are required to let the RUSI folks know in advance how many people will attend, so we are asking you to get in touch with one of the directors (Malcolm, Vic, Ron, Bert, Norm or Ken) and **confirm your attendance by Monday October 28th**. We will accept your

payment at the door. Since this event is run on a "break even" basis we will treat your ticket as bought and paid for as of your confirmation. Cancellations after that time will not be eligible for a refund.

We are pleased to say that this year's guest speaker will be Jack Dueck. Jack is well known to many of our chapter members. He is a member of the EAA Canadian Council, our voice at headquarters in Oshkosh and he was the first editor of



EAA's monthly e-newsletter for Canadian members, *Bits and Pieces*.

Jack lives in Calgary and has been involved in aviation for more than 50 years. He is a professional engineer in the aeronautical and structural disciplines and received his MBA at the University of Calgary. He earned his private pilot certificate in 1953, has more than 6,000 flight hours logged, and has instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Jack is the founding president of EAA Chapter 1410 in High River, Alberta, and is a Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor for the chapter, as well as a SportAir Workshops instructor.

An avid aircraft homebuilder and restorer, Jack "slow-built" a Van's RV-4 that first flew in 1999, and assisted on his wife's RV-9A project that was completed in 2004. His restoration projects include a CF-PII, an Aeronca Chief 11AC, and a Luscombe 8C/E. He's also EAA's Representative to Transport Canada's Recreational Aircraft Working Group, has had numerous articles published in EAA publications, and contributes a monthly column to COPA's Flight magazine.

He has attended EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 28 times, and played a key role in getting the CWH Lancaster Bomber to the event in 2006.

From your President...

As of the coming annual meeting I will not be standing for re-election. I have accomplished my personal goal of seeing the chapter through to its 50th anniversary. However, I am disappointed that my term as president was not more productive and effective at strengthening the chapter.

I have had to deal with some health challenges – my own and in my family, and recently my business interests have begun to take a lot more time and energy. (I won't be able to attend the annual meeting or dinner due to meetings with other farm equipment manufacturers in the USA.)

I have enjoyed my years as president but I have on more than one occasion felt sorry that I wasn't able to put more time and energy into the chapter.

I have asked our directors to get together as a "nomination committee" and approach some members about taking an active role in the management and operation of the chapter.

We will also be looking for someone to take over this newsletter. There are no rules about the format; it can be anything you like, and there will be help in getting started.

If you are approached to help out please consider it.

EAA online membership survey

This came as an email from Trevor Janz, EAA # 656941, the Manager of Chapters & Eagle Flights.

"In order to continue improving our communication with our chapters, attached is a survey for you and your members to provide feedback. Please forward to all the members of your chapter with the request to take the short survey.

<http://www.zipsurvey.com/LaunchSurvey.aspx?suid=59239&key=E49D75F6>

This will be one of many we will be sending out going forward. We promise to keep them short, we know your time is valuable.

Thank you very much for helping us out. We value your feedback."

The survey is indeed short and easy to complete. It may get you thinking about why you are a chapter member.

More on “Bits and Pieces”

Bits and Pieces, EAA's e-newsletter and monthly information digest for builders and fliers in Canada was named in honour of the people and the place where amateur-built aircraft first found a home in Canada. Back in October of 1955, Goderich, Ontario resident Keith Hopkinson carried out the first flight of a "registered amateur-built aircraft, CF-RAD" in Canada, after a year of building a modified version of the Stits Playboy, which he fondly called Lil' Hoagy.

Working closely with Keith, Paul Poberezny, then president of EAA, convinced the Department of Transport to allow amateur-built aircraft to fly in Canada. Gus Chisholm built the second Canadian-registered amateur built aircraft, CF-RAC, a Baby Ace called Bits and Pieces.

A letter from Paul Poberezny

Last month, all chapter presidents got a personal letter from Paul H. Poberezny, the Founder of EAA.

Paul was writing on the occasion of his 91st birthday and he's still marveling at how EAA has grown and changes the aviation community worldwide.

He has special praise for chapters, calling them aviation's "churches in the field – a most valuable community."

He concludes by saying, " your chapter is and remains the heart of EAA's structure and the driving force of its success."

An editor's flashback

It's funny (or maybe not so funny) how memories fade, but every now and then something triggers a long-lost recollection.

In reading through our chapter's *History of the First 20 Years* I came across numerous references to Stan Hodges, one of the first homebuilders in Saskatchewan and a founding member of Chapter 154.

In 1962, I met Stan and saw his Smith Miniplane under construction in his basement. He was our next-door neighbour. I had forgotten that my first exposure to homebuilt aircraft actually occurred when I was only 11 years old and homebuilding in Canada was younger than I was.

Thinking of buying a new car?

EAA and the Ford Motor Company have a long-standing partnership. Anyone who has been to Airventure will no doubt recall the field being dotted with new Fords.

Now there is a EAA Partner Recognition Vehicle Purchase Plan that provides something called "X-Plan" pricing.

The fine print in the brochures we have received from EAA HQ says the offer is only good in the USA but on the EAA website (www.eaa.org/ford) there is a link for Canadian EAA members to sign up for the program and get the necessary PIN.

If anyone decides to pursue this, please report back on your experiences with the plan and the discounts you are offered.

*To most people, the sky is the limit.
To those who love aviation, the sky is home.*