



I was hoping to get The Leading Edge out before Christmas but was waiting for some information on the B-17, that's in now so late seasons greetings to all. The lack of snow this Christmas made things difficult for the reindeer; luckily Cliff was able to help out with his Pietenpol.

I welcome any input EAA and COPA members might have for future issues, I can be reached via email at wood23@sasktel.net, by phone 306-751-1064

Ron Wood



Rust Remover April 23, 2016

The next rust remover will be held April 23, 2016 at the Royal Regina Golf Clubhouse. Tom Ray and Mike Meehan will be presenters once again.

Registration details will be posted closer to the event date.



B-17 Aluminum Overcast next June

The EAA has confirmed they will be bringing their B-17 Aluminum Overcast through Canada next June. The plan is to start off in BC and work their way East.

After the success of the B-25 tour stop this last summer we would be thrilled to host the B-17. Initial planning for the Regina tour stop is just getting under way and the dates proposed are June 27th through July 3rd. We will be counting on a lot of support from our chapter members and the local aviation community to make the tour stop a success.

EAA 154 Annual Banquet OCT 17, 2015

About 35 members and spouses were out for this year's Annual Banquet, once again the Royal Regina Golf Clubhouse put out an excellent roast beef buffet.

John Humbert an Aviation Systems Technician from 15 Wing Moose Jaw, RCAF gave an interesting and entertaining talk on his work maintaining 15 Wing's aircraft. A couple of interesting items from the talk were: The Hawk aircraft leading edge panel from a wing that experienced a bird strike (possibly a duck). The panel was extremely dented but the crew was able to return to base and land safely. Another display item was a small filter from the Hawk's hydraulic brake system, John had us write down our guess as to its cost. Cliff Paddington's guess

of \$3500 was closest but still low. Cliff won a roll of safety wire for best guess. A similar filter for a car would be \$10.

On ejection seats John told us how it was common for pilots ejecting to pass out from the G load (around 14 G's), the new seats now have staged ejection charges that, while powerful enough to eject the pilot from a static plane on the ground to a safe parachute landing, don't subject the pilot to such crushing G forces.

Thanks to John for coming out and giving an entertaining talk.

Annual General Meeting held Oct 17, 2015

Thanks for those of you able to come out and attend the annual general meeting this year. We had a good crowd on hand which makes it easier to vote and take care of the necessary annual meeting duties.

2015 Presidents Report by Ron Wood

It was an exciting year for our chapter, EAA was looking to bring their B 17, Aluminum Overcasts to Canada in support of local chapters and selected us as one of the hosts. While we were somewhat sceptical and cautious initially we found there was great support in the local aviation community for the project. So much support that when EAA decided to postpone coming north this year we partnered with Dobs Aviation to bring the Commemorative Airforce's B-25 Miss Mitchel into Regina August 14th to 17th. The event was more successful than we could ever have imagined, there was a constant lineup on the ramp to tour the aircraft and the aircraft was fully booked for "History Flights". Thanks to all the members who helped make the event a great success.

We hope to have the EAA's B-17 here next summer, with this aircraft even more emphasis is put on the local chapter to host. From Vic and my experience at the Seattle tour stop the local chapter pretty much takes over responsibility for the aircraft on ground display. With the lessons learned from this year's B-25 tour and insight picked up from Seattle I believe

we can have an even better tour stop for the B-17

A good turnout was on hand for the project tour May 9th, about a dozen members met at Dobs aviation to view a couple of projects on the go there. Afterwards we were off to see Wayne's RV 12 and Jim's Rebel, both excellent builds we hope to see flying next year.

Coffee and Doughnuts with EAA 154 were held at the Disley airstrip again this year, we had a few weather issues and turn outs were lower this year. The best one was Sept 26th weather was great and we had 5 aircraft fly in.

Our annual Disley fly-in was held Sept 13th, unfortunately the gusting winds prevented all but one skilled pilot from flying in. In spite of the weather we still had a pretty good turnout with around 40 people on hand, and a good representation of local pilots driving out.

The Maple Creek fly out never got off the ground this year due to weather, we will have to look at this again for next year. Another option would be to plan some more spontaneous fly outs and send out notification one or two days prior when the weather forecast is favorable.

We continue to look for new ways to engage the membership and provide aviation related experiences, as always if you have any suggestions I would welcome them.

EAA 154 2015 Membership is now due

Just a reminder that memberships are now due for the coming year, the dues this year remain at \$25; dues can be sent to Bert Hamilton, BOX 191, Lumsden, SOG 3C0

EAA 2016 World of Flight Calendars

Bert also has a few 2016 EAA World of Flight Calendars available at \$15 each. He can be contacted at:

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