

The Leading Edge

COPA Flt 4

October 2015

EAA 154

Congratulations to EAA154 member Cliff Paddington on the completion and first flight of his Pietenpol Air Camper. The first flight was Sept 10, 2015 by Cliff's son Tyler.

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



Next year's rust remover will be held in April. More information will be posted at a later date.



**Over 50 Years of Sport Aviation in
Southern Saskatchewan**

Annual General Meeting Oct 17

We encourage you to attend the Annual General meeting Saturday Oct 17, starting at 1:00 at the Regina Flying Club in the classroom.

We appreciate your input and feedback on the actives the chapter is presenting and welcome you to get involved on the chapter executive.

Annual Banquet OCT 17

This year's Banquet will once again be at the **Royal Regina Golf Course clubhouse, 5401 11th Ave.**

Please contact Bert Hamilton by Oct 15th for tickets.

Email - bertandbarb@sasktel.net

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Guest speaker is John Humbert, Aviation Systems Technicians responsible for the maintenance of aircraft aviation systems at 15 Wing Moose Jaw, RCAF.

Cocktails at 6:00

Meal at 7:00 (Roast Baron of Beef)

Cost \$35 per person.

Door prizes: We have a nice collection of EAA calendars, hats, etc. for door prizes

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

B-25 Bomber Tour August 14th to 17th 2015

The Commemorative Air Force's B-25 Bomber, Miss Mitchell, was in Regina Aug 14 to 17. The aircraft was on site for "History Flights" and ground tours.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made this event a great success. A total of 51 people bought flights on Miss Mitchell resulting in 10 "History Flights" as well as over a thousand people through the door to see the B-25. There were also 3 sponsor flights and 1 media flight so the flight crew were kept hopping. The CAF personal were amazed at the attendance and said they had never done 5 "History Flights" in a day previously let alone two days running. On the downside with the B-25 being in the air so much ground tours suffered, our apologies to those people unable to get through the aircraft.

The CAF personnel were very professional and a pleasure to deal with. We look forward to having them back in Regina again someday.

I would also like to thank our sponsors and volunteers, without you this event wouldn't have been possible.

Also a special thanks to Malcolm McLeod the EAA 154 event co-ordinator and Dennis Dobrowolski of Dobs Aviation who spearheaded getting this event off the ground.

You can visit our web page at http://www.154.eaachapter.org/cafb25bomber_tour.htm to see some pictures from the weekend and a list of the sponsors.

B-17 Next Year?

EAA is still interested in bringing their B-17 Aluminum Overcast into Canada next year once they sort out a few of the legal issues with operating in Canada. To that end they invited a couple of members from our chapter's executive down to a US tour stop to see how they run their operations. As Malcolm wasn't

available Vic Zubot and myself (Ron Wood) headed down to Seattle for the Labour Day tour stop at the Museum of Flight Boeing Field. Vic and I had a good look at everything from souvenir sales to balancing the books at the end of the day and picked up some valuable insights that will help us if we get a chance to host a tour stop next year.

One big difference with the EAA was there were only 6 EAA personal on site in Seattle, 2 pilots, 2 maintenance personal and 2 Tour Coordinators. That puts more responsibility on the hosting chapter to do the ground tours of the aircraft and run the souvenir trailer. We will need to be more organized than we were with the B-25 tour.

Disley 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.

Those on hand enjoyed a good feed of burgers, hotdogs, beans, potato salad and coleslaw with watermelon for dessert.

A surprise visitor was Paul Dyck from the EAA Canadian Council, Paul was in the area on other business and took the opportunity to drop in on our fly-in. I would like to extend thanks to Paul for coming by and also for the new EAA 154 banner and EAA stickers.

As well Paul brought a few VFR Procedures at Uncontrolled Aerodromes and Canada Airspace posters. If you would like one of these for your hanger, etc. I have a few to share at the annual banquet Oct 17th.

Coffee and Doughnuts with EAA 154 at Disley

We had a beautiful day for the last coffee and doughnuts of the year Sept 26th. A total of 5 aircraft flew in and 9 people in total attended.