



*Thanks to everyone who help make the Aluminum Overcast tour stop a huge success. We captured this impromptu photo Sunday just before ground tours started with most of our volunteers and the B-17 crew.*

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

*Ron Wood*



## **Annual General Meeting Oct 15th**

EAA Chapter 154 AGM will be held on Oct 15 1:00 at the Regina Flying Club classroom. We encourage you to come out for a review of the past year and to help direct us for the next. Your input is important!

## **Annual Banquet Oct 15th**

The Annual Banquet is coming up fast and is always a pleasant night of socialising as well as a fantastic meal. This year's guest speaker is Gary Williams National President of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society.

Annual Banquet continued..

**Location:**  
Royal Regina Golf Course clubhouse, 5401 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Please contact Bert Hamilton by Oct 9<sup>th</sup> for tickets.

Email - [bertandbarb@sasktel.net](mailto:bertandbarb@sasktel.net)

Phone 306 731-2221

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, DVDs etc. for door prizes.

## **Gone West Howard Parr**

**Feb 19, 1930 – Jul 21, 2016**

Howard was very involved with EAA Chapter 154 at since the sixties, at various times he held the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. He also contributed to the homebuilt community acting as MDRA Inspector.

Howard has built seven aircraft over the years, he must have been partial to Zenairs as five were from that company. The last project, a Murphy Rebel was completed this spring with the help of his son Jim.

In some way he is legend, you know you hear about a guy who built a plane in his basement and had to knock out a wall to get it out. Well that was Howard. Or who about the guy who towed his completed aircraft to the airport early one Saturday morning on city streets, yup Howard as well.

His love and passion for aviation led him to setting up his own airstrip just north of Regina This created a haven for both homebuilt and certified aviators, offering an affordable place to hanger your aircraft that was much appreciated.

Howard continued to be involved with EAA 154 and could always be counted on to show up at the annual banquets, fly-in breakfasts and was a regular at the "pilots breakfast" every Saturday at Smitty's.

Howard was a mentor and friend to many of us in the aviation community and will be missed.

## **Aluminum Overcast B-17 Tour Success!**

We had a busy July long weekend in Regina with the B-17.

The event started with a fly-by of the tower at 15 Wing Moose Jaw (home of the Snow Birds) on the repositioning flight from Calgary. Moose Jaw media was alerted and the B-17 did a pass over Moose Jaw as well for a bit of early publicity.

We were well supported by the local media in Regina and had enough interest for two media flights on Wednesday. An empty seat on the media flight offered us the opportunity to fly one of the Regina tower crew to give them a better feel for what was going on. Overall we were very welcome at CYQR and had lots of visitors from the fire crews, security and other airport authority personal eager to see the B-17.

There were good crowds on hand everyday with Sunday being the busiest. The weather was almost perfect with the exception of a brief but intense storm with ½ hour to go on Sunday. About 30 people who had been waiting in line for over an hour stuck it out under the wing staying somewhat dry and got their tour when the sun came back out.

### **The numbers:**

21 flights with 208 revenue seats sold. Over 1500 people on ground tours, we used 3 rolls of stickers (500 per roll) and were into the emergency back-up supply. Ground tour sales were shut off early each day due to the long lines.

### **Volunteers:**

Our volunteers were fantastic! Many showing up early and staying late, all with great enthusiasm, I can say enough about what a great job they did. The B-17 crew also commented on what a great team we had.

## **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



No news this issue.