



Regina forecast for August 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, slight possibility of “Aluminum Overcast”

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



#### **Rust Remover/Safety Seminar April 25th**

A new venue has been selected and the date is set for this springs Rust Remover. Tom Ray and Mike Meehan once again are the presenters.

**Date:** April 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**Cost \$25:** Includes lunch and complementary membership in COPA Flight 4.

**Door prize** – 1Hour C150 rental and instructor time from the RFC. Can be used as an opportunity to brush up on safety procedures such as forced approaches, spin recovery or whatever you want.

**Registration: Prior registration is required,** please contact Wayne Runyon. email: [grunyon@accesscomm.ca](mailto:grunyon@accesscomm.ca) or by mail

COPA Flight 4  
233 Hanley Cr.  
Regina, SK S4R 5A9

Payment can be mailed to Wayne by cheque or at the door.

#### **COPA Flt 4 2015 Executive**

Ken Etter - Captain

Jim Goldie - Co-captain

Wayne Runyon - Navigator (treasurer)

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#### **EAA's B-17 Bomber “Aluminum Overcast” coming to Regina August 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>?**

We are working on bringing EAA's iconic B-17 bomber to Regina . EAA is planning its first Canadian tour with the B-17 and has offered EAA 154 the opportunity to host. Our friends on the EAA Canadian Council have put a good word in on our behalf recommending us for the tour stop.

## **B-17 cont.**

The local executive is working hard to make this a reality however the last update I had was EAA was not comfortable that their preparations to operate in Canada were sufficient to run the tour this year. Malcolm continues to actively pursue this in hopes of saving the August 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> tour date offered our chapter.

If we do get a tour stop I hope we can count on the membership to assist by volunteering to help with tour activities.

We will need to provide a minimum of 3 volunteers per shift (2 shifts per day) for the 4 days. Volunteer actives may include ground and air tour sales, merchandise sales and manning the aircraft for ground tours.

I hope I can count on the membership come out and help with this worthwhile project. These aircraft are getting close to the end of their service life and we might not get another opportunity like this.

A notice will be sent out once we confirm the stops on this year's tour. If the tour is a go meetings will be held closer to the event date to share information and coordinate volunteers.

## **Looking Back**

**Aluminum Overcast** is not the first historically significant aircraft the EAA has had on tour in Regina. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1978 the **Spirit of St. Louis** (a replica of the original Spirit of St. Louis that Charles Lindberg flew across the Atlantic) flew into Regina as part of a trans-Canada tour accompanied by Stinson SM-8A Detroit. The Stinson had onboard the pilot, a mechanic plus spares to keep both aircraft servable. A special guest in Regina for the tour was Paul Poberezny President and founder of the EAA. I have posted scanned copies of the News Letters from 1978 on our web site at <http://www.154.eaachapter.org/chapternewsletters.htm>

Thanks to Rem Walker for providing these.

## **Spitfire Sisters**

Keeping with the historical theme of this month's newsletter I have included a link to a documentary on YouTube that tells the story of the remarkable ladies who flew for the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) in World War Two. It is interesting to note that they were expected to fly different aircraft and new models with virtually no crossover training.

A favorite of the ladies was the Spitfire. In the video they comment on how it was made for a woman, all the controls in the right place and it took just the lightest touch to control.

Thanks to Wayne Runyon for sharing this. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez81N-YFGtM>

## **Canadian Aviator**

*By Rem Walker*

Malcolm McLeod is a local aviator, well known to us as an aviation enthusiast. He is also a writer for an aviation magazine, "Canadian Aviator" published in Vancouver. It comes out six times a year. It features articles written by other aviation enthusiasts from all across Canada. Some of the topics covered by McLeod Are:

*Balloons on the Prairies, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, CPS Perils, B-17 Prairie Tour, More Drones, Men and Women Learning to Fly, UAV Airspace and Airships An Elusive Dream.*

I Have several copies of this magazine on hand. If you want to read them just come by my place to pick up as many as you want. Call me first and I'll have them ready for you.

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