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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Shaun Kinniburgh

Ok here we go...I have the great privilege of being the President of the CAAA. My first duty as President is to thank our Past President, Mr. Paul O'Carroll. Paul has put in many hours on the issues at the forefront of the CAAA. He did a great job at getting the Board focused and getting things done. Thank you very much Paul.

As the new President of the CAAA I hope to carry on where things left off and stay focused on the current issues. I have sat on the CAAA Board in years past and have been here for about six years this term. I must say things are busy. Busy enough that the Board is having trouble keeping up with all the issues. We do however have a fix for that, that fix is membership volunteers.

I must say I'm involved in a couple other organizations and the CAAA is by far the most active. It has the most active members, with a Board of Directors with a strong work ethics and values. With those two combinations we will be able to achieve what we are here for, the betterment of our industry.

I also have to tip my hat to ManageWise for the great job they did again at our AGM in Winnipeg. It was a success between ManageWise, the Board and the members we had a very productive AGM. Many issues had some good headway this winter and one of the biggest was the NCO. The Membership provided the Board with a definite direction for the Association. As a Board, we represent both the legal NCO and the legal AOC operators for the betterment of the industry.

We have AOC operators who don't feel they need to follow the rules set forth by Transport Canada. We also have operators that feel it is easier to be a NCO but do not qualify to work under that regulation. Transport Canada is developing a Staff Instruction for the NCO that hopefully will give the government, the Board and the members a clearly defined outline of the NCO regulations.

With both the AOC and the NCO I would like to thank all of you who are doing what you can to inform, assist and take issues to task to make aerial application a leader in aviation and environmental issues. As a group, we must be diligent.

The CAAA has numerous issues with limited resources so the Board will need to focus on the most important issues to the membership. This way we can get things done and do it right. If we can focus on these main issues we will have success at making sure they are for the betterment of aerial application or aviation as a whole.

So with this I ask that all the members participate, educate themselves along with others in the agriculture industry and contribute to the CAAA. Remember as a unified organization we have a stronger voice. Believe me, with issues at hand and the way this association attacks them, we will see success.

Cheers Shaun Kinniburgh

PROVINCIAL REPORTS

ALBERTA Pat Stinnissen

If you have not heard the news yet, it seems we have had our last AAAA's AGM at the Red Deer Lodge. The hotel is having some issues so we are unable to hold the conference there this year. Organizing an AGM and a venue at a decent price takes a few months, so we had to act immediately. The Black Knight Inn will be our new location for the 2015 AGM. It is promising to be equal to, if not better than the Red Deer Lodge.

We have not heard from many fellow operators on the subject of cell/data towers being proposed to be erected in areas they work in, but it has been a continuous issue in the Southeastern portion of the province. We have addressed three proposed towers this winter. One we have been successful in having the location moved a mile to be a safer distance away from cropland and the second location is out of the way of any cropland. We were successful in convincing the County Planning Commission to have the marking of both towers as per Advisory Circular AC600-001 as part of the approval for the towers. Still dealing with the third proposal, which is taking great effort to convince the tower company to move the location 3 miles from where they want to build.

Getting prepared for spray season 2015, all of us are in the mindset of having equipment and people in place along with the training requirements that need to be accomplished. Guidance is provided via links on the AAAA's website on ground crew/assistant training along with safety equipment that needs to be utilized, eg: PPE, respirator requirements, etc. Don't forget the Provincial and Federal requirements as per OHS regulations. Just go through their websites on convictions and fines for companies not following regulations, it'll scare you.

Depending on the number of people working on site, we need to have at least

one person present that has recent first aid training. This person should also be well versed in handling of accidents concerning chemical exposure by a person whether it be ingestion or dermal. Don't forget to update your MSDS and have them on site for all the products that you are handling.

The PMRA re-evaluates crop protection products and its active ingredients on a 15 year schedule. It is a good practice to go through their site and review what they have addressed and what changes are made on products that you may work with this season. We've noticed a couple so far that have changed PPE requirements, buffer zones and have issued advisory statements on some.

The issue of washing of spray equipment is on the forefront of the association's list of tasks. There is going to be a study, led by us, on where and how the exterior of a spray plane or ground rig sprayer can be washed and what is needed, (if any) for containment of the resultant liquids that come from it. From this study we will need to accomplish a document of best practices for this procedure. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome.

It has been a very busy fall and winter with AGM's and AAAA/CAAQ Board meetings. A lot of subjects and issues have been addressed and some still being worked on, along with new issues arising. Your Presidents and Directors of the provincial and national associations dedicate themselves for the betterment of your operations and the industry you work in. The positions are taken voluntarily and elected by you, the member.

One of the issues that really made its way to the front this past year at the CAAA level was the NCO. The CAAA Board was mandated by its members to address this subject, and so it was.

This is where I was disappointed, as President of AAAA and a sitting Director on the CAAA Board, a few association members, young and old, who reacted and

responded in a way that proved to me that they don't understand how an association operates. Some had been on the Board in the past, and should have known better. Some things were said that were uncalled for.

Prior to the Winnipeg CAAA AGM, everyone was informed of the resolutions that were being put forth to the membership. Since that time, and up to the time of voting, a few members were looking sideways at the President and the Board members, words were said by some members to a few Board members, as if the Board were a Communist party and were acting under its own accord to oust the NCO from the association. Far from the truth!

Here is a quick lesson on Association democracy.

The position of the President, and the Directors, are voluntary, elected by you, to do work to represent you in a number of arenas. You trust them to use due diligence on all issues and subjects that come up that need to be addressed. If enough members come forward to the board with an issue, the Board is required to act upon it. The Board cannot say no without good reason. The Board meets and acts as a whole; at this time the Directors discuss without prejudice and an individual personal agenda, the subject and explore all avenues for a solution. When the Board has an issue that they cannot resolve, the general membership are asked for their input by a show of hands at an AGM or if it is in the middle of the year, a survey. Good or bad, the Board then acts accordingly from the results. It is as simple as that. If a member doesn't agree on what has transpired, well that is how democracy works. They can always put their name forward to be elected on the Board if they feel they are up to it.

Have a good season and keep maintaining a high level of safety. We all like our CAIR insurance rate and would like it to be another successful you.

SASKATCHEWAN

James Pottage

Good day from Saskatchewan!

Thanks to all who attended the 2015 CAAA conference and tradeshow. Also, a special thanks to Jill Lane and her great staff from ManageWise for their hard work on another successful production. It was a well-attended event which was to be expected with the NCO issue forefront at the AGM.

It's satisfying to see that spring appears to have arrived early here in Saskatchewan. It certainly seems that all the usual Prairie snow was left on the east coast this year. It was a fairly dry mild winter, but we could use a drier spring for a change.

It appears there is optimism in the aerial application industry in Saskatchewan going into the 2015 season. Excessively wet conditions in conjunction with discount commodity pricing from 2013, surely affected the overall 2014 season. However, it seems everybody who didn't spray for disease last year learned that lesson. Also the 2014 season saw the least amount of insecticide applied in a long time. Bring on the bugs!!

Those of you looking for resources with regard to training, manual amendments, regulation interpretation, quality insurance, or marketing, I would again direct your attention to the Members' Only section of the CAAA website. There are lots of great resources provided by a number of considerate members.

At this point in time, I don't have much else to report. Which, for the time being is good news.

Have a safe a profitable 2015 season.

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Mike Alarie

A heart felt thank you to Jill Lane and her entire team for their dedication and tireless work in preparation for the CAAA Conference in Winnipeg. Your efforts, planning, expertise and flawless

execution made the event an unqualified success. I also wish to thank Joe Barnsley from Pitblado Law for his assistance and expertise in preparation for the AGM. Thank you to NAAA President, Rick Boardman, invited guests, our sponsors, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers and all who braved another crisp Manitoba winter to partake as a community to do business, train and network at this annual event.

A new format introduced for the Exhibit Grand Opening was held Thursday evening. Attendees could savour refreshments, delectable snacks and visit with exhibitors over the course of the evening. The food was amazing, the ambiance was joyful and initial impressions have been favourable.

Pilots and Operators were again treated to an excellent Safety Seminar. Our industry has been spoiled over the years to have Fran de Kock provide us with safety sessions and share a perspective that never fails to challenge anyone to question their assumptions. Whether one is new to the industry or has years of experience, having an ability to help expand a student's critical thinking is an art for any instructor to master. I always come away having learned new things from the CAIR Seminar. As a thirty year student in Ag Aviation, I've learnt if you are going to achieve excellence in your field, you develop the habit in little matters. We learn to understand and practice that excellence is not an exception. Rather, it is a prevailing attitude that will serve us well.

At the AGM, members were asked to vote whether the CAAA should represent AOC holders only. The voting results certainly illustrate the deep divide that exists on this particular issue. Going forward, can the two groups acknowledge they will need to work collaboratively and take an entirely different approach to bridge this gap and try to bring an end to this decades old conflict? We will not discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Getting past the internal discord will require a shared sense of responsibility to encourage the cohesion needed for a successful outcome. It will be necessary for both groups to acknowledge this perpetual state of regulatory inequality that can no longer be tolerated and, it will be necessary to shrink this regulatory gap. Anything else will be a band aid fix and will not provide a long term solution. It may take a few years for the change agent to fully entrench itself but over time, it can be done. Looking ahead a few years from now, we will not want to wish we had started today.

Finally, I have to say the banquet event was a great time. I was flanked by two close friends Benoit Tetreault and renowned wine connoisseur Nicolas Girard. I should have known better: 3 Frenchmen + red wine = loose wallet at auction time. The day following the auction, I confessed to my wife how in a moment of weakness, felt compelled to buy the model Air Tractor...of course for business purposes. In addition to the bid price, the airplane cost me a trip to Cabos San Lucas with the whole family. Gisele called it a "goodwill gesture."

In the end, things are all good. The MAAA were great hosts to a memorable CAAA Conference; I drank red wine with my french friends; I can claim bragging rights for owning Canada's sportiest UAV and pray I don't crash this one over the White House lawn again and; I get to celebrate my 30th Anniversary in Mexico with my wife and kids. Have a safe and profitable season!

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Paul Zimmer

Spring Greetings To All.

Today is officially the first day of spring and I am hoping Mother Nature gets the message. Not that we in Ontario can in anyway complain when comparing our weather conditions to our very unlucky Eastern Provinces residents. On Groundhog Day, some of you may have seen the mayor of Sun Prairie Wisconsin

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declaring an early spring while Jimmy the groundhog was biting down on his ear. I think we all know now why. Even Jimmy knew that early spring prediction was way off! At least we didn't have to go all winter hearing about Polar Vortexes. It was just an old fashioned cold and snowy winter.

I commend the CAAA Annual Conference organizing committee and ManageWise staff for pulling off another excellent event and program. They make it look easy but I can assure you it isn't. It was well attended, and enjoyed by all that I could see. I am already looking forward to 2016 in Victoria.

I would also like to thank the Board Executive for their unbiased and cool headed handling of the Non Certified Operator issue during the "Members Only" meeting. Contrary to what some believe, this has been and is an issue driven by the membership, not the CAAA Board of the day. Although there were some complaints about the

unsolicited change in definition from 'flying farmer' to NCO; the reality is the International Flying Farmer organization established in 1945 does not equally equate a flying farmer to a farmer who carries out aerial applications, and their organization namesake should be respected. I know a few flying farmers who farm, own airplanes, and just like to fly from their own airstrips. They promote safety, farming, and support general aviation through legislation, and just like to interact with other like-minded individuals. I sincerely hope that this issue is finally put to bed, but I think that it is very much in the hands of Transport Canada. If TC acts fairly and expeditiously when dealing with non-compliance issues with NCO's, much in the same manner TC deals with Certified Operator not in compliance with the CAR's the aerial application industry would be better off and more accepting of the role NCO's play.

I read an article recently in our local Farmers Forum paper providing Stats Canada corn yield data for growers in

Southern Ontario. The region had the highest corn yields in history in 2014; an average exceeding 170.5 bushels/acre. All good news, but with commodity pricing way down who knows what that will mean to the aerial applicator offering their service to the grower. Over the winter BASF had attempted to get some relief from the aerial permit requirement for their new fungicide Priaxor which caught them completely off guard in 2014 but the Ontario Ministry of the Environment will make no exceptions. Every grower contemplating spraying their crop with Priaxor by air will need to have their aerial applicator submit a permit on their behalf and hope the MOE can process the permits in a timely manner. Although I don't know for sure, I am willing to bet no provisions have been made by the OMOE to address a surge in permit applications and many growers and aerial applicators alike will be frustrated by the slow return of approved permits.

As a service provider to the agricultural industry we face similar challenges to

CAAA 2015 Membership Renewals

The 2015 CAAA Membership Renewals were sent out at the beginning of December. Please ensure that all your information is correct as the information on your renewal form will be used in the 2015 Membership Directory. If you have any changes to your contact information after you submit your membership please notify the office at info@canadianaerialapplicators.com or by calling the office at 780-413-0078. Membership renewals can be processed online at <http://store.canadianaerialapplicators.com/> now!

Member Benefits:

- Representation with government and monitoring of current changes in regulation impacting aerial applicators in Canada.
- Increased public awareness through education and partnership collaboration.

- Educational forum at the Annual General Meeting and Trade Show that provides education on new product development, research, governmental regulations and industry trends.
- License re-certification credit courses.
- Guidelines for members and improved public perception through a Code of Ethics.
- Members' Only section of the website providing on-line training, sample manuals to assist with government regulatory requirements, a photo library, TDG calculator, CAIR Safety Seminar sessions and industry presentations. Availability of Calibration and Patternization (CAP) clinics.
- National hull insurance program.
- Business Survey to provide valuable industry specific information to assist participants with future management decisions.
- The Self-Audit program provides operators with a checklist of regulatory

requirements and is designed to assist with spring start up.

- Misapplication Insurance program.
- Current information regarding the aerial application industry and association provided in the quarterly newsletter.
- Annual Membership Directory distributed throughout the industry.
- Annual planner providing important dates throughout the year.



those of oil and gas companies when the price of crude is down. There is no guarantee of work, especially when prices are at the low end of the scale, yet we remain optimistic.

As in 2014 another late arrival of spring here in the East will probably mean the budworm in Quebec and N.B. will be pushed back due to slow insect development which is in sharp contrast to the Gypsy Moth development in Lower Mainland BC where they are currently

10 days ahead of schedule according to BioSim models. Not surprising given the record setting high temperatures experienced there this past winter.

Regardless of the weather, economy, US/Can exchange rates, and all those other things that make this business so challenging one thing is for certain. We are all looking forward to getting in the saddle and putting some acres under our belts. If that happens before the price of fuel starts heading North all the better.

Finally with Transport Canada trying to limit our ability to fly and generate revenue by revamping Flight and Duty Times based on a “One Size Fits All” regulation, lets have the safest season ever to prove them categorically wrong!

Paul Zimmer

2015 CAP Clinics

We are pleased to announce that Clayton Rempel will be returning as the CAAA Analyst for the 2015 clinics. The clinics are tentatively scheduled to start on May 11th, starting in Alberta and ending in Manitoba. Preliminary locations include: **Alberta – Taber and Wetaskiwin; Saskatchewan – Moose Jaw, Yorkton and North Battleford; and Manitoba – Portage la Prairie, Minnedosa, 3rd location TBD.** If you are unable to attend the above mentioned

clinics it may be possible to hold a clinic at your location. It is imperative that you complete and return the CAP form by April 30, 2015 if you plan to attend.

After April 30, 2015 all registrants will receive email confirmation of their clinic date and location. A calibration clinic is mandatory for qualification to apply certain products and participation in the Keystone Protective Fund, Prairie Protective Fund and the Wild Rose Protective Fund. Currently, one of the

required steps for qualification to apply Roundup/Vantage/Touchdown in 2015 is a Certificate of Completion from a 2015 or a 2014 calibration clinic. If you need a form, or if you have any questions please contact the CAAA office or check out the website at www.canadianaerialapplicators.com.

SORRY, WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE CAP CLINIC RESERVATIONS OVER THE PHONE.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Obscure Crop Dusting Link

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. led civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., a historic event that paved the way for the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which outlawed discriminatory voting practices in the U.S.

Although it happened a year after the Selma march, the civil rights leader had a fleeting brush with agricultural aviation in 1966 when an ag pilot flew Dr. King to a speaking engagement in Alexandria, La. That nugget was unearthed in a newspaper profile about Morris Taft Thomas, a well-regarded African-American artist and sculptor, who crossed paths with King when he was selected to meet him at the airport upon his arrival. A master orator,

King always had a way with words, and Thomas shared an amusing account of his flight, presumably in a Stearman ag plane. Per The Town Talk of Alexandria, La.:

King, surprisingly, arrived in a crop-duster, without any entourage.

“It was just he and the pilot,” said Thomas, who was accompanied by a handful of reporters ... “When he opened the door to get out, the wind was blowing so hard he had to hold his hat down as well as hold his briefcase.

“We had a pass to go onto the runway, buy my being green,” he went on, “I was reluctant to run forward to meet him. The reporters ran out and started bombarding

him with questions, and I followed them and walked along as he headed to the gate security.

“One of the reporters asked, ‘How was your flight?’ and in that memorable southern accent of his, he said, ‘Well, I have learned to live with some discomfort.’”

Whether it be the cornfield scene in Alfred Hitchcock’s 1959 film classic *North by Northwest* or former President George W. Bush’s press conference in his first term referencing crop dusting multiple times, chalk up another key moment the aerial application industry has intersected with Northern American history and culture.

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Man for Shooting Ag Plane

Reprinted from the National Agricultural Aviation Industry, February 6, 2015

A Miller, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly shooting at an ag plane while the pilot was treating crops in Lawrence County, Mo., last December. David Leroy Dickenson, 38, was charged in a sealed indictment by a federal grand jury in Springfield, Mo., on Jan. 20. The United States Attorney's Office for the West District of Missouri went public with the indictment on Jan. 30 following the defendant's arrest and initial court appearance. Dickenson remains in federal custody pending the court's ruling on a detention motion.

The federal indictment alleges that Dickenson attempted to set fire to, damage, destroy, disable and wreck a 1997 S2R 510 Thrush aircraft on Dec. 3, 2014. Dickenson allegedly shot a firearm at an aircraft making an aerial application and then attempted to dispose of the firearm to prevent its discovery by law enforcement. U.S. Attorney Tammy Dickinson cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver.

According to news accounts at the time of the incident, the Thrush aircraft was shot at least 14 times. Fortunately, the pilot was not injured, although he easily could have been or worse. One bullet pierced the plane just four inches from its oil cooler. The victim had flown in from Oklahoma to fill in for a Missouri operator whose own aircraft was grounded for repairs.

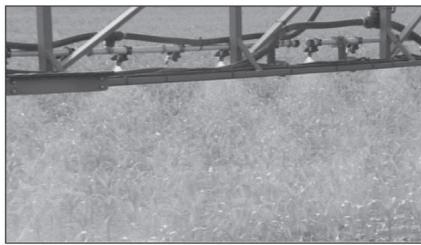
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28TH CAAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Over 200 delegates put on their parkas and made their way through freezing temperatures to Winnipeg, Manitoba to participate in the 29th CAAA Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Fairmont Winnipeg. Attendees participated in various meetings, education sessions and social events; perusing new products and services offered by 33 exhibitors. CAAA welcomed new Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Resby Coutts and Auctioneer, Mr. David Rogers who teamed up together and gave all of the guests a fantastic show during the live auction at the Friday banquet dinner.

The conference started with the opening luncheon featuring the world renowned Todd Hirsch, ATB Financial's Chief Economist. Mr. Hirsch educated delegates on the state of Canada's economy and what's in store for the future. Following the Opening Luncheon, Todd Hirsch presented a session targeted to the economics of Aerial Application.

Following this highly informative session was the annual CAIR Safety Seminar sponsored by Oldfield Kirby Esau. Fran de Kock spoke on pilot training requirements to meet Transport Canada Certified Operator Standards, new pilot flight duty times and recent accident causes and analysis. If you were unable to attend this session in person it has been recorded and will be available once again on the Members' Only section of the CAAA website.

New this year was an 'Evening with the Exhibitors' which was a great success and enjoyed by both delegates and exhibitors.

Delegates were treated to an evening of great food, good drinks and excellent networking opportunities with the CAAA's valued exhibitors. The room was full the entire night!



Friday, February 20th began with a buffet breakfast sponsored by AgResource followed by a PMRA Regulatory Update presented by Marcie Smerchanski. After the PMRA Session exhibits opened to the delegates where they enjoyed coffee and tested out the newest products, sponsored by Propworks Propeller Systems, Inc. A session on Communicating in a Crisis with Rob Wozny preceded Lunch.

The afternoon included the Awards Lunch courtesy of Syngenta Canada Inc., followed by one last break with the exhibitors. The Spouse Program enjoyed an afternoon learning their best camera angles and the use of all those fancy camera settings with Henry's Imaging School; sponsored by Univar Canada Inc.

The afternoon concluded with the CAAA Annual General Meeting.

During the evening all the delegates came together for the 2015 Banquet and Auction courtesy of InterAg. The evening opened with much excitement over the auction tables where delegates perused the auction items and scoped out their competition. This year's auction rose over \$110,000.00 for the CAAA. This is a new record for a CAAA Auction! We would like to take this time to thank our valued sponsors for their continuous support for our association and the ag aviation industry; as well as the numerous purchasers, without you the auction wouldn't be this successful! The delegates finished off their night relaxing in their second Hospitality Suite, both sponsored by BASF, conversing with friends and anticipating the upcoming 2015 aviation season.

The final day of the conference, started with an early morning breakfast and the CAIR Annual General Meeting sponsored by DOW AgroSciences Canada Inc. Immediately after the AGM, delegates attended the Pratt and Whitney session presented by Yves Houde and lunch sponsored by Pratt and Whitney. The conference came to a close following a session on High Efficiency Spray with Alan McCracken.

The 2016 CAAA Conference celebrating 30 years as a National association will be held at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC on February 18 – 20, 2016. See you all in Victoria!



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The Pilot of the Year Award recognizes an active CAAA individual member who is a pilot with more than 5 years of experience and has demonstrated dedication and professionalism throughout their career as an agricultural pilot.

The ACE Award presented to a pilot with five years or less experience who demonstrated great tenacity and willingness to accept "any position around the hangar that may lead to a flying job", in their quest to become a professional Ag-Pilot.

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Chantelle Redman



Bob Morse and Chantelle Redman

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The CAAA Award of Excellence recognizes an individual's contribution to the betterment of agricultural aviation in Canada.

Jumpseat Award recognizes an individual, group or an allied who through personal effort and dedication have made substantial contributions to the agricultural aviation industry and its national association.

CAA Scholarship is offered to students of any age pursuing a post-secondary education in Canada; open to children, grandchildren or spouse of any CAAA operator or pilot member who maintains and active membership with the CAAA.

Eric Klindt Talks UAV Safety Concerns with Agweek TV

March 2, 2015, Agweek TV

Minnesota ag pilot Eric Klindt of Wilbur-Ellis recently spoke with Agweek TV host Shawna Olson about the concerns ag pilots have about sharing the airspace with UAVs.

"It's a concern for all of us in the aerial application industry, and I wouldn't say just aerial applicators, I'd say pilots in general," Klindt told Olson when she visited him at Wilbur-Ellis's Wahpeton, N.D., hangar. "They can be very hazardous, and if not used correctly, it could really cause a lot of trouble, especially in our industry because we're flying at the same level."

Olson noted the 11 fatalities the ag aviation industry experienced in 2014. "Would it take something like that to happen for people to realize that [UAVs are] a problem and a danger?" Klindt asked. "That'd be tough."

Agweek TV's host closed the segment by mentioning safety precautions that would protect ag pilots, such as UAV operators making UAVs more visible by equipping them with strobe lights and adding flashing lights on the UAV operator's vehicle to alert the pilot that something is going on in that area.

CAIR Contact Information

Keep the following information handy in your CAIR file to assist you during the 2015 spraying season. CAIR inquiries should be directed as follows:

For questions regarding CAIR safety seminar, CAIR videos, meeting information or general inquiries contact:

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The 2015 CAIR Safety Seminar was held in Winnipeg, MB in conjunction with the CAAA Annual Conference and Trade Show. Various topics were discussed including pilot training requirements to meet Transport Canada Certified Operator Standards, new pilot flight duty times and recent accident causes and analysis.

The seminar was recorded and is now available on the CAAA Website Members Only Page for any pilots who were unable to attend the seminar. If you have any questions please contact the CAIR Office at 780-413-0016.

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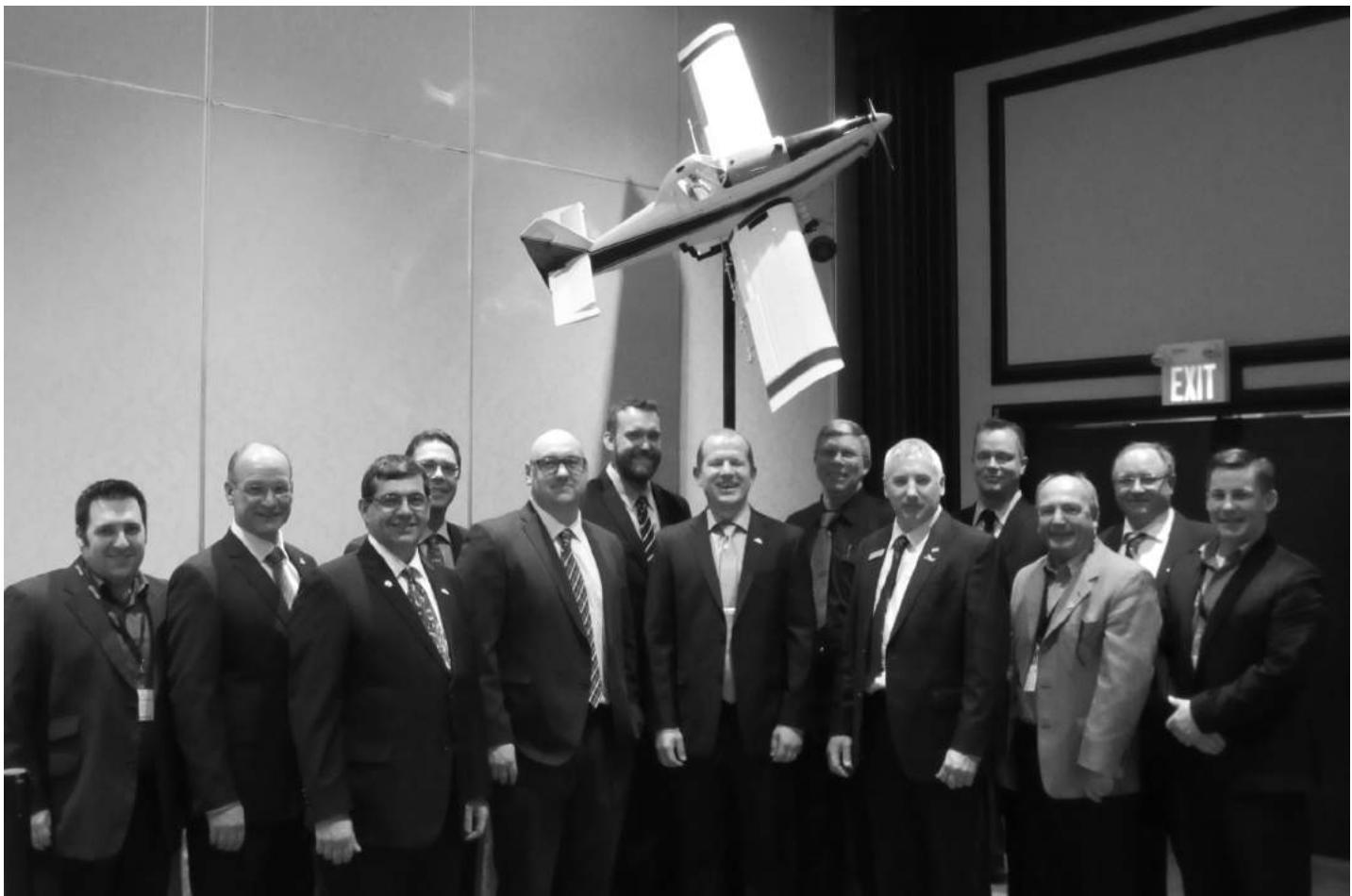
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Winning Scholarship Essay

- Chantelle Redman

This year's scholarship recipient went to Colin Redman's youngest daughter, Chantelle Redman. Chantelle is in her Grade 12 year at Invermay School in Invermay, Saskatchewan. She plans on attending the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2015 in hopes of completing her Bachelor in Agribusiness. Below is her winning essay, enjoy!

I, Chantelle Redman, am the daughter of an Agriculture Pilot. My dad, Colin Redman, has been flying airplanes since he was 28 years old. In 2007 he decided to take the necessary training to become an Ag pilot at Leading Edge Aviation in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Being around airplanes all my life and spending time on our farm has had a major impact on me. Not only do I help my dad and brothers on the farm; I also help my dad with his crop dusting business. Ag pilots make it look so easy, but I know the hard work involved. I help my father from the ground, mixing the chemicals and leading/servicing the plane.

The farm life has truly impacted my personality. I enjoy working on the farm with my family. My favourite thing to do is run the combine. My farming background has made me the person I am today, hardworking and determined to get the job done.

I am the baby in the family, meaning I have amazing footsteps to follow. My oldest brother works on the farm and is a journeyman electrician. My second brother is also a commercial pilot, who works with Osprey Wings out of La Ronge, Saskatchewan. This has influenced my plan for post-secondary education. I applied to the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture and I am conditionally accepted into the program. I intend to complete the necessary schooling to receive my Bachelor of Agribusiness. This was inspired by my passion for the farm.

The outdoors is a second home for me. I love to go up north to Jan Lake, Saskatchewan with my family. Here we spend many hours bonding while fishing the surrounding lakes. My father has his sea plane rating and owns his own amphibious plane. This allows us to fly into secluded lakes where we can fish

with only sounds created by nature. These sounds are also heard while we go out hunting together. This past summer I worked hard to successfully complete the Saskatchewan Hunter Education Program. This fall I was lucky enough to shoot my very first buck! I enjoy doing these things because I get to spend time with my family.

I have to balance my education along with the busy farm life. Our rule on the farm is that school comes first. I am currently attending Invermay School in Invermay, Saskatchewan where I have received all my education and I will continue with my Grade 12 year. I have received the academic award for the student with the highest overall average in Grade 9, 10, and 11; this award goes to the student who best manages their school involvement along with maintaining their academic average. In October 2012, during Education Week, I was presented with the Good Spirit School Division Student of Distinction award. This award goes to a single student in each school of the division for the dedication, commitment to shaping positive communities and demonstrating the values of belonging, respect, responsibility, nurturing and learning. At our last graduation in June 2014, I was presented with the Spirit of Cooperation award; which goes to one student from Grade 6-12 for showing school leadership, having a positive attitude, and always being reliable.

I participate in many clubs within my school. I am proud to be the treasurer for our Student Representative Council, and also to serve as the president of the school's Red Cross Youth Group. I have had many amazing experiences with all of these students. I attended two Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conferences with my fellow SRC executive members in the fall of 2013 and 2014. This year our SRC has held many fun events including Gym Blast, as well as seen to the needs of our students.

The Red Cross Youth Group has held many fundraisers and donated the money to different causes such as the earthquake in Haiti and the tsunami in the Philippines. On

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Halloween we participated in the “We Scare Hunger” campaign; students went out on Halloween trick-or-treating for non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank. For the past two years the Red Cross Youth group has attended WE Day in Saskatoon.

I am a member of our school’s Students Against Drinking and Driving. Drinking and driving has impacted many people and taken many lives. Our goal is to inform students of the risks involved when getting behind the wheel. We raise money to bring speakers to our school to talk to students about the effects of drinking and driving. I had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving (CYAID) conference in 2010, where I met many inspirational people with amazing stories.

Last but not least, I participate in our Fly Higher Club. This is an amazing group of girls who spend time having fun. This club has regular meeting where we do many different activities including walking, having movie nights with healthy snacks and learning different things from community members. We had a local hairdresser and a local massage therapist come to our school and teach us some of the things they do for their jobs. Most importantly we just have fun together.

Volunteering feels natural for me. I volunteer with our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students once every six school days. I love when the students come to me for help or even see me in the hallway and tell me all about their day; it is so rewarding.

The one thing I have a passion for is dance. I have danced since the age of 3 and I do not plan on stopping anytime soon. I currently dance with the Invermay Vensa Ukrainian Dancers and the Invermay School of Dance. Aside from dancing myself, I also teach the beginner jazz, tap and ballet at the Invermay School of Dance. I dance with groups but I have also done many solos in my years of dance experience.

My life is centered around hard work, dedication, passion, and responsibility that living on the farm taught me. I have chosen to go into the field of agriculture because I enjoy being around people who are exactly like me. I also have a love for math, which makes the agribusiness the perfect fit. I

am excited to attend the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2015 to start a new chapter in my life. I look forward to having fun, meeting new people, and seeing where life will take me.



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On Line Training

Need Human Factors or CARS Training? On line training is available on the CAAA website.

The CAAA has partnered with the Canadian Council for Aviation & Aerospace (CCAA) to offer training and skills development opportunities to CAAA membership.

All CCAA training is directly linked to a national occupational standard or specific Transport Canada regulatory requirement. Customizable in-company options are also available upon request. A brief synopsis of some of the training available is listed on the CAAA website.

CAAA members receive a 10% discount on CCAA training and workshops. Just login to the Members' Only Page at www.canadianaerialapplicators.com

CAAA Mentorship Program

The CAAA's Mentorship Program provides a confidential source of advice and mentoring to all new applicators. The CAAA has gathered names of mentors who have agreed to confidentially dialogue with applicators throughout the year. Below is a list of applicators who have agreed to participate in the program, with their contact information. They are available to speak with any new applicator on a totally confidential basis. Contact anyone of them if you have questions or need advice during the season;

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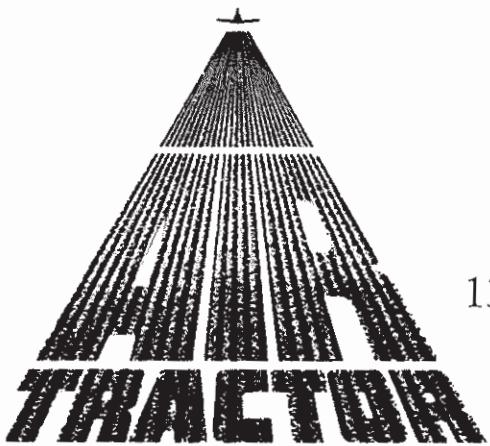
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