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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Matt Bestland

With the first significant snowfall of the year occurring, and 2006 approaching at a rapid pace, I felt it was a good time to reflect on what the CAAA has accomplished over the past number of years and why we have been successful.

In my opinion, our success can be attributed to two areas, first, the foresight of our past boards and committees combined with the day-to-day management of our association by our executive director, and second, by our committed membership. As I opened a leading agriculture publication I noticed there were repeated articles about how individuals are coming to the realization there is great strength in collective numbers. The CAAA has been no different; we have partnered with manufacturers to stem the discontinuance of Chlorpyrifos and pests on the label, provided data for aerial label expansion, partnered with the Canadian Association of Agri Retailers and Crop Life to clarify the issues surrounding PMRA's Own Use Import program, and joined Transport Canada to clarify and resolve issues of regulatory compliance, maintenance, training, etc. There are many other examples of the positive impacts our association can be credited with but space is too short to mention them all. A question arises; however, where would the aerial application industry be if a committed few did not have the patience and perseverance to set up and further a cause that is important to all of us? Would we have a national hull insurance fund, the envy of the aerial application industry worldwide? Would we have the type of support from our industry partners we presently enjoy? Would we have the lowest national accident rate among countries with legitimate aerial application industries? Would the

PMRA request our input as stakeholders on important label issues? Would we have an applicators license recertification system? Did the founding members think it was going to be all smooth flying?

I strongly suspect the answer to all of these questions would be NO!

The numerous benefits, we sometimes individually or collectively take for granted, are due to the accomplishments of the Association. We are fortunate that the founding members and past volunteers showed resolve and worked collectively through issues for the betterment of the industry and their respective association - be it national or provincial.

As an association, we have evolved into a larger and more organized group, but the stage we present from has also evolved. For example, when we now request a meeting in Ottawa with the PMRA and Transport Canada, we get the policy and decision makers, not just their assistants. Recently, I recall meeting with Transport Canada in Ottawa to request changes and clarify issues concerning our industry. Our requests were either granted or clarified by Merlin Preuss, whose

signature today is on each and every one of our members' pilot's licenses. I also recollect the PMRA meetings with the Chief Registrar, Wendy Sexsmith, and most recent meeting with Karen McCullagh, Director of Compliance.

In closing, our intent as directors is to serve the membership to the best of our ability and to further the Association and the industry. Unfortunately, from time to time, as volunteers, we are unable to satisfy 100% of the members, 100% of the time. So if the question is - what has the Association done for me? We can answer that confidently. If the question is, what have I done for the Association? Only you can answer. There are many things you can do as members to assist in our collective goals, ranging from filling out the business survey, to buying an auction item, to simply volunteering just a few hours of your time to better the Association.

**To all of you that have done so,  
thank you!**

**Hope to see you all helping out  
in Regina.**



# PROVINCIAL REPORTS

## ALBERTA Fran de Kock

As usual, the 2005 season brought a series of challenges to farmers, particularly with large amounts of rain in the south during the spring. The northeast was drenched with 100 to 170 mm in August, and last but not least, there were areas with Bertha Armyworm and Diamondback Moths. In all these events aerial applicators were called on to help with the problems. With the heavy rain in the south in June, many aircraft were called to apply herbicides in areas with a large variety of crops, which can create a significant number of challenges. When you take into consideration the amount of acres that were sprayed, the problems we heard about were minimal. The required insecticide spraying happened in a very short period of time. The areas were small, but the infestation was quite severe. The only complaint I heard was if an operator could not get to it immediately - the [John Deere's] were doing the job. The rain in the northeast made it difficult for pre-harvest by ground, and aircraft sprayed fields that were affected the most.

It seems a significant amount of our work these days is 911. Whenever an event takes place that forces a grower to hire an aircraft where they normally don't, we have to take advantage of the opportunity in two ways. One, it gives us the opportunity to do extra work which directly effects our bottom line. Second, is the opportunity to show how effective we can be, when doing the job for growers we may not normally work for, in hopes, they may hire us in the future as a part of the regular process of growing and protecting their crops.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in Red Deer, November 14th and 15th, and was very well attended. Credit courses were offered on Emergency response and Regulations. Some very important issues were discussed at the AGM, including Safety Management Systems [SMS] and how to handle oilfield or other activities in fields requiring spraying. The two subjects generated much discussion, especially SMS. The consensus, in the SMS discussion, was that we, as applicators, couldn't live with it as presented and the CAAA needs to address the issue. The oilfield and other field activity issue is a matter to be handled by each individual operator. The important thing to remember is how each individual operator handles it, affects us all.

For many of us, the end of the season allows us to catch up with family time. We can spend more time with our children and, in my case, my grandchildren. This time of year is also very busy but I think most of us do a good job of making up for the time when we were focused on our profession and our families were lower on our list of priorities. Sometimes I think because of my profession, my children missed out on a lot of things we could have done in the summer months, as anything we did always had to be short and sweet. When I look back, I think we adapted quite well. Instead of one snowmobile, we had three. Our time at the lake was spent on winter activities instead of summer ones. Skating on the lake, instead of swimming in it isn't that bad - the bugs don't seem to bite. It is also more comfortable sitting in front of the fire in the cabin in the winter than in the summer, and our summer holidays were replaced with winter ski trips to the mountains.

I would like to thank all of the 4A members for their support this past year. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

## SASKATCHEWAN Jeff Farr

Greetings to my fellow aerial applicators! As this is my first Presidents report, I wish to acknowledge a few people. Thank you to Lloyd Good, for his dedication and time spent as the President of the SAAA. Also, thank you to the other directors who have dedicated their time to the SAAA. I look forward to working with all of the directors as we forge ahead into 2006.

Speaking of 2006, the CAAA convention in Regina is coming along quite well. The committee has an exciting program put together with just the right mix of education and fun. The SAAA convention held in Moose Jaw, this year, was well received. I was unable to attend but I have spoken to several members who did, and they stated that they were pleased with the convention.

Planning is already underway for the 2006 SAAA convention, to be held in Saskatoon, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Aviation Council and the Sask. Aerospace and Defense Inc.

The next SAAA directors meeting will be December 1. At that time we will select a new Vice President and Treasurer.

As December quickly approaches, it is time to reflect on another year. 2005 provided another challenging year for agricultural producers and, of course, those who surround it. Areas of Saskatchewan enjoyed a busy season, while others were slow. My area started out strongly but as harvest grew closer and the rumble of lower commodity prices became a reality, things slowed down. Our area, harvested one of the best crops ever grown, so hopefully 2006 is a great year for producers and applicators alike!

SAAA Membership Applications have been sent out to all previous members. Please send in your membership application as soon as you can, so you can be included in the 2006 Directory.

I would also like to wish all of you a Joyful Christmas with your families and a Prosperous New Year.

## MANITOBA Reg Friesen

Hello once again from Manitoba! Currently, there has not been too much newsworthy happening in our province. A snowfall has finally arrived to mark the official end of the 2005 spraying season, so we can now finally start our planning and looking forward to the 2006 season.

The MAAA convened our fall meeting in Portage la Prairie, November 3, 2005. The meeting was well attended with some very good presentations, and a course credit was offered for attending the meeting. If you were not able to attend, don't forget about the CAAA Convention in Regina, as additional credits will be offered there.

## EASTERN CHAPTER Dave Davies

### PROVINCE MOVING FORWARD WITH CHANGES TO PESTICIDES CONTROL ACT AND REGULATIONS

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, October 5, 2005 - The Government of Prince Edward Island is moving forward with a comprehensive plan to amend provincial laws governing the handling and use of pesticides.

Minister of Environment, Energy, and Forestry, Jamie Ballem, said proposed changes to the Pesticides Control Act and regulations address all aspects of pesticides in Prince Edward Island, from transportation and storage requirements to the sale and ap-



plication of both domestic and non-domestic pesticide products.

“Government’s primary objective in considering the amendments was to safeguard the health and well-being of Islanders. I believe this new regulatory framework will help us achieve that objective,” said Minister Ballem. “Together, these changes will significantly reduce risks associated with pesticide use, and provide for greater protection of public health and our natural environment.”

Last year, a report entitled *Recommendations for the Regulation of Pesticides in Prince Edward Island*, was completed by the Environmental Advisory Council, which is appointed under the Environmental Protection Act to advise the Minister on issues of environmental concern. The report, based on extensive consultations with Islanders, included 44 recommendations in the areas of pesticide sales, purchase and application; vendor and applicator training; posting and notification of pesticide applications; record keeping; display, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides; enforcement of regulations; and reduction of risks associated with pesticide use.

Following the release of the Environmental Advisory Council report, Minister Ballem appointed an implementation working group - consisting of members of the Departments of Environment, Energy and Forestry; Health and Social Services; and Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture - to examine in detail the implications of each recommendation and develop an implementation schedule.

Minister Ballem said Government intends to implement the majority of recommendations in the Environmental Advisory Council report with little or no change. Among the key amendments to be phased in between 2006 and 2007:

- The Province will adopt a classification system for domestic class pesticides (similar to the one used in Quebec), which separates products into two categories based on their potential risk to human health and the natural environment. This will avoid duplication of work and cost substantially less than PEI creating its own classification system.
- A business selling higher risk (Category 2) domestic pesticides must be licensed, and the products sold through a dispensary system (behind the counter) by trained and certified staff.

- For all landscape, structural, fumigation, or soil fumigation applications of a non-domestic or Category 2 domestic pesticide, advance notification must be provided to the owners of property within 25 metres of a treated area, and signs must be posted on treated areas.
- A protected zone, the width of the water-course buffer zones, will be established around any open body of water as defined in the Pesticides Control Act; and the application of a pesticide within this protected zone will be prohibited.
- The Minister will request voluntary compliance with the establishment of a protected zone of 10 metres from the boundary of all public areas such as schools, hospitals and parks, with the protected zone to be created through the efforts of both the agricultural community and the institutions involved. Pesticides would not be applied in the voluntary protected zones.
- The maximum allowable wind speed for the application of a pesticide using ground application equipment will be reduced from 25 kilometers per hour to 20 kilometers per hour; and aerial application of a pesticide will be banned.
- Fines for violations of the Pesticides Control Act or regulations will be increased to a minimum \$1,000 and maximum \$50,000 for individuals, and a minimum \$5,000 and maximum \$250,000 for a corporation.

Minister Ballem said Government has decided not to implement a small number of recommendations put forward by the Environmental Advisory Council because the implementation working group advised that

they were not feasible or did not meet the stated objective.

- The Province will not establish a Task Force to further research measures that could be implemented to reduce risks of pesticide contamination. Responsibility for this type of research lies with the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency and the Province does not have the financial resources, estimated to be upwards of \$3 million, to undertake the work on its own. Minister Ballem has written to the Federal Minister of Health to seek research assistance on the need for buffer zones in areas where pesticide products are being applied.
- A certification system for those who purchase or apply a Category 2 domestic pesticide will not be implemented. Having Category 2 domestic pesticides sold behind the counter, by trained and certified staff will help ensure that individuals receive more product-specific information when they purchase these products.
- Rather than proceeding with the recommendation that agricultural pesticide applicators provide an annual pesticide application schedule to property owners within 25 metres of the land being treated, the Province will establish a government and industry committee to explore other options. Providing a list of products that may or may not be used during the season, depending on weather and crop conditions, does not meet the need for timely and accurate pesticide application information.

The first amendments to the Pesticides Control Act Regulations will come into effect January 1, 2006 with further changes being phased in over the following year.

**Watch for the CAAA Business Survey  
coming in January 2006.**

**Complete it and see the benefits  
the information will provide for your  
company and the industry.**

# OUI UPDATE

On November 23, 2005, I was invited to make a presentation to the Own Use Import (OUI) Task Force in Ottawa. For those of you who are not familiar with OUI, it is a product import program that was made available for farmers which allows them to import products for their own use. These products must not increase the risk to Canadians or the environment. The importer must accept full liability for the product and must comply with all regulations. In order for a product to qualify under the OUI Program the importer, or another party, must prove the imported product is chemically equivalent to another product already registered in Canada. Last spring, the PMRA accepted a product that the Farmers of North America (FNA) submitted as equivalent to a Canadian product. They were able to demonstrate to the PMRA's satisfaction that Clearout 41 Plus was chemically equivalent to a Glyphos product and should be allowed into Canada under the OUI Program. The floodgates were opened. In 2005, a total of almost 3200 OUI Permits were issued to farmers who brought in almost 6 million liters of Clearout 41 Plus. The bulk of the permits were submitted, and product was brought in, with the help of FNA. Many farmers have paid to become members of the FNA because they believed they would reap significant savings by getting their glyphosate through this program.

The presentation I gave in Ottawa to the OUI Task Force, expressed many concerns with this type of program. One of our key concerns was the confusion over the labeling of the product and the liability. We were unsure which label applied to the use of the product and whether it could be applied by air for pre-harvest use. The simple answer at this time is that you must follow the Cana-

dian OUI Label and disregard the Non-Canadian Label. If the Canadian OUI label is missing from the container, you **must** still follow it, so you will have to find a copy elsewhere. Also, if you read the Canadian OUI label that was on the Clearout 41 Plus containers this year, you will find that it is **not** permitted to be applied by air for pre-harvest use. The other area of concern is liability. Whenever we apply products we do assume some liability for proper application, drift and contamination resulting from the application, etc. We don't necessarily want to assume the liability the manufacturer would normally bear, i.e. that the jug actually contains the product that is on the label and that it is chemically consistent with the guarantee on the label. However, when OUI products come in to Canada the farmer signs a form accepting full liability for the product. The question is ... does this expose you, the applicator to additional risk by applying the product for the farmer?

Some other concerns and issues were, container disposal, training, product consistency, program enforcement, product stewardship, carryover of product and lack of proper emergency hotlines and support. The FNA claimed this program would allow the farmers to potentially save millions of dollars. By my math, using figures from the FNA website and real pricing of a comparable generic glyphosate in Western Manitoba, the farmer either saved 12 cents per acre or spent an extra 3 cents per acre. The savings did not add up to what was being claimed. For those possible miniscule savings, you lost all of the benefits that come with purchasing a Canadian registered product. I believe there is already enough competition in the Canadian pesticide market, allowing the farmer to reap the benefits

of low pricing. The biggest winner in the whole exercise this year was the organization that collected the more than \$1.2 dollars in membership fees, and the trucking firm that collected \$2.8 million dollars in shipping charges. The program was never designed for this type of product. It circumvents every rule and regulation we have to follow as retailers and applicators. It causes confusion and controversy. And it is the Canadian taxpayer that pays for it. This program, if it is unchanged, will create a two tiered system in Canada, one group must follow all of the rules and regulations and bear the cost of doing that, and the other group will essentially be exempt. One of the visions of the FNA organization is to eliminate the need for the retail outlets to the farmers. In fact a quote from their website says, *"If we are successful to the point secondary suppliers' facilities become vastly underutilized, there may be an opportunity to have strategic alliance with this group (chemical and fertilizer dealers) to provide the following services through the FNA structure ..."*. Here they are thinking that the failing retailers will align themselves with the FNA to provide agronomy and other services that the farmers in Canada have come to expect. Not a healthy vision for those of us that include Retail Sales as part of our business.

It will be interesting to see how the Task Force deals with these issues over the winter. The objective is to have a revamped OUI Program by the time the 2006 season is upon us. The CAAA will continue to monitor this issue and keep you advised in future issues of the newsletter. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

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## Dollars & Sense of Aerial Spraying

Field trials completed last year in Manitoba illustrated aerial application yields are as good as or better than ground application yields on canola, wheat beans, and potatoes. This is the second trial in ten years that illustrated yields were better overall with aerial application. The data from the trials has been compiled and published in a brochure for use by aerial applicators. The brochure provides applicators with an excellent marketing tool to promote their services to producers.

The brochure is available through the CAAA office at \$1.00 per copy (100 copy minimum). The trials were independently conducted by AXYS Agronomics and supported by Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association, BASF Canada Inc., Arty's Air Service, Bestland Agro, Jonair (1988) Ltd., Morse Bros., Roland Air Spray, and Westman Aerial Spraying Ltd. For more information contact the CAAA at 780-413-0078.

# Local Aviator Receives Provincial Recognition

The Saskatchewan Aviation Council awarded local aviator Doug Ingham the Distinguished Airmen Award at their Annual Convention Friday November 4, 2005. This inaugural award is given to an individual who, by virtue of personal dedication, has made significant contributions to the aviation community in Saskatchewan.

Doug is an accomplished pilot, having accumulated over 10,000 flight-time hours without accident or violation since he first soloed, in 1967, at the age of 14. Doug has gone on to distinguish himself through his extraordinary mentoring skills and aviation accomplishments.

As a flight instructor, Doug has inspired, encouraged, and taught many aspiring aviators. If you talk to any of Doug's past student pilots they will tell you, "Doug had a way of teaching that made you feel confident and believe in yourself." One of Doug's greatest strengths is his ability to focus 110 % on the task at hand when it is time to fly. His attention to detail is a prerequisite to any flight and many aviators have benefited from such a role model.

Doug is a trusted aviation business advisor and peer. He is viewed as wise, loyal, patient, and honest. He is a kind friend. Many will tell you, Doug's aviation influence on them has been positively profound. This truly speaks for his distinguishing qualities doesn't it?

Doug has dedicated himself to aviation and is very accomplished. Since that excite-

ment filled day as a 14-year old, Doug has obtained his:

- Commercial License
- Multi Engine Rating
- Instrument Rating
- Airline Transport License
- Class 1 Instructor Rating and
- Private & Commercial Pilot Designated
- Flight Test Examiner Rating

Not only did Doug teach and inspire many, he has volunteered countless hours towards the betterment of aviation. He has contributed to the Saskatchewan Flying Farmer Organization as a Director and Teen Advisor; the Yorkton Flying Club and the Saskatchewan Aviation Council as a Director; and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Aviation Association as President.

In addition, Doug was a founding member of the Canadian Aerial Applicator Association and served as the new organization's inaugural Vice President and Newsletter Editor. In 1990, Ag-Pilot Magazine presented Doug with an Industry Achievement Award.

As a life long learner Doug holds two degrees from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1973, he received his Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree, and in 1990, he obtained his Bachelor of Education Degree with Distinction.

Doug has gone on to expand his teaching horizons and is currently a full-time teacher at the Yorkton Regional High School. He has taken his aviation experience and contributed

it to the classroom and many young adults by developing an aviation studies curriculum. Approved by the Saskatchewan Department of Learning, Doug presently teaches this course as a Grade 11 science elective. Through his high school contributions Doug has already been named an Agriculture Ambassador through the Agriculture in the Classroom Program. Yet frequently after school and on weekends and holidays, Doug remains committed to the flight activity at the Yorkton airport as an examiner, relief pilot or fellow businessman.

Accepting the award, Doug said, "he was particularly proud to have his 94-year old mother in attendance," and he further credited his father for the inspiration saying "my father told me that being able to make a career out of something you love to do was truly a honour."

By virtue of his humble nature Doug is not one to boast of his accomplishments or seek applause. Doug's students, colleagues, friends and family thank the Saskatchewan Aviation Council for providing an opportunity to highlight Doug's accomplishments to others in Saskatchewan and to recognize Doug Ingham for his role in Saskatchewan Aviation as a truly Distinguished Airmen.

Two distinguished Airmen Awards were also presented that evening. Sharing the limelight and honor was Yogi Huyghebart of Glentworth Saskatchewan. Yogi is a former fighter pilot with the Canadian Armed Forces and a past squadron leader of the Canadian Snowbird Team.



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**Friday,  
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# AGM Luncheon Speaker

## DAVID ANDERSON, MP

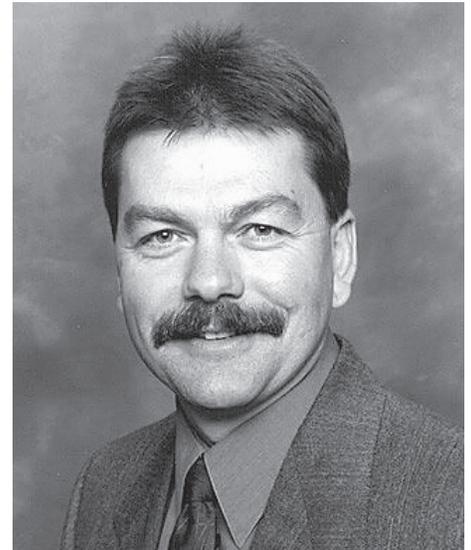
David Anderson is the Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills – Grasslands, Saskatchewan. Born in 1957, Mr. Anderson is an active farmer / businessman from Frontier, Saskatchewan, where he has lived most of his life. Mr. Anderson has been farming for the past 30 years.

In 1975, he graduated from Frontier High School and went on to study at the University of Regina where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. In 1987, he enrolled in a Masters of Divinity program at the Canadian Theological Seminary. Over the next three years, he completed the Masters of Divinity program, while continuing to farm full-time.

David was first elected to Parliament in 2000 as a Member of the Canadian Alliance Party. Since then he has filled several important roles. He was elected by his Saskatchewan colleagues to be the Saskatchewan Caucus Chairman from 2000- 2003. He served on the Canadian Alliance Ag team as

an Agriculture Critic from 2000-2003. During this time he was also the Critic for the Canadian Wheat Board and served as a Member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food. From July 2003 until the 2004 election call, David served as Official Opposition Question Period Director and was responsible for the daily preparation and presentation of Question Period. When the sponsorship scandal erupted during this time, Question Period played a critical role in exposing the issues.

As a current member of the Conservative Party of Canada, David once again serves as the Critic for the Canadian Wheat Board, a role that has allowed him to pursue his interest in the World Trade Organization agriculture trade talks. He is currently a member of the Conservative Party Working Group on Agriculture and works actively with Diane Finley, Senior Agriculture Critic. David continues to serve as a Member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food.



David married his wife, Sheila, in 1982. They have two children, Amy and Andrew. Mr. Anderson has been actively involved in his home community of Frontier, serving on various boards and volunteering with Frontier Minor Sports. He served on the Eastend School Division Board from 1994-2000, the last three, as Chair. His interests are varied and include woodworking, reading, restoring vehicles and snowboarding. Once in a while, he also enjoys just sitting and relaxing.



### CASINO REGINA

On Thursday February 23, 2006 the CAAA Conference and Tradeshow delegation will visit Casino Regina, located in Regina's historic and beautifully restored Union Train Station.

The evening will begin with a Vegas-style show in Casino Regina's Show Lounge where the entertainment is said to be world class!

After the show, put your cards on the table and try your luck at the over 750 slot machines and 35 table games. Be sure to join in the fun and discover why Casino Regina is touted as Saskatchewan's number one tourist attraction.



### DELTA REGINA

The 2006 CAAA Tradeshow and Conference will be hosted at the Delta Regina hotel located in the heart of downtown Regina. The venue is a short ten minute drive from the airport and is connected by skywalk to Casino Regina and more than 100 shops in the Cornwall Centre. In your downtime, take a splash down the indoor, three-storey waterslide, or relax in the whirlpool.

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and register for the conference on-line. The site is secure so you can use your Visa or MasterCard.

# CAAA AWARDS

**The Canadian Aerial Applicators Association is accepting nominations for the following annual awards:**

## **Award of Excellence**

Recognizing an individual's contribution to the betterment of agricultural aviation in Canada.

*Past Winners: Peter Hansen, Fran de Kock, John Bodie, Lloyd Good, Lorin Rubbert, Bob Morse/Peter Funk, Peter Funk, Jon Bagley, Bob Morse, Brian Kinniburgh, Garry Reusch, Gary Moffat, Murray Palmer and Dale Gross*

## **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.

*Past Winners: Devan Yaholnitsky, Greg Flowitt, Jean-Luc Andre, John Floyde, Steven Toth, Jay Cummings, Jeff Dean, Johnny Bestland and Kevin Mooney*

## **The Jumpseat Award**

For an individual, group or allied member who through personal effort and dedication has made a substantial contribution to the agricultural aviation industry and the CAAA.

*Past Winners: Vivianne Servant, Chuck & Chip Kemper, Queen Bee Air Specialties Inc; Duane Feely, Manitoba Conservation - Fire Program; Tony Mrak, United Agri Products; Monsanto Canada Inc.; Cheryl Denesowych, Yorkton Aircraft Services; Jock McIntosh & Janet McLean, Alberta Environmental Protection; Dow AgroSciences Canada, Inc. and George Esau, Oldfield Kirby Esau.*

## **Wings of Agriculture Award**

For outstanding professionalism in agricultural aviation by an active member of the association.

*Past Winners: Matt Bestland, Brent Lange, Ted Anderson, Fran deKock, Jon Bagley, Lorin Rubbert, Larry McDonald, Al Hein, Peter Funk, John Bodie, Cheryl and Allan Denesowych, Ian Dutton and Bob Morse*

## **M.V.P. Award**

For a non-flying individual support staff person of a CAAA member who demonstrates an outstanding contribution to the teamwork approach of an aerial application operation in Canada.

*Past Winners: James Spence, Carri-Ann Hansen – West Wind Airspray Ltd., Joan Tiede – Target Airspray Ltd., Shirley Bodie – Jonair Ltd., Susan Molberg – Westman Aerial Spraying*

## **CAAA Pilot of the Year**

Presented to an active CAAA individual member who is a pilot with more than 5 years experience and has demonstrated dedication and professionalism throughout their career as an agricultural pilot.

*Past Winners: Matt Bestland, Clairon Seib*

**CAAA members wishing to nominate a fellow member for one of these awards are requested to complete the enclosed forms and submit to the CAAA office by December 31, 2005. Awards will be presented at the 2006 Annual General Meeting in Regina, February 22 – 24, 2006.**

## **Babysitters needed at AGM**

**If you are bringing along a child 12 years or older that is interested in babysitting during the AGM or you are interested in obtaining babysitting services, please contact the CAAA office.**

# Saskatchewan Continuing Education Program for Aerial Applicators

In March, 2004, the three prairie provinces and the aerial applicator associations on the prairies agreed to work together to facilitate a program of pesticide applicator re-certification through a continuing education program.

In a continuing education program, credits toward re-certification are received by the candidate for attending education sessions over a number of years. These credits are called Continuing Education Credits (CECs).

A minimum of 15 CECs are required for re-certification in a particular licence category and must be taken in the five year period prior

to re-certification. The re-certification exam will remain available for those who are unable to obtain CECs.

There are a variety of opportunities that could be used to obtain CECs. A number of approved education sessions have been offered since January, 2004 at provincial and national aerial applicator association conventions. Aircraft calibration clinics have also provided CECs for participants.

Other types of opportunities could include courses or presentations at conferences, workshops and field or equipment demonstrations. Training videotapes, interactive computer

training programs or independent study programs may also be eligible.

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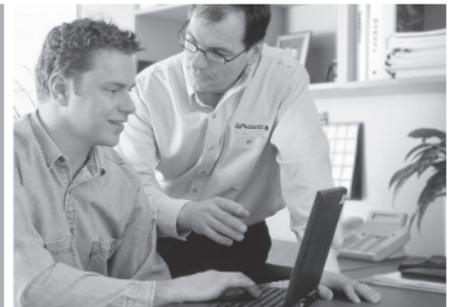
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**The CAAA would like to extend a sincere thank you to Lloyd Good of West Central Air and James Spence of Bonnyville Air Services for their service and dedication as provincial representatives on the CAAA Board of Directors. We extend a warm welcome to Jim Wood of Precision West Ag Corp. and Tom Kinniburgh of Kinniburgh Spray Service Ltd. as new incoming representatives for Saskatchewan and Alberta. Thank you all for your time and commitment on behalf of the CAAA membership.**

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### Druids:

Many Christmas customs are carryovers from pre-Christian celebrations. Hanging gifts on trees is supposed to stem from tree worship of the Druids, and the belief that the tree was the giver of all good things. The Druids are also partly responsible for the use of mistletoe at Christmastime. They regarded the mistletoe as sacred, made certain that it never touched the ground, and dedicated it to the Goddess of Love, which explains the kissing that goes on under it. Originally, when a boy kissed a girl, he plucked a berry from the cluster and presented it to her. When the berries were gone, so were the kisses.

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