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President's Report

By Matt Bestland

I hope this newsletter finds everyone planning for a busy season. First I must congratulate the SAAA and their convention committee for a great job done in Regina, and in particular, Pense. What a great mix of fun and business and I know by the volume of positive responses from both members and industry partners, it was a success. Great job! We should be proud of our convention, as it is known as the most informative, interesting and enjoyable to attend.

At the AGM, an exciting opportunity for our industry was announced, an offer by Transport Canada to partially deregulate our industry, and to have meaningful input in rewriting the regulations as they apply to our industry. Exciting developments like this do not come often. As an association we realize this undertaking is of great importance and no small task. Therefore to respond to this opportunity, we have struck a balanced committee to assess

the advantages, disadvantages, as well as costs and impact on our industry and you the member.

What are the regulatory issues that you are concerned with? What changes would you like to see made? Here is a great opportunity to help shape the industry you operate in.

The CAAA would appreciate, from all members, your written concerns and suggestions by, fax, email or regular mail ASAP, to put the initial framework together.

With spring here and seeding only a month away, now is as good a time as any to address some of those pesky preseason issues like maintenance, employee training, as well as implementing a safety idea or two.

Let's all have a safe and profitable year.

CAIR Safety Seminar

The 2006 CAIR safety seminar was held at the CAAA AGM in Regina. Operators, pilots and interested observers, attended the seminar. The seminar included various subjects such as; Canadian, U.S. and Australian accident reports, pilot competency checks (PCC's), emergency procedures, pilot training, pilot attitudes and the mentorship program.

The accident reports and statistics revealed wire strikes continue to be a major cause of accidents. There were several accidents related to turns including four in the U.S. that resulted in fatalities. There was also a mid air collision that some how caused no loss of life. The information showed that we in Canada have a very good accident rate but it

is difficult to draw accurate conclusions due to lack of available data relative to hours flown in each country.

The discussion on PCC's reviewed various procedures such as planning, take-off, ferrying, pre-spray field inspection, spray turns, spray runs, field entry, field exits and landings. The various aspects of the PCC's were discussed both positive and negative making for some very interesting comments. The emergency procedures were reviewed in all aspects of flight and how we can apply them to our own training.

A significant amount of time was spent on training and how to ensure the objectives are achieved. A company-training checklist was

discussed to ensure all aspects are completed and signed off. It can be constructed to meet each individual or company requirements. Pilot attitudes to safety, training and general team concepts were discussed.

The mentorship program introduced some interesting concerns brought forward throughout the year from individuals and I think is giving junior pilots a very good opportunity to address concerns regarding their new career in ag aviation.

The group participation throughout the seminar generated an interactive discussion on various subjects and made for a very in-

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PROVINCIAL REPORTS

ALBERTA

Fran de Kock

As usual, the 2005 season brought a series of challenges to farmers, particularly with I began making notes for this report as I was driving back from our annual conference in Regina. It never ceases to amaze me how flat and wide open some of our country is. If your dog ran away, you could watch him for three days! Even though I prefer some hills, trees and lakes, it has its own special beauty. I remarked to Randy Hale, the NAAA President, it is like the high plains of Texas – only white.

When we were planning the 2006 CAAA Conference in Regina there were some comments like; “not Regina again; how boring; how can we get people to attend and what can we do to make it interesting”. If you did not attend you missed an excellent event.

The CAIR safety seminar was well attended and the group involvement was exceptional, making it a very interesting and informative event. A wide range of topics were covered and I came away feeling our industry is making safety and education a priority. This is definitely a step in the right direction.

The Ice Breaker was a very unique event. The setting was “small town Saskatchewan” at the Recreation Complex in the town of Pense – an unbelievable facility for the size of the community. The event consisted of hockey, curling, skating, an excellent buffet meal and a relaxing evening with friends.

The trade show, meetings and courses were very informative. The Thursday luncheon featured David Anderson, an MP from southern Saskatchewan who now has a very important position in the agriculture department of the new government. As he made his presentation, I realized he definitely is one of us. It was exciting to hear him speak about things like family, rural life, agriculture, how they go together and how we have to change to keep agriculture profitable in the future. He fielded a number of questions from the group and after the presentation was surrounded by members with more questions.

The evening show featuring the Jeff Healy band at Casino Regina was a great show. Very talented musicians, if only they could turn the volume down by half so you could hear them. I guess that shows my age!

The CAAA AGM had the usual business and discussion with some very exciting news regarding a new direction Transport Canada

is willing to discuss with us. This direction includes an amalgamation of the operations manual, maintenance manual and SMS into a company specific SMS profile that fits your operation. It will give each person or company the opportunity to set up a system to, fit their own operation, from a single aircraft operation to a larger operation with multiple aircraft. This is definitely an opportunity to have a significant voice in our future as an industry.

The convention concluded Friday night with the awards banquet and auction. I would like to congratulate all the recipients on their awards – definitely the highest honour in the aerial application industry. The auction had many great items and was very successful. I would like to thank the SAAA, the CAAA office staff and everyone else involved for an excellent convention. **Who says Regina is boring – it's what you make of it!**

We had our AAAA Board meeting in Regina and are planning our fall AGM. The Board dealt with a variety of issues including credit courses, drift insurance, finance, and CAP clinics. We are looking forward to an interesting and exciting November conference in Red Deer.

There is definitely a lot of concern about the coming year with low commodity prices and increased input and equipment costs. I always had the view that you never know how good or how bad it is until the season is over but the stress of that seems to get worse every year as the numbers get bigger. When you look at the bottom line it was a lot better 20 years ago with one tenth of the investment – but that maybe is a sign of the times.

Generally, winter has been quite mild with very little moisture; in fact December seemed like September. We were lucky there was moisture last fall, and if below average snowfall continues we, could still have good spring seeding conditions.

As the winter season of meetings winds down it is time for me to plan for the 2006 Ag-training and spray season. There are many things to be done such as safety inspections on mix trucks and trailers, fuel tank inspections and repair loading equipment as required. Last, but not least finish winter inspections on the spray aircraft. It seems all the things going on in my schedule run together – as soon as one thing is completed it is time to start the next. I sometimes wonder which part of the year has the most stress and it may not be spray season. As spring approaches we have to plan for the season and be ready for whatever the year may bring.

SASKATCHEWAN

Jeff Farr

Greetings from Saskatchewan. It's official; we experienced the warmest winter on record! There was not much snowmobiling in southern Saskatchewan, but I understand it was excellent in the north. What a province!

The CAAA convention held in Regina was a great success. I would like to thank all the SAAA directors for their contribution to a great convention. A special thanks to Jim Woods, his wonderful wife Jan and all the volunteers at Pense who made our Ice breaker at the Pense Recreational Centre one to remember. The evening was packed full of entertainment, great food and fun. Everyone attending had a great evening. I would like to thank all the hockey players for their patience with my nine-year-old son. Justin had an absolutely fantastic time, a night that he will never forget. A special thanks to John Floyde (biscuit), you made his night!!!

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the team at the CAAA Office. Jill, Nicole and all the others do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to make sure that everything runs smoothly. I was told that they never have the opportunity to work with the same planning committee from the provinces when the convention returns. I can understand why. It is an enormous task to put on a convention, the caliber of the CAAA's!

We were fortunate to have a professional photographer at our convention this year. A special thanks to Lauri Wiberg for the wonderful photos. They will be posted on the SAAA website at www.saaa.ca.

I would like to thank Rod Parker for being our MC. He did an excellent job. I would also like to thank our auctioneer Josh Kot of Lackey Auctioneers, Weyburn, SK.

I would like to welcome Jim Woods as the new SAAA Vice President. Jim has a long history in agriculture and aerial application. His knowledge and dedication for his new position will be a great benefit to the SAAA! Kevin Mooney continues to be our Secretary/Treasurer. We appreciate your return to this grueling position!

We have decided to have CAP clinics at Yorkton, Moose Jaw and Lewvan this year. Please contact the CAAA to book your location.

The 2006 SAAA/SAC Wings on Saskatchewan Conference will be held November 7-9,



2006 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon, SK. The format will be somewhat different as it will be one day shorter. We feel the 2007 will be a large convention as we are in conjunction with Sask. Aerospace and Defense Inc.

Spring is rapidly approaching and it is time to get ready for another season. Please remember to practice "safety first"! I wish you a safe and prosperous 2006 season!

MANITOBA Reg Friesen

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan convention committee and to Jill and her staff at the CAAA office for another exceptional convention in Regina this year. One of the committee members made a statement of "how do you follow the Vancouver convention and expect a success", but you people did it. Thank-you very much it was a great time, you all did a fantastic job.

I'm writing this newsletter at the end of March with some snow still on the ground but quickly disappearing. Spring always comes very quick at the end of a Manitoba winter. One of my suppliers ends his faxes or emails with "Number of days left until seeding". In December it's funny but in March and April it never fails to send me into panic mode. (You have to stop doing that Kevin). But spring is here and in Manitoba it looks to me that we are in good shape for land conditions and hopefully we are poised for success.

Wind farms are something that has turned into reality in Manitoba. The first wind farm was erected in St. Leon, which is in the west central area of southern Manitoba. When

imagining a wind farm you think of areas like California where they line them up in an orderly fashion. Not so in Manitoba. To spread the wealth and to involve more of the communities they scattered these towers all over the country side making the entire area dangerous or in some cases impossible to spray by air. There are now 6 – 10 more projects being entertained by the provincial government and Manitoba Hydro. All but one or possibly two of these are being proposed for agricultural areas. All though any help to agriculture or farming income has to be viewed as a positive, I hope our current provincial government and our new federal government realize that agriculture has to be self sustainable on its own for it to succeed in the long term.

Good luck in the season to come.
Fly safe and keep smiling!

EASTERN CHAPTER Simon Pagé Aviation Advisor, SOPFIM

Late fall 2004, the *Société de protection des forêts contre les insectes et maladies* of Quebec (SOPFIM) performed a contract in Africa with two partners under the auspices of the United Nations Organization. This operation was against desert locusts in Mauritania with 2 Airtractor 802 equipped with PT6-67 engine. SOPFIM's team, Robert Chénard and Michel Plourde, took care of the organization, management and ground support for the program.

Desert locust outbreaks occurred in three main areas in North-Western region. As the rainy season ends and green areas shrink, locusts,

normally solitary, tend to group together in the little remaining green vegetation and start to change appearance and begin behaving as a group. When they begin to take on group characteristics young, wingless locusts, known as "hoppers", march together in search of food. They develop into adult, winged insects that form swarms, which may contain tens of millions of insects, stretching across many kilometres and travel great distances, irrespective of crossing international borders.

Even though many individuals involved had major experience working in Africa, they had to cope with unusual situations during the three-month period. One of them was the ferry. It's one thing to prepare an aircraft for a spray season; it is quite another one to prepare it for a ferry of 15 hours over the ocean.

It took a lot of time and attention to properly seal the hopper with the fuel kit in a hanger in Canada so one can imagine the same process on the way back from Africa.

The spray missions occurred mostly during the morning, when the locust swarms are at a standstill on the ground. They get airborne when the temperature is warm enough (around 10 AM). Swarm locations were given by local ground surveyors, and then processed to create GPS missions (using AgNav® 2) by the project manager. Pilots had to bring a large amount of drinking water and a satellite phone in case of an emergency landing far away from the ground base.

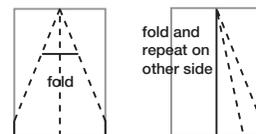
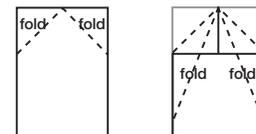
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pyrifos (Dursban). The spray systems used were wind driven pump with Micronair flow meter and Micronair AU 4000 atomizers.

Operating sometimes from dirt strip, most of the spraying missions have been carried out from paved 5,200-foot airstrip. In the desert, daytime air temperature raises around 40°C and good working air-conditioning becomes an essential piece of equipment in the aircraft.

Several compressor washes, daily cleaning of ram air screen and filters and fuselage wash, was the daily task of the Alberta engineer as some spray missions ended while the locusts were getting airborne and aircrafts had to fly thru them. Flying conditions over the desert bring up also powder like sand in the air. In Africa, even changing a flat tire becomes a big job if you try to find hard enough materiel to jack the bird and lay the gear on.

All the equipment to carry out the program had to be shipped self-contained and ready to use since it is very hard or impossible for some to find parts, in situ. Some parts have had to be shipped with people coming from Canada

during the program (besides peanut butter, CheeseWhiz and Kraft Dinner).

For the aircraft, replacement parts were also difficult to get, even if the supplier, also working in another area on the same program, is in Spain. Competition sometimes brings on surprises...

The two aircraft had around 400 hours flying time over two months. Back from the contract, one aircraft had a boroscope inspection and an internal inspection of the hot section by Pratt & Whitney without any problems detected.

Like all the pests we are used to dealing with, this outbreak is cyclical, vulnerable to weather conditions, climatic variations and environment changes. Hopefully for Africans, Mother Nature is sometimes taking care itself in those situations, reducing the impact of damage and keeping social peace for the better.

Even though working on this specific "mission" seems like hell (though 40°C is close to that...), it was a great experience for SOPFIM, for Robert and Michel, and everyone working on the program wants to go back! When Africa gets to you, you're contaminated and have to go back...

CAIR Safety Seminar

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testing session. The seminar continues to evolve as a very important part of CAIR's promotion of safety and training.

Operator's insured through CAIR, who attended the safety seminar, will receive a discount of 1.5% or \$100.00 per aircraft (whichever is greater) discount off their 2007 total hull insurance premium. All pilots attending the safety seminar and passing the exam are eligible for a lower deductible when operating a CAIR member's aircraft.

For pilots unable to attend the safety seminar the benefit of the lower deductible will still be available by viewing a DVD of the seminar and passing an exam. The DVD and exam are available through the CAIR office. The pilot will be required to view the DVD, write the exam and mail the completed exam and payment of \$100.00 per exam to the address provided. If you wish to receive the DVD, please contact the CAIR office at 1-780-413-0016.



CAAA Mentorship Program

The CAAA has long recognized a need for new applicators to have a confidential source of advice and mentoring. To address this need, the CAAA has established a Mentorship Program designed to provide a service to new applicators. The gathered the names of mentors who agreed to speak confidentially to applicators throughout the season. Following is a list of applicators that have agreed to participate in the program including their contact information. They are available to talk to any new applicator on a totally confidential basis. Contact anyone on the following list if you have questions or need advice throughout the season:

Jon Bagley	Bus: 204-763-8998	Cell: 204-729-7723
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Get confidential advice to assist you make better informed decisions.

CAIR Contact Information

Save this information in your CAIR file to assist you during the season. CAIR inquires should be directed as follows:

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

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2006 CAAA Annual General Meeting

The 20th Annual Canadian Aerial Applicators Association Conference and Tradeshow was held on February 22-24 at the Delta Regina Hotel in Regina Saskatchewan. The three-day conference was very productive with educational sessions, industry networking and lots of quality time for fun and visiting.

David Anderson, the newly appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture was the keynote speaker for Thursday lunch and provided his viewpoint on political issues surrounding agriculture. At lunch, PropWorks awarded their scholarship to Renee Woods, daughter of Morley and Marilyn Woods. Morley is a long term CAAA member from Elgin, Manitoba. Thank you to Pratt & Whitney Canada for sponsoring the lunch and Ag Chem Equipment for sponsoring the speaker. Three credit sessions were offered to members including the CAIR Safety Seminar and How to Enhance Your Company's Profitability workshop put on by Mark Brown of Myres Norris Penny. Thank you to AgResource for sponsoring this informative workshop. Syngenta Crop Protection provided a Touchdown training session and Satloc held a GPS training session on Wednesday morning.

Approximately 35 industry partners exhibited the latest in aerial application products and technology during the two-day tradeshow. A poker game and silent auction in the exhibit hall added to the tradeshow fun. The CAAA sincerely thanks all partners who provided a silent auction item.

Of course the conference wasn't all work; entertainment provided a break from a long day of sessions and exhibits. The Icebreaker,

sponsored by Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. was a great kick-off with a quick trip to the Pense Recreation Centre to experience some of Canada's finest winter sports. A tri provincial hockey games was the headline entertainment with Manitoba walking away with bragging rights. For those not playing or cheering on the hockey teams there was curling, snowmobile rides and horse drawn wagon rides. A great big thank you to Jim and Jan Wood who organized the event for the CAAA and to all the volunteers from Pense who participated including the curling club that provided great curling instruction, the snowmobile club for rides and manning the bar, the hockey referees for not laughing too hard, and the First Responders for their presence and luckily their services were not required. Great food, fun and a real community atmosphere made for a great night. BASF sponsored a great concert provided by the Jeff Healey Band at the Regina Casino. It was a unique opportunity for the members to attend a concert of a true Canadian musician with international acclaim. As well the hospitality suites sponsored by Air Tractor on Thursday night, and Bayer CropScience Canada Co. on Friday night, were popular stops!

The Awards Banquet and Auction, sponsored by Bayer CropScience Canada Co., was another great event thanks to the hard work of Peter Hansen, CAAA Auction chairper-

son. Special thanks to auctioneer Josh Kot of Lackey Auctioneers, Weyburn, SK for volunteering his time.

The auction raised over \$40,000.00 to be directed towards CAAA programs. A big CAAA thank you goes out to all the sponsors who donated items to the auction.

Fran de Kock, CAAA Awards chairperson, did an excellent job facilitating the awards presentations. The following awards were presented:

- **Matt Hughes, Saskatchewan** received the Ace Award sponsored by Bayer CropScience Canada, which is presented to a new applicators, less than 5 years, who demonstrated great tenacity in becoming a professional Ag-Pilot.
- **Bob Martindale, Supermarine Aircraft Inc., Ontario** was presented the Wings of Agriculture sponsored by Mid Continent Aircraft Corporation for outstanding professionalism in agricultural aviation by an active member of the association. This award was presented to Bob posthumously and accepted by his wife Sharon, son Matt and brother Dan.
- **Robert Chenard, SOPFIM, Quebec** accepted the M.V.P. Award presented to a non-flying individual support staff of a CAAA member who demonstrates an outstanding contribution to the teamwork approach of an aerial application operation in Canada.
- **Bruce Gair, Wetaskiwin Aerial Applicators Ltd., Alberta** received the Pilot of the Year Award presented to an active CAAA



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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.

- **Clark Oberholtzer, Air Alta Applicators, Alberta** was awarded the Award of Excellence recognizing an individual's contribution to the betterment of agricultural aviation in Canada.
- **Dwight Willoughby, BASF** was presented the Jump Seat 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.
- **Bayer CropScience Canada Co.** was presented the Diamond Award recognizing the single sponsor who provides the most significant support during the year through the CAAA Partnership Program.

Congratulations to all the very deserving award winners.

A big thank you to our many volunteers. **Ken Cameron** and **Debbie Britton** faithfully monitored the credit programs to assure all applicators receive their licence re-certification credits. **Jan Wood** and **Pat de Kock** were a great help during the auction, collecting bidder information. **Kevin Mooney** made sure all of the AV requirements for each session were in order long before he could even be asked!

What would the AGM be without a Master of Ceremonies to keep speakers on time and programs followed? A big thank you to Rod Parker, this years MC, for his excellent and often times thankless job.

Finally thank you and congratulations to the conference committee of Jeff Farr, Chairman; Ted Anderson, Lloyd Good, Kevin Mooney, Ken Abrahamson, Daniel Roberge, Wayne Silzer, Jim Wood and Mike Yaholnitsky They played an important role in the success of the 2006 conference and were generous with their effort, time and support.

For all the members who were unable to attend; we missed you! We hope to see you in 2007 in Winnipeg.



Ted Anderson (l) presents Matt Hughes the Ace Award



Matt Bestland (l) presents Dwight Willoughby of BASF the Jump Seat Award



Gilles Trudel (l) presents Robert Chenard the M.V.P. Award



Darren Tiede (r) presents Clark Oberholtzer the Award of Excellence



Fran de Kock (l) presents Bruce Gair the Pilot of the Year Award



Matt Bestland presents Kevin Chorney and Shaun Cornielle of Bayer CropScience the Diamond Award.



Fran de Kock (l) presents Sharon Martindale the Wings of Agriculture Award awarded to her late husband Bob Martindale. Son Matt Martindale and brother Dan Martindale watch on.

Riddle

What English word can have 4 of its 5 letters removed and still retain its original pronunciation?

2006 CAAA Annual General Meeting



*Kristen Edwards
"sitting down on
the job"*

*Jim Woods
wondering whose
idea this was!*



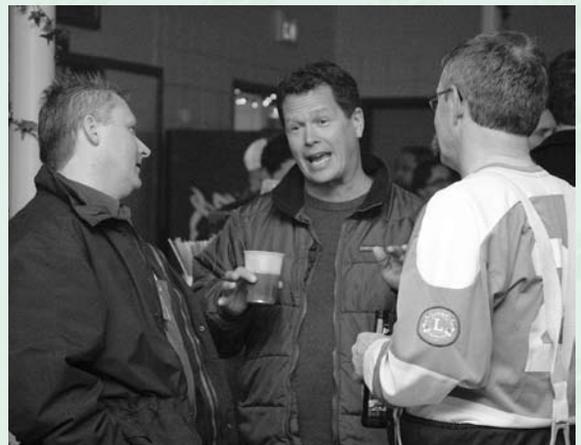
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Brain Buster

Bill went out to buy some golf equipment. He spent half of what he had plus \$5. at the first store. He spent half of what was left plus \$4. at the second store. At the third store he spent half of the remainder plus \$3. He then had \$5. left to buy golf balls. How much money did he start with?

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Ag in the Classroom in Canada

Today's children tend to be a more urban-oriented generation. Many of them have little understanding of the opportunities available within our agriculture industry. Children must be exposed to the necessity of sustainable agriculture practices to ensure that the future of the food supply is secure. We must have thoroughly educated children who understand the importance and the background of agriculture. We believe our children have grown apart from their roots and the source of their food. We believe it's important to ensure future generations understand the importance of agriculture in our society and in our economy.

Agriculture in the classroom programs across Canada build awareness and an understanding of sustainable agriculture and food systems by providing educational programs and resources to students and teachers. Every province has a provincial Ag in the Classroom website that can be accessed through The Ag in the Classroom in Canada site at <http://www.aitc.ca>.

The site provides resource materials, educational opportunities and suggestions to assist you in bring Ag in the Classroom. The CAAA also has Ag in the Classroom materials available to all members. Take the opportunity to visit a classroom in your community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Transport Canada Regulatory Initiative

As most members are aware, for several years the CAAA has traveled to Ottawa to lobby and discuss with Transport Canada the need to address issues with regulations that apply to the aerial application industry. Transport Canada has agreed to provide the CAAA the opportunity for direct input into the framing of the new regulatory environment that will govern our industry. Once completed, this could offer members, clearer and simpler operating rules and fewer regulations to work with in the industry. Of course the CAAA is not viewing this as a simple or small task, nor do we think there will not be some bumps in the road. However we do see this as an opportunity, something that reflects one of the greatest barriers affecting your business according to the CAAA business survey. So obviously the CAAA Board feels we, as an association need to give it our best effort, when the opportunity is presented.

The CAAA has appointed a committee and established a timeline for this initiative. The process will require the CAAA, representing the members, to act as advisors to assist with the removal of irrelevant and unworkable clauses in the current regulations. A new

approach should effectively eliminate the unworkable requirements in the new SMS regulations.

The proposed new regulations would streamline the OC & maintenance control manual requirements utilizing a common sense approach. You have been requested to supply your questions, concerns, approval and/or disapproval regarding the new Transport Canada Regulatory Project initiative to the CAAA. In addition we have heard from some of you regarding areas or sections in the current Transport Canada regulations you feel are unworkable and/or in need of revision in the aerial application industry; areas or sections in the current Transport Canada regulations you feel are important to maintain in their current form and new areas or sections you would like included in regulations for your industry.

The CAAA wishes to assure all members, our intent is not to compromise the exemplary safety record or high level of professionalism the industry has worked so hard to achieve. Maintaining this is the committee's highest priority when representing the member's

viewpoints during the review of all aspects of the regulations.

The CAAA firmly believes this is a unique opportunity for you as an aerial applicator to have real and welcome input to the proposed regulations that will govern your future operation.

Business Survey

The CAAA Business Survey results are complete and will be circulated soon to participants. The CAAA believes participants will find the information valuable to their business. The CAAA Board of Directors will make good use of the compiled information to assist the aerial application industry during government and industry lobbying. Thank you to those members who took the time to complete the survey and support the active lobbying of your industry.



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Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program

The Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program allows applicators in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to re-certify their pesticide certificates by attending approved continuing education courses. Fifteen continuing education credits every 5 years are required to re-certify. The three provinces have utilized a phase-in period for the number of required credits. To date, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are in their second year of the phase-in period so they will be requiring applicators to have 10 credits in any of the 9 concept areas to re-certify in 2006. Alberta is in its third year of the phase-in period so they will require 15 credits including the minimum credits in specific concepts (see table listing minimum requirements) to renew in 2006. In addition, there are specific criteria for applicators to meet to be able to re-certify through the continuing education credit system. The criteria are as follows:

- credits will be accumulated over the 5 year period of the certification.
- one credit normally results from one hour of training (intensive, hands-on and one-

on-one training with instructor can be authorized for up to 2 credits per hour).

- a minimum 15 credits are required for re-certification, with a minimum number of credits required in a number of concept areas (refer to table below for a description of the concepts and the credits required).
- a maximum of 10 credits will be recognized in any one year.
- applicators who do not achieve 15 credits over 5 years will be required to pass the certification exam prior to re-certification.
- training for credits should involve active participation of an instructor with the applicators, through instructional activities, question periods, worksheets etc.
- training formats include:
 - instructor-led classroom courses or presentations at conferences, symposia, workshops, field demonstrations, and

equipment demonstrations in which active participation occurs and continued attendance is verified.

- viewing approved training videos where continued attendance is verified
- the use of an interactive computer program where continued attendance or completion of the program is verified.
- self study or approved course materials where completion of the course by the applicator is verified (completion of worksheet, mini-exam, assignments).
- Training dealing with business aspects of pest management or service company management, fertilization, irrigation, commodity storage or marketing, are not acceptable for training.
- Training can provide new, updated or more detailed information or be presented in the format of a refresher on the following concepts:

Concepts	Subconcepts
General Information	How pesticides work, Grouping Pesticides (chemical families, Mode of Action etc.), Formulations /Tank Mixes
Regulations <i>(minimum 2 credits in 5 years)</i>	Pest Control Products Act Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Occupational Health & Safety Act Ag. Pest Act or Weed Control Act Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Labeling	Interpretation of labels Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
Human Health and Pesticide Safety <i>(minimum 2 credits in 5 years)</i>	Toxicity, poisoning symptoms, risk and attitude Precautions and safety for pesticide handling and use Protective clothing and equipment Transportation mixing & loading, storage of pesticides Cleanup and maintenance of equipment Disposal, re-entry intervals, application records
Environment <i>(minimum 1 credit in 5 years)</i>	Fate of pesticides, contamination sources aquatic, land (soil, animals, beneficials, plants), air impact
Pest Management <i>(minimum 2 credits in 5 years)</i>	Weed, insect & disease, vertebrate pest management, IPM, herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide characteristics and factors affecting efficacy
Application Technology <i>(minimum 2 credits in 5 years)</i>	Selection, components, operation and calibration, maintenance and storage of application equipment Environmental conditions affecting application.
Emergency Response	Spills, fires, first aid, emergency response plans
Professionalism	Attitude, work habits, communication, conflict resolution

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CAP Clinic Analyst

The CAAA would like to announce Matt Hughes as the new CAP Clinic Analyst. Matt began training for his private pilot license in the fall of 2002 and went on to complete his commercial license the following year. He completed the SIAST Pesticide Course in March of 2003. Matt enrolled in the Battlefords Airspray Agricultural Pilot training program in the spring of 2004, which he successfully completed and began flying an Ag Truck. He became the CAP Clinic assistant for the 2003 season and has been the CAP clinic assistant/trainee for three years. Matt was instrumental in getting the new CAP clinic trailer ready for the 2005 season. Matt has worked with and trained under Dennis Gardisser on several occasions. Dennis has approved Matt for certification as a S.A.F.E. Analyst and Matt will be attending another course provided by Dennis Gardisser this year. Matt has great ideas for improvements to the clinics and looks forward to providing you calibration clinic services this year. Welcome aboard Matt.

The clinics are tentatively scheduled for the following locations:

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Exact dates and times to be set by mid April.

On-site calibration is available for the 2006 CAP Clinic season. There will be an additional charge, and scheduling will be on a first come - first serve basis. If you are interested in this service, please contact the CAAA office at 780-413-0078 immediately.

Every 20 months a Calibration and Patternization Clinic is required to apply pre-harvest Roundup and Vantage. The same requirement applies to membership in the Wild Rose Protective and Prairie Protective Funds. The CAAA maintains and publishes the list of pilots and companies certified to apply Roundup and provides the list to provincial regulatory government bodies.

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