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From the Desk of the President

Janet Keim

Congratulations and thank-you to Randall Morris and his team at the Saskatchewan Institute of Indian Technologies (SIIT). You have worked long and hard on your ideas and plans for providing aircraft maintenance training in Saskatchewan. The June 25th funding announcement was a giant step forward (see page 5 for details).

Saskatchewan aviation is powering industrial growth right across the province. In that growth are wonderful opportunities for Saskatchewan youth. Our flying schools and SIAST are doing a good job at providing commercial pilot training, but the lack of maintenance training has become very obvious, and very critical.

I applaud the SIIT success in partnering with three of the world's largest aviation manufacturers, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Rockwell Collins. With their experience and resources behind SIIT, and with the full

support of the Saskatchewan aviation community, we will soon see a training program that will graduate young people who will find satisfying and rewarding careers in the rapidly-growing aviation industry in our province.

While I am passing along congratulations and thank-you's, I would also like to thank the Community Airport Partnership Program review panel members, John Wade, Steve Burchi, Lory Sproxton, Michelle McConwell, and Alan Hill, for volunteering their time to the program. I am hopeful that they will all volunteer for next year's program.

Another congratulations to the Saskatoon and Regina airport authorities as both airports have attracted new and more flights for the summer and fall. Your persistence and hard work is paying off with improved flight service to Saskatchewan.

Although Don Macpherson retired as SIAST head last winter, he has been working with the Air Cadet League to attract past air cadets into the aviation industry with summer employment. SAC, with Don's leadership, will be working more closely with the Air Cadet League in Saskatchewan on various projects over the next while. Thanks, Don.

And, last but not least, a big thank-you to Randy Muzyka who has taken over the reins of the SIAST program. Randy is doing a fine job and I think enjoying life as a program head at least most of the time. I do hope the kids in the program continue to drive him a little crazy.

Be sure to note the dates of our conference in Regina. Anyone with ideas for folks deserving awards this year, please get in touch with me.

Happy flying!

COMING EVENTS

SWIFT 2008 Conference & Equipment Expo Info: www.swiftconference.org	Westin Hotel & Calgary Airport Calgary, AB	Sept. 7 - 11
2008 BCAC Annual Conference Info: 604-278-9330 or rback.bcac@telus.net	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel	Sept. 25 - 26
Guy's 80th Birthday Party!	TWA Hangar #9 Jasper, AB	Sept. 20 October 2008
2008 Western Aerospace Alliance Conference	Edmonton, AB Info: www.iaaecanada.org	Oct. 27-31
Human Factors for SMS Compliance & Train the Trainer	Delta Hotel Regina, SK	Nov. 12 - 14
2008 Wings of Saskatchewan Conference & Trade Show	Winnipeg, MB	April 22 - 23

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ATAC Spring Symposium

Submitted by Don Macpherson,
former Program Head of SAC/SIAS T Commercial Pilot Diploma Program

May 12 - 13, 2008

In early Spring, Joan Williams of the ATAC Flight Training Marketing Committee invited the SIAS T/SAC Commercial Pilot Program to make a Symposium presentation on the unique success of our program. With the support of Randy Muzyka, Program Head, and the SAC, I attended the symposium, discussed the background that led to the establishment of the program, and analysed the factors that have made us a success.

The key factor in the success of our program has been the SAC. Saskatchewan's provincial aviation council is alive and well and providing a strong and unified voice for the Saskatchewan aviation industry. A single flying school could not support a college program, but the partnership of five FTUs working together through the SAC, has given the program a high profile and a province-wide student base.

When the program began in 2000 we approached PPL students at the flying schools to advertise the program. Now students begin PPL training at the schools because they want to come into the college program. The flying schools and the Saskatchewan aviation industry have a strong financial and professional interest in the Commercial Pilot Program.

The SIAS T/SAC partnership is a business proposition. We attract students to the schools, and we supply Saskatchewan air operators with highly-motivated graduates. The Industry

Advisory Committee, consisting of SAC, SIAS T representatives, and graduates of the program, meets regularly to review program content and direction.

Perhaps our strongest link to the industry, is our instructor group, which consists of 14 active commercial pilots working in Saskatchewan aviation. Our instructors bring the reality of their experience to illustrate the required theory of course content, and they provide a mentoring link to potential employers of our graduates.

None of our instructors are "ex" anything. They do the job on a daily basis.

SAC employers have been very generous in making it possible for experienced training staff to instruct in our program. Our instructors reflect their employers' values of professionalism and strongly influence our program content and emphasis.

The SIAS T/SAC Commercial Pilot Program has no airplanes, no simulator, and no full-time instructors. Yet we have become a program that has become a success model for programs elsewhere.

The defining difference is the co-sponsorship of the Saskatchewan Aviation Council.

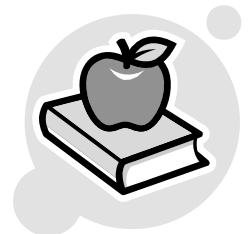
Commercial Pilot Diploma Program Update

Submitted by Randy Muzyka,
Program Head, SIAS T/SAC Commercial Pilot Diploma Program

One has to ask, where did the summer go? We've had the good fortune of relatively good weather, which likely meant lots of outdoor activities for some of us and especially a good opportunity for students to do some flying. With most of the SIAS T CPP students working out of town over the summer months though, many may not have had the opportunity to fly as much as they wanted to. So this will translate into a busy fall season coming up for students. Academics and study time for the second semester will be the priority, followed by working to complete the CPL and Multi-engine/IFR ratings.

It's very encouraging to see that there are plenty of opportunities for immediate employment in the aviation industry for our graduates. A good work ethic combined with a positive attitude will now become especially important when it comes to obtaining that first flying opportunity. Our local operators are extremely busy and are actively seeking pilots who are willing to work hard and contribute positively to a team environment.

Demand for the 2009 SIAS T CPP is strong and I anticipate filling all of the seats very soon. One word of advice to students is to take advantage of the warm weather before winter starts showing up and fly safely as much as your free time permits. See you in class!!!



Congratulations to West Wind Aviation!

Dennis Goll, President and CEO of West Wind Aviation, was presented with the 2008 Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) Award of Merit at an award ceremony in Toronto this June. The honor recognizes a person, company or group for their outstanding contribution to aviation.

West Wind was also the recipient of the North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) Job Creation Award at the annual NSBA awards ceremony in March.



West Wind Aviation is hosting its 25th Reunion Celebration on September 26 & 27, 2008.

For more information, or to RSVP, phone Maureen Richard (306) 668-0246 or email reunion@westwindaviation.ca.

ATAC REPORT

Submitted by Tom Ray

The Air Transport Association of Canada has had several challenges recently. The first being the withdrawal of Air Canada, Westjet, Jazz and Air Transat from the membership of the Association. This will result in significant reduction in revenue for ATAC in the new year. To further complicate the situation, Sam Barone, President and CEO, has resigned, moving to the Canadian Business Association of Canada. Mike Skrobica has been appointed as acting President while applications are being received to fill the position permanently.

Members of the Board of Directors who are on the Selection Committee for a new President and CEO are preparing a short list for interviews. This should take place in the next few weeks. By our next newsletter, it is hoped a new President and CEO will be announced.

The ATAC Board of Directors has a strong feeling of renewed energy with the departure of the Big 4. Without the major emphasis being on the Majors, ATAC will devote more time to grassroots issues of its' members. The new President and CEO will have a revamped mandate in his or her list of objectives.

Many of the current issues at ATAC will continue to be worked on. With a possible election this fall, many of the government projects are scaled back. If the election does come to pass, government issues will be on hold for a number of months.

The annual ATAC Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow will be taking place in Calgary, Alberta, November 10-12. With it being in Calgary this year, it is hoped many SAC members will consider attending.

Best Wishes!

ARTHUR ANDREASSEN RETIRES FROM NAV CANADA

After 41 years of service (29 with Transport Canada and 12 with NAV CANADA), Arthur Andreassen is retiring, as of August 22, 2008.

With his retirement, NAV CANADA has appointed Mr. Raymond Bohn as the new Assistant VP, Revenue and Performance Indicators, and Mr. Jeff Perchard as Director, Rates and Revenues, reporting to Raymond. Both appointments are effective August 23, 2008.

The SAC has had the pleasure of working with Arthur in the past years, and we certainly wish him well in his retirement!

IT'S GUY DEVENNY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Come and celebrate with us on this momentous occasion!

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 20TH 2008
WHERE: SASKATOON AIRPORT
HANGAR #9 (TWA)

4:30 Cash Bar
6.00 Dinner & Program

If you have any stories or photos you would like to share, please send them to us ASAP -- we would like to put them on display.



NEWS RELEASE - MAY 26, 2008

PROVINCIAL PROGRAM ENSURES **COMMUNITY AIRPORTS ARE READY FOR GROWTH**

Nine communities will receive grants totaling \$500,000 through a provincial program that provides funding for capital improvements to community airports.

"These airports act as an important mode of transportation for many key industries such as the mining, energy, agriculture and tourism sectors. They also serve as a base of operations for services like air ambulance and law enforcement," the Honourable Wayne Elhard, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure said. "Today's grants will ensure Saskatchewan people continue to have access to vital services like health care and that our communities are ready for growth."

The money is part of the Community Airport Partnership program (CAP), which provides safety improvements to community airports such as upgrades to runways, taxiways, lighting and navigational systems. This year's recipients include airports in Big River, Unity, Luseland, Frontier, Weyburn, Kamsack, Esterhazy and

Carlyle. The grants are determined by a review panel that consists of representatives from the Ministry, the Saskatchewan Aviation Council and the Regina and Saskatoon Airport Authorities. All grants awarded under this program are matched by municipalities on a 50-50 cost-shared basis.

"Because of the matched funding, we're going to see a million dollars worth of community airport improvements this year alone," Saskatchewan Aviation Council President Janet Keim said. "That's on top of the million dollars in matched funding that was spent last year during the inauguration of the CAP program. We're thrilled to see this kind of stable, long-term funding available for smaller airports, which ensures they remain a vital part of our communities."

Last year under CAP, money was awarded for community airport improvements in North Battleford, Kindersley, Lucky Lake, Swift Current, Assinaboia, Moose Jaw, Wynyard, Yorkton, Moosomin and Carlyle.

For more info on this program, please refer to the SAC Website at www.saskaviationcouncil.ca !

SIIT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

On June 25th with the backdrop of the Aerocentre at the Saskatoon Airport, and many special guests and members of the public, Boeing, Rockwell Collins, and Lockheed Martin announced their combined donation of nearly \$3 million to the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology (SIIT) aviation maintenance engineer and technician training program. SIIT is a member of the Saskatchewan Aviation Council.

Special guests were led into the ceremony by traditional dancers and drumming. Elder Ben Lafond began with the opening prayer, and Lieutenant Governor Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart spoke of the SIIT program as an advantage to young people looking for careers in Saskatchewan.



SIIT President Randell Morris noted that planning for the program began five years ago when aviation industry leaders approached SIIT with the idea for technical training in aviation. Since then program planning has continued. Recognizing the value of the program, three of the world's leading aviation and aerospace manufacturers chose to donate under the terms of Canada's Industrial and Regional Benefits policy.

Saskatchewan Minister of Enterprise and Innovation, Lyle Stewart, commented on the importance of the new program to the Saskatchewan aviation industry and welcomed the prospect of further co-operation.

Representing the SAC in the absence of Janet Keim, Don Macpherson brought greetings and noted that graduates skilled in aviation technologies could form the basis of future

business development in aviation and aerospace manufacturing and servicing.

The new program will be located in new construction at the Saskatoon Airport, which has shown its strong support throughout the planning phase.

The Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Rockwell Collins contribution will be a huge boost to the SIIT plan.



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SASKATOON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President/CEO Named Vice Chairman of Canadian Airports Council



President and CEO of the Saskatoon Airport Authority (SAA) William (Bill) Restall has been elected first vice-chairman of the Canadian Airports Council (CAC). Of note, this marks the first time the association's First Vice-chair is from Canada's small airports community. The CAC is the voice for Canada's airports and represents more than 50 airports across Canada.



In addition, Bill has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA). The mandate of ACI-NA is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of commercial airports to serve their passengers, customers and communities.

Runway 09/27 Reconstruction Update:

The major reconstruction of runway 09/27 is progressing

well and reported ahead of schedule. The intersection portion of the project was completed within the scheduled 60-hour time frame from July 22 to July 24. Air service impacted during this time has since returned to normal. Work continues on the remaining portion of the runway with the entire project expected to be completed by the end of September. No further disruption to scheduled flight service is anticipated.

New Scheduled Air Service to Saskatoon:

... United Airlines twice daily service to Denver starts September 2

... WestJet twice weekly direct service to Las Vegas starts September 10.

As of the end of June, the Saskatoon Airport has seen 50 consecutive months of passenger growth!



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YQR Update - Summer 2008

Its been a busy summer so far at YQR !

... Despite industry challenges, 2008 passenger traffic numbers continue to climb with current growth to date pegged at 4.6% over and above last year's record breaking levels. Expectations of 1 Million total passengers in 2008 remain realistic.

... A hectic construction season continues with a shift to the "groundside" and a reconfiguration of our roadways and parking lots – total planned parking stalls will exceed 1800. Successfully completed airside projects include the rehabilitation of Taxiways Bravo and Bravo 1 as well as the resurfacing of Apron II.

... The 2008 Regina Airport Authority (RAA) Career Pilot Award was presented at the Regina Flying Club's "Wings Night" on May 10th. The recipient receives a credit of \$1,500, placed on account by the Regina Flying Club, to be used to further their flight training. This year the Career Pilot Award goes to Bryon Burnett of Regina. Congratulations Bryon!



RAA CEO Jim Hunter presents Bryon with his Career Pilot Award.

... To ensure infrastructure meets the needs of operations and future development the RAA has recently completed an update to its "Airport Master Plan". The Master Plan is a

conceptual document that looks out 20 years into the future and tries to anticipate needs and opportunities at the airport. Seasonal WestJet service to Toronto commenced on the 18th of May and twice weekly service to Las Vegas is commencing on September 8th.

... Clearing a Path – An Exhibition of Traditional Indigenous Art – was unveiled in the Regina Air Terminal Building, and recently extended its exhibit agreement with the RAA to the end of 2008. Next step – 2012 Winter Olympics!

... Foreign object debris (FOD) at airports can cause damage or injury that costs our industry an estimated \$4 billion per year. FOD includes a wide range of material, including loose hardware, pavement fragments, catering supplies, building materials and tools, rocks, sand, pieces of luggage and even wildlife and causes damage through direct contact with aircraft (cutting tires or being ingested into engines) or as a result of being thrown by jet blast and damaging airplanes or injuring personnel. Airports, airlines and airport tenants can reduce these cost and increase safety by taking steps to prevent airport FOD. On May 15th, Regina Airport Authority staff participated in a FOD collection walk in and around the main apron area for this reason.



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Wrigley said, "For the same reason the pilot of this airplane keeps the engines running when we are already in the air."

Saskatchewan Air Facilities Maps Still Available!

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