

# The Leading Edge

EAA Chapter 154 Newsletter

April, 2021

Regina and Southern Saskatchewan

## Presidents Message

The newsletters have been few and far between for the last while but... that is about to change. Thanks to Doug Hilderman for taking on the task with enthusiasm and great ideas to reinvigorate The Leading Edge.

As always we appreciate your feedback, suggestions or to provide articles for the newsletter. Contact the chapter at

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Ron Wood



## Monthly VMC Club

The March VMC case study discussed the options of an engine out situation and the decision of having to ditch the plane (Cessna single engine) into a lake or crash into trees.

Our group discussion agreed that the trees would be better. The training video includes a discussion by a panel of aviation experts and what their choice would be. The experts say that 90% of water crashes are survived. They recommended hitting the lake about 2 wing spans away from the shore for best results and do not release your seat belt until the plane has stopped. Our group was surprised but later agreed with the experts. Jim Parr told of how his dad crashed in the trees and all that was left of the plane was 1' square chunks.

The sessions are provided over Zoom. 8:00pm second Monday of the month. Email reminder sent monthly.

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86745373947?pwd=TXF2UmhXQk44MXhNTmZaY1JIS0dNdz09>

Meeting ID: 867 4537 3947

Passcode: 119989

## Time for Chapter Membership Renewal

Chapter dues are still just \$25 and you can renew by:

- 1) E-Transfer to [aaa154sask@gmail.com](mailto:aaa154sask@gmail.com)
- 2) Mail a cheque to Doug Daverne, [40 Sheffield Place, Regina, SK, S4S 2Z6](#). Make cheque payable to EAA154

## Winnipeg FIC Changing to Edmonton FIC

NAV CANADA, the country's civil air navigation services provider is in the process of transitioning Flight Information Centre (FIC) services from its Winnipeg FIC to the Edmonton and London FICs. A first phase will see the transition of FIC services in Saskatchewan and Nunavut between Winnipeg FIC and Edmonton FIC implemented 30 APRIL 2021 at 0901z. See [SKCOPA.ca](http://SKCOPA.ca) for more information

## Disley expansion

Another hanger has been built at Disley by three chapter members. Watch for upcoming presentation on how to move, expand and upgrade a hanger.

## EAA154 Board Meeting Highlights

Discussions at March board meeting focused around EAA154 Chapter tools. The following tools were agreed to be purchased to be used by chapter members; Bore Scope tool and a leak down tester. These tools are for engine maintenance and will be a helpful addition to our tool chest. There was also discussion about possible events we could host this summer. Planning will follow the Covid-19 restrictions and may include a "photo" based scavenger hunt that can be completed from the air.

## RFC holding a Virtual Rust Remover

Date: APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Cost: **FREE!!**

**INSTRUCTORS:** Rylan Grubb

### **REGISTRATION:**

Call the Regina Flying Club and to have your name added to list. Registration must be made prior to the course date.

To register feel free to stop by the club and talk to Alicia or Audrey, or call 306-525-6194 or email [admin@reginaflyingclub.ca](mailto:admin@reginaflyingclub.ca).

**DEAD LINE TO REGISTER:** April 22nd, 2021

## Future Events

How many members have an RC plane collecting dust? Would you be interested in a Disley Airport RC day? It could be a lot of fun and we can follow the C19 guidelines. Event date and alternate to follow.

## Member Travel Tales by Doug Hilderman

When the snow hits I start thinking of a winter get away. The C19 pandemic has put the brakes on many winter vacation destinations. It's always fun to get out of Regina, stay in a hotel and eat in restaurants. This year our world got a lot smaller. We decided to plan destinations in Saskatchewan. My criteria were that the destination airport had to have paved runways, hanger space for overnight and amenities nearby. Our first trip was to Yorkton. I am a new pilot so I haven't seen too much of Saskatchewan from the air. The flight to Yorkton was a pleasure. We saw the Qu'Appelle valley and the clusters of ice shacks on the lakes.



The wind was from the south west so we landed on R22. The runway was smooth. Leading Edge Aviation was very hospitable. They had hanger space and a courtesy car. The Hanger was built for the RCAF and opened on 10 April 1941. It was full of all kinds of interesting airplanes. They had power for me to put the "Buddy" heaters on the engine an hour before start-up. The C172 always starts better when it is warm. The car was really handy to get to the Quality Hotel. My step daughter and boy friend took us to a destination restaurant called Rawhides.

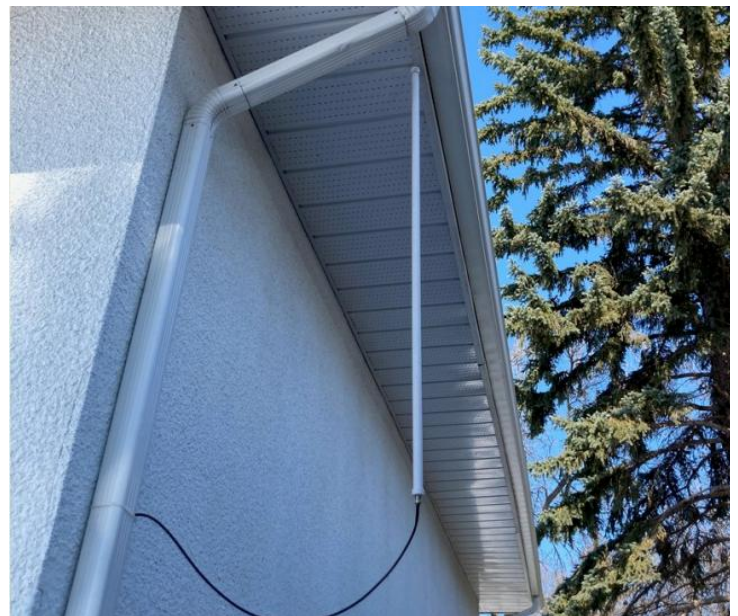


Even following the C19 guidelines we had a very nice stay. My wife said she still prefers Florida. The following day we filled fuel the plane and followed basically the same flight path we did on the way up.

If you have any adventures you would like to tell the members about please write up a short story and send it to: [ea154sask@gmail.com](mailto:ea154sask@gmail.com)

## Members Projects

Dave Stanchuk has a handheld air band radio. He enjoys listen to it when working in his shop. The reception was not great. He decided to make a better antenna. He researched and found this plan – the RST8710.



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