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**To the Many Stakeholders in the COPA 2009 Flyin Convention and Centennial of Flight Celebration**

As the dust begins to settle at CYBW, I felt compelled to reflect on the event and recount what it may have meant to the many stakeholders. I certainly hope everyone feels a sense of pride and accomplishment. The Convention Committee had two goals since the commencement of planning: 1) a safe event; and 2) a memorable event. By all accounts, these goals were achieved in spades and achieved with fiscal success. Below are some benchmarks to frame the Celebration and the level of accomplishment.

**Operational Statistics**

Number of Fly-in Aircraft	185 aircraft
Litres of Fuel Purchased	23,000
Number of Convention Registrants and Guests	567
Number of Exhibitors and Sponsors	52
Static Display Aircraft on Ramp	26
Persons Participating in the Mountain Fly-outs	29
Participants in the Hangar Hoe-down and Air Display (sold-out)	750
Participants in the Centennial of Flight Banquet (sold-out)	480
Longest Pilot Flight Originated from	Cornerbrook, Nfld.

**Backbone of Volunteers**

Number of Volunteers involved	148
Estimated Hours of Planning & Organizing since Jan 2008	1,436 hours
Estimated Volunteer Hours Delivering the Event	2,368 hours



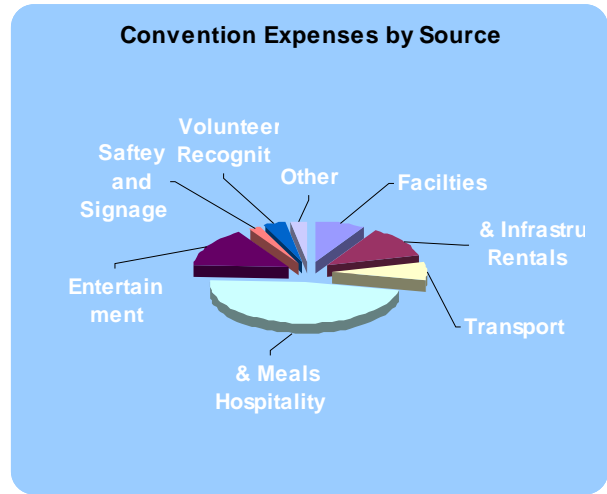
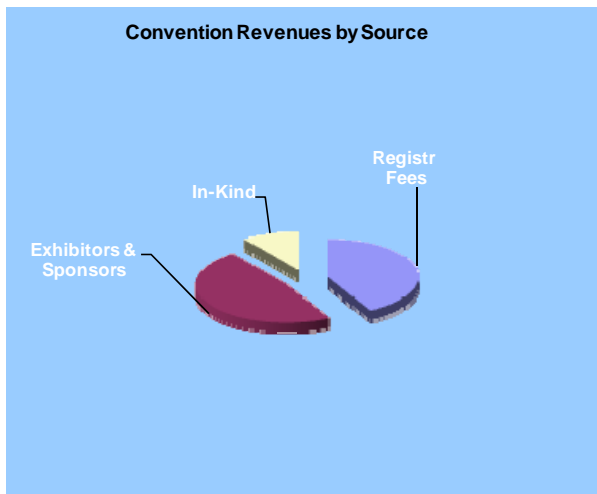
*Celebrating 100 Years of Powered Flight in Canada With National Pride and Western Hospitality*  
COPA 2009 Fly-in Convention ♦ July 17-19, 2009 ♦ Calgary, CYBW

**Economic Impact**

Value to the Local Economy (including economic multiplier)	\$ .9 Million
Contributions of volunteers, sponsors & exhibitors	Priceless

**Fiscal Responsibility**

Some early financial support allowed the Convention Committee to plan a celebration appropriate to the Centennial. In the end, a six-figure budget was managed with a surplus remaining for distribution to local benevolent causes and COPA’s Freedom to Fly Fund. Below are highlights of revenues and expenses.



**Recognitions**

I wish to acknowledge the Calgary Flying Club and the Calgary Airport Authority for offering their facilities and for also making significant financial contributions to allow this event to get started. The leading sponsorships allowed us to engage numerous other exhibitors, sponsors and volunteers that made COPA 2009 possible. Attached is a list of the supporters for all to recognize. To all the pilots who participated in the technical program, we estimate some 1,800 hours of pilot training was put on the books. Thanks for working to keep flying as safe as possible. Under separate cover, the 148 volunteers have been given a fitting thank-you.

It has been one sweet ride and a privilege to have been in the saddle with so many others. My hat is off to the many stakeholders who made the ride possible. The spirit of aviation is alive and well in Calgary!

*With immense gratitude and fond farewells,*

**Bill Beaton**

Retiring Chair, 2009 COPA Fly-in Convention Committee and Centennial of Flight Celebration

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## *Hats off* to the Supporters of the COPA 2009 Flyin Convention and Centennial of Flight Celebration

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lead Supporters and Organizers</u></b></p> <p>Calgary Airport Authority</p> <p>Calgary Flying Club</p> <p>COPA Flight 14      Calgary</p> <p>COPA Flight 81      Okotoks</p> <p>COPA Flight 114      Calgary Ultralights</p> <p>COPA Flight 134      Airdrie</p> <p>COPA Flight 142      Olds-Didsbury</p> <p>Cisco Systems Canada Ltd</p> <p>COPA National      Ottawa</p> <p>Mount Royal College Aviation Department</p> <p>Recreational Aircraft Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Convention Committee</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Convention Chair – Bill Beaton</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Banquet Committee</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Rod Malone Madonna Malone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fly-in Breakfast Committee</td> <td>Bill Zurawell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Logistics, Safety and Security Committee</td> <td>Greg Caswell Don Rennie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hangar Hoe Down Committee</td> <td>Garrett Komm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Program Committee</td> <td>Trekker Armstrong Daryl Medd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registrations Committee</td> <td>Tanya Storing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sponsorship &amp; Trade Show Committee</td> <td>Don Schellenberg Scott Wilcox Pat Bohan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Volunteer Coordination Committee</td> <td>Jim Bleaney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COPA National Coordinator</td> <td>Patrick Gilligan</td> </tr> </table>	Banquet Committee	Rod Malone Madonna Malone	Fly-in Breakfast Committee	Bill Zurawell	Ground Logistics, Safety and Security Committee	Greg Caswell Don Rennie	Hangar Hoe Down Committee	Garrett Komm	Program Committee	Trekker Armstrong Daryl Medd	Registrations Committee	Tanya Storing	Sponsorship & Trade Show Committee	Don Schellenberg Scott Wilcox Pat Bohan	Volunteer Coordination Committee	Jim Bleaney	COPA National Coordinator	Patrick Gilligan
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<b><u>Guest Speakers &amp; Entertainers</u></b>	<b><u>Caterers</u></b>
Lori MacNichol Dr. Brad Armstrong Dave Salmon Richard de Boer Search & Rescue Reps. Stéphane Guevremont Kelsey Foat and the Band Jacquie Drew and the Crew Pegasus Performances	CAVOK Grill , Springbank Red & White Club, Calgary
<b><u>Exhibitors &amp; Sponsors</u></b>	
Acorn Welding	Mountain View Helicopters
Aerobatics Club of Alberta	National Search and Rescue Secretariat
AON Reed Stenhouse	Patrick Bohan
Aviation Alberta	PCAS
AeroSpace Museum of Calgary	Pointer Avionics
Beech Aircraft	Microsoft Canada
XM Weather	Patrick Bohan
Calgary Airport Authority	Reynolds-Alberta Museum
Calgary Flying Club	Rocky Mountain Model Club
Calgary Pilot Supply	Runway 01
Cavalier Aviation	Sennheiser
CASARA	Slemon Park Corp.
Central Aviation	SPOT - Globalstar
Cessna - Thomas Aircraft	Springbank Aero
Challenger West	St. Johns First Aid
Cirrus Design	STARS
CISCO	Stauffer Aero
COPA for Kids – Travellers Insurance	Transport Canada
Diamond – Aviation Unlimited	Women in Aviation
EAA Chapter 1410 - Air Crafters	Reynolds-Alberta Museum
Edmonton Airports	Rocky Mountain Model Club
Erwin Aero International	Red Lake Lodge
Gary Taylor's Super Petrel	MD of Rockyview
Glasair	Calgary Airport Authority
Hope Air	NavCanada
Marsh Insurance	Scott Electric
MBE Jets	Springbank Hangar Developments
Mission Aviation Fellowship	Exploitation Technologies Inc
Mosquito Society	Recreational Aircraft Assoc.
Mount Royal College	

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