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TILLSONBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT - CYTB

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Welcome to the second edition of the Tillsonburg Regional Airport newsletter! This newsletter highlights exciting developments and growth that have taken place this summer as well as some airport events. We hope you will enjoy this edition and invite you to provide us with any feedback and ideas you may have for future editions.

2015 has been a very busy year for the airport. Chances are that you have met Whitney Locken this summer. Whitney brought a lot of experience from working at the London airport and with her background as a pilot herself. She was a great addition to our skilled staff and has moved on to other aviation related opportunities as she is pursuing a career as a commercial pilot.

The airport has also seen growth in many areas: itinerant traffic, fuel sales, hangar construction and improved fueling equipment. Some of our larger traffic this year included a Global 5000, Challenger 600 and Bearskin Airlines. In order to fuel these larger aircraft, an underwing nozzle has been purchased to be able to do this in an expedited manner.

The Tillsonburg Flying School has also been a beehive of activity this year with additional instructors, full Ground School classes as well as receiving "Entrepreneur of the Year" from the Tillsonburg Chamber of Commerce. The Flying School is now Accredited as a Private College under the Private Career Colleges Act 2005. They now offer Commercial Pilot Training and Commercial Ground School. Congratulations to David Brandon and his staff!

An Airport Advisory Committee has been established this year. The Committee will assist airport staff with airport planning and foster growth opportunities for the airport. Thank you to all volunteers that dedicate their time to this committee.

Tillsonburg airport staff were also the recipient of two plaques this summer. The first one was received during a South Western Ontario Air Tour banquet presentation on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The second plaque was presented to airport staff by Paul Hayes and Terry Martin from the Buttonville Flying Club for hosting the Annual Golf Fly in. Thank you to both event organizers for choosing Tillsonburg Airport as your destination.

We look forward to another exciting year with unique events!

Thank you for being part of the Tillsonburg Regional Airport family!



### Message from Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Flight 181 Captain Jeremy Stockmans:

COPA 181 aspired this year to accomplish many things however it would seem that Mother Nature had other ideas for 2015. We did complete a USA trip early this year which took several of our pilots on a cross border excursion to Middle Bass Island for an afternoon of relaxation and good food.

Our COPA kids event was an altogether different story. The entire group was available and ready but low ceilings and gusty winds left us no choice but to shelf the event until later in the year. Unfortunately we were not able to select a date later in the year that would have enough of our membership available to complete the day safely. We cancelled 2015 COPA kids with the intent to plan and execute it in 2016. COPA 181 also hosted a Transport Canada seminar on flight safety which had the house packed with many of our 181 pilots as well as many others from the area. The day went very well and I can attest I was very pleased I attended, as keeping current on flight safety is one of the most relevant concerns in our flight.

With 2016 around the corner I am sure our COPA group will spend most of the next meeting deciding how to move forward into 2016. Until then, take care and see you in 2016.

### South Western Ontario Air Tour

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the South Western Ontario Air Tour departed as a group of 13 aircraft from Hanover Airport on their annual Tour of Southern Ontario. The first stop was at the Leamington Airport and included a tour of the local winery.

The group spent the night in Leamington and departed bright and early the next morning heading for the Tillsonburg Regional Airport where they were welcomed by local COPA Flight 181 members as well as Mayor Stephen Molnar. After enjoying a BBQ and tour of the Harvard hangars, it was time for some shopping.

In the evening, the group enjoyed a relaxing evening with airport and town staff, Town of Tillsonburg and South-West Oxford Council members and Airport Advisory Committee members and their spouses. The evening included a buffet at the Carriage House followed by presentations to round off the evening. After enjoying a breakfast on Sunday morning at the SkyWay Café and fueling up, the group was off to Goderich Airport for more fun. Thanks to all in the group for visiting and we hope to see you again soon.



David Brandon, owner and operator of the Tillsonburg Flying School pictured with Claude Archambault, after receiving "Entrepreneur of the Year" Award.





### **Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association**

The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the weekend of June 13 and 14. Despite the less than ideal weather conditions, many aircraft were still able to take to the skies. One of the highlights of the weekend was a 90 year old former Harvard flight instructor who was able to take a flight on the Saturday. The celebration included numerous historical displays, celebratory cake and lots of stories and reminiscing from the past 30 years.

September 12 saw the return of Wings and Wheels. About 80 vehicles were on display as well as many aircraft on static display. Quite a few aircraft were able to fly in for the event.

To contact the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association for back seat rides please call Melanie Burden at 519.295.0059 or visit their website: [www.harvards.com](http://www.harvards.com)

Watch for details on their upcoming events in 2016!

### **Open House Consultation Process**

As part of the future development of the airport, the Town of Tillsonburg is undergoing a review and update of the Tillsonburg Regional Airport 1989 Master Plan. An Open House Consultation Process was held at the airport on November 26, 2015 for comments from stake holders as well as the public. If you missed this opportunity and you are interested in reviewing these plans, please contact the airport administrator to set up an appointment.





**As a progressive airport, we are continually searching for new businesses to make our airport their new home. Low costs and a rapidly growing tenant base make Tillsonburg Regional Airport attractive to investors!**

**“One Stop Shopping” at CYTB includes the following Businesses:**

Tillsonburg Flying School – Private and Commercial Licence	519.688.3968
Spectrum Aviation – Aircraft Painting and Refurbishing	519.688.0771
Lee Air Leasing – Aircraft maintenance & Service	519.550.4160
Tailwind Aviation – Avionics Sales & Installations	519.694.4435
Sky Way Café – All day Breakfast & extended Menu	519.842.4444

**We welcome our new tenants: Jeff Miller, Brian Ballantyne, Mel Blundell, Jim Mattice, Dan and Carla Cameron and Rod Horvath.**

**Stay tuned for additional new businesses locating at CYTB in 2016!**

Snow contractor for the 2015/2016 season is Horvath Holdings. If you have any comments regarding snow removal please contact airport staff. We look forward to a safe winter season!



**Embraer Phenom from August 2015**