

CAHS Regina Chapter

Activities Report 2023

January – James Bogusz, CEO of the Regina Airport Authority, on how the airport got through the previous three years of hard financial times brought on by Covid.

February - a talk by Doug McNair, president of the Regina Flying Club, which has been in continual operation since 1928, on what the future holds.

March – a particularly professional PowerPoint presentation by member, Dwight Mercer on his father's time as a Halifax bomber pilot in the RCAF's 426 Squadron in 1945.

April – a Zoom presentation from Calgary on the Prairie Air Mail, 1928–1931, by CAHS member Clark Seaborn.

May – Will Chabun's presentation on the former municipal hangar in Regina, specially built for the Prairie Air Mail service in 1930, long used by the provincial Air Ambulance Service, and still being used for aviation.

June – no meeting, but chapter display at the Regina Flying Club annual open house.

September – Glenn Schwartz's colourful presentation on his 35 years as an air traffic controller in Regina and Winnipeg.

October - presentation by 2 members of Regina Police Service's new Air Support Unit.

November - Lloyd Bjørdalen on his long career in aviation, flying executive aircraft and, later, 737s for WestJet.

Our newsletter, *The Windsock*, ran accounts of our speakers plus historical articles ranging from a reprint of a 1951 article on an RCAF auxiliary exercise in western Canada to a reprint of 2009 article by Moose Jaw local history specialist Leith Knight on the early days of aviation there. In addition, our chapter sends a four-page collection of photographs to all those who have subscribed to the email edition of our newsletter. The highlight of this was the December publication of five pages of photographs of aircraft in the "boneyard" for retired Canadian military aircraft that used to exist at the Saskatoon airport from the yearly 1960s until 1977.

Finally, several of our members made their way to this year's CAHS national convention in Kingston.