

# The Windsock

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## Presidents Message

Another season just about completed and harvest has started early this year for most parts of Alberta. Most operators I've talked with recently say that acres sprayed have decreased compared to the last few years. Certain parts of Alberta were hit with severe drought and were classed as disaster areas. Other areas that have had minimal moisture reported yields 25%-30% below the five year average. Looking back in recent history it seems that approximately every five years of fair to good moisture conditions are followed by a couple of dry years. Given that, are we possibly going to experience another dry season next year?

As mentioned in the spring news letter, the AAAA's board has been realizing that the association's bylaws are in need of some changes. A committee was formed this past spring to review the bylaws and to bring recommendations for the board to consider at the next board meeting on October 14, 2015. The Board will bring this information to the AGM this November.

Just a reminder that this year's AAAA's AGM is being held at the Black Knight Inn in Red Deer on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This marks the 45<sup>th</sup> year that the Alberta Aerial Applicators Association has been together and is really something to be proud of. Over the years together, we have had some great influence on how some rules and regulations were formed that affected our industry along with helping create very safe operations in aerial application. Also did you know the AAAA's was formed 16 years before the CAAA?

Please attend the AGM to help yourself and the association to move forward in to the future.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Pat Stinnissen.

### 2015 Board of Directors

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### Calendar of Events

October 21 - 23, 2015 - CAAA Board Meeting  
(Ottawa, Ontario)

November 2 - 3, 2015 - AAAA Annual General Meeting and Conference (Red Deer, Alberta)

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December 7 - 10, 2015 - NAAA Conference and Trade Show (Savannah, Georgia)

February 18 - 20, 2016 - CAAA Conference and Trade Show (Victoria, British Columbia)

**Celebrating 45 Years!**  
**2015 AAAA Conference and Annual General Meeting**

*November 2 - 3, 2015*  
*Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, Alberta*  
**NEW LOCATION!!**

Alberta Aerial Applicators Association is proud to announce the 45th Conference and Annual General Meeting! Our program for 2015 will consist of several re-certification credit sessions and special presentations. Please note the venue change for 2015.

Registration forms are available for download at [www.albertaaerialapplicators.com](http://www.albertaaerialapplicators.com)

*Special room rates starting at \$125 have been negotiated with the **Black Knight Inn** (including breakfast). Call **1-800-661-8793** or **403-343-7669** by **October 5, 2015** in order to receive the guaranteed room rate. Be sure to indicate that you are an Alberta Aerial Applicators Association delegate.*

Make sure to register now for this year's conference and renew your 2016 AAAA's membership at the same time! If you have any questions please call Tamara at the AAAA's office at 780-413-0079 or at [info@albertaaerialapplicators.com](mailto:info@albertaaerialapplicators.com)

### **Session Information:**

#### **Session #1**

#### **Nozzle and Pressure Selection for Efficacy and Drift Control**

This presentation will discuss nozzle types and spray pressure setting to achieve maximum pesticide efficacy, to minimize spray drift and to avoid off-target injury. Will also discuss sprayer cleanup to prevent cross-chemical contamination when switching pesticides.

*1 credit in Application Technology (All Classes)*

#### **Session #2**

#### **Pesticides: Safe Handling**

This presentation will discuss pesticide toxicity and how to safely handle and apply pesticides to prevent negative toxic effects to applicator, bystanders, animals and the environment. It will focus on selecting proper protective equipment, safe application, transportation, storage and proper disposal of pesticides.

*1 credit in Health & Safety (All classes)*

#### **Session #3**

#### **Pollinator Protection and Pesticides**

Discover the role of Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency in dealing with Pollinator Protection. You'll learn about the Canadian bee mortality incidents and best management practices for Pollinator Protection.

*1 credit in Environment*

#### **Session #4**

#### **Formulating Weed Control Programs**

Discover specific weed biology aspects to consider when addressing common weeds encountered in the Alberta Weed Control Act. This will be an interactive workshop where the group will address specific weed problems encountered in real life situations and formulate a plan of action through group discussion.

*1 credit in Pesticide Management*

## Program of Events

**Monday, Nov 2, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee  
with Exhibitors**

**9:00 a.m. Wild Rose Protective  
Fund Annual General  
Meeting  
(MEMBERS ONLY)**

**10:00 a.m. Coffee Break**

**10:30 a.m. Shafeek Ali  
Nozzle & Pressure  
Selection for Efficacy  
and Drift Control  
(1 credit Application  
Technology)**

**11:30 a.m. Exhibitor  
Presentations**

**12:00 p.m. Lunch with  
Exhibitors**

**1:30 p.m. Shafeek Ali  
Pesticides: Safe Handling  
(1 credit in Health & Safety)**

**2:30 p.m. Coffee with Exhibitors**

**3:00 p.m. Alberta Aerial Applicators**

**Association Annual General  
Meeting  
(MEMBERS ONLY)**

**4:30 p.m. Reception with Exhibitors**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner & Auction**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. Pollinator Protection and  
Pesticides  
(1 credit in Environment)**

**10:00 a.m. Coffee Break**

**10:15 a.m. Formulating Weed Control  
Programs  
(1 credit in Pesticide  
Management)**

**11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks**

**Join Us in Celebrating 45 Years!**

**2015 AAAA Conference &  
Annual General Meeting  
November 2 & 3, 2015**

**Black Knight Inn - Red Deer, AB**

## Alberta pilot found guilty of applying pesticide without a license

An Alberta pilot has been found guilty of applying pesticide without a valid registration. Randal Seaholm, of Manning, was handed a \$1,000 fine and has been prohibited from applying any pesticide from an aircraft for a period of one year.

The charges stemmed from aerial spraying that occurred between August 24th and 25th of 2012. Seaholm applied pesticide to agricultural land when he did not have a valid pesticide service registration. Alberta Environment conducts routine operation inspections and responds to public and industry complaints about improper pesticide management.

## Alberta Aviation Focus Group

*Submitted by Shauna Prokopchuk, Association Manager*

Through a series of four focus groups, Aviation Alberta is looking at how its long-term strategy can be considered. The focus groups, in Edmonton, Calgary and Fort McMurray are intended to drive a conversation about how Aviation Alberta can advocate for the aviation sector and how the association can work with the provincial government to continue to build a robust aviation industry. Jill Lane and I attended one of these sessions in Edmonton on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The provincial government, through Alberta Transportation, has embarked on a review of their strategy and in communicating with senior officials in the department; Aviation Alberta agrees that the association wants to align its strategy with Alberta Transportation's as much as possible while still being true to the spirit that has built the aviation sector in Alberta over the past century.

Alberta Transportation has identified that their long-term strategy needs to be multi-modal, integrated, cost-effective and environmentally responsible. These are topics that are also important to members of Alberta Aviation.

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Aviation Alberta has commissioned a survey of its members as part of the strategy update. They have asked all interested parties to complete this survey as they prepare their report. Here is a link to the survey if there are any Members interested in contributing. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2288233/Aviation-Alberta-Strategy-2015>

This focus group was very well attended and a lot of issues presented are not exclusive to one group. Flight Duty Times, UAV's and funding for infrastructure at area airports were issues shared with several organizations in attendance.