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Alberta Aerial Applicators Association

AGM Review

Over 70 delegates were in attendance at the Alberta Aerial Applicators Association Annual General Meeting & Conference in the Red Deer Lodge, November 17 -18, 2003. Delegates spent two days developing contacts and attending sessions to earn credits towards re-licensing.

Jack McIntosh of Alberta Environment provided a one - hour credit course on legislation updates and issues. He reviewed new regulations, the status of West Nile Virus, and pesticide complaints for 2003.

Moe Baile of Transport Canada utilized slides and past pilot experiences to assist in a Safety Seminar presentation. As always, Moe brought his unique style and humour to the presentation.

The Annual General Meetings of the Alberta Aerial Applicators

Association and the Wild Rose Protective Fund provided opportunities to review the issues dealt with over the past year and to discuss what may be expected in the future. As well, a review of the 2003 season, fund investments and the investigation of amalgamation with the Prairie Protective Fund were discussed. Elections were held to establish a new slate of officers. Please refer to pages 3 & 4 to review your newly elected Boards of Directors.

Tom Wolf of Agriculture & Agri - Food Canada delivered a presentation on drift management. Tom discussed the outcome of the chickpea and atomizer nozzle trials performed this year.

Barry Gordon of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency updated the delegates on current regulations. Barry reviewed the impact the new pesticide regulations will have on the aerial application industry.

On Monday evening everyone had a good time with Howie Miller, an Edmonton comedian, who entertained the crowd for over an hour. Following Howie's performance, the annual silent auction closed the evening, raising over \$4600 for the AAAA. A big thank you goes out to all the supporters of the AAAA who donated auction items.

The AAAA extends a special thank you to all the sponsors and exhibitors who supported not only the Annual General Meeting, but the aerial application industry throughout the year. Please note our supporters listed on page four and remember them during the coming season - they are the companies who are supporting your association. Thanks again for your continued support.

Support your industry by renewing your AAAA Membership for 2004 - See enclosed.



*Merry
Christmas
from the
AAAA
Board of
Directors*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY PETER HANSEN

Thanks to all the participants who attended our successful conference in Red Deer. It is encouraging to see license recertification sessions are being well attended, plus the member participation at our Wild Rose and 4A's general meetings is encouraging. A special thanks to our sponsors, without your support this conference would not be possible. Also a special thank you to our speakers for their continued support of our industry.

We have a new executive in the 4A's with James Spence as our new President. I have enjoyed my last two years as President and have considered it an honour to be able to work with the 4A's office, our board and you the members. I would like to encourage all of you to continue to work with our board to keep your association strong and to address any concerns you may have.

Remember, we are hosting the CAAA Conference in Calgary in February, 2004 so plan to attend and enjoy the hospitality Calgary and Alberta has to offer.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Calgary, AB
February 19 - 21, 2004

SAAA AGM - 2004
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Saskatoon, SK
October 28 & 29, 2004

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except for storage tanks being withdrawn from service no person shall deliver or remove flammable liquids or combustible liquids to or from a storage tank unless

- a) *the storage tank is registered under this Article, and*
- b) *the registration certificate is displayed on the premises where the storage tank is located.*

The PTMAA wishes to remind you it is unlawful to deliver to storage tanks which do not display a valid registration certificate. Supplying an unregistered tank could result in significant penalties. A person guilty of a first offence under the Safety Codes Act is liable for a fine of up to \$15,000 and \$1,000 for each additional delivery or imprisonment of up to six months.

Most agencies deliver product to farms. Be advised that tanks that are used exclusively for agricultural purposes are not regulated by the Fire Code and are not in need of registration.

If you have any inquiries regarding these requirements or tanks that your agency delivers to, please do not hesitate to contact the PTMAA office. The PTMAA maintains a current list of unregistered storage tank sites not eligible for delivery of product. This listing can be found on "What's New" on the PTMAA website at www.ptmaa.ab.ca. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Brent Lange, Tina Keane, Rick Orcutt and Larry Garber for their service with the 2003 AAAA Board. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated. We welcome new board members Tom and Mark Kinniburgh, Greg Flowitt and Wayne Stier for the 2004 term. Best of luck everyone.

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