



“All in all, a most valuable and educational time”

-Participant, Ted Delanghe

Pilots, Planes & Prep 2018

Pilots, suppliers, dealers, insurance brokers, and friends came from near, like Yorkton, and far, like the United Kingdom, to take part in Yorkton Aircraft Service first Pilots, Planes & Prep event.

The event kicked off on Monday May 14th with a presentation from Thrush Aircraft’s Kevin Pierce, Customer Assurance and Support. Following lunch, Yorkton’s own Doug Ingham facilitated a workshop on Mitigating Risk. Participants were able to discuss ways to minimize potential risk factors for the pilot, the aircraft and the environment. Monday was finished off with a group supper held at the local brewery, Back Forty Brewery.



Tuesday morning was a time for travel and visiting. Those who were already in town were show a walkaround on a Thrush, as demonstrated by Kevin Pierce. Pratt & Whitney’s Robin Lavoie would lead a presentation that afternoon. Robin

delivered an overview of the PT6A engines as well as some maintenance and power management recommendations.

Monday and Tuesday also consisted of a Person Responsible for Maintenance Control and Quality Assurance training program. Peter Boniface of Candadian Council for Aviation & Aerospace, facilitated this training to a full class of 11.

Wednesday was a day full of Satloc. Zach Jenkins, Satloc Product Specialist, was in town to give a Satloc refresher as well as an update on the latest developments at Satloc. Before the lunch break, Anthonie York of Transland/CP Products gave a quick overview of the products that they have to offer. That afternoon, Zach, Tanner Denesowych & Cheryl Denesowych facilitated a session focused on Satloc in forestry, for those pilots who were headed out to Quebec in the following weeks.

Wednesday also consisted of the installation of the first 4 Blade Prop on a 510P in Canada. We finished the day off with another group supper at Back Forty Brewery.

We kicked Thursday off with a touch of Satloc that covered P Maps & V Rate. Tim Sander joined us from Micronair UK to deliver a session on the Micronair products and rotary atomizers in general. Tim was able to bring the attendees to the airport for some hands-on learning.

Friday was the last day of the event and it was closed off with a presentation from Lubos Hrdina, of GE Engine Operations, and Ed Gaffrey of Bluewater Aviation. Their session was on the H80 Engine Operation: Operation Characteristics and Limits; Standard Practices; and Emergency Procedures. They were also able to bring the attendees to the airport for hands-on training.

While the week carried, on Yorkton Aircraft was just as busy at the hangar. Garry & Chad Moffatt, from Specialized Spray System, were in town for a couple days to offer pattern testing. The wind also joined us in Yorkton, but they were still able to get a number of planes done. Terry Humphrey, Chief Test Pilot at Thrush Aircraft was also around for the week to deliver demo flights on a Dual Control, Dual Cockpit 510G.



Experienced turbine pilots were also able to fly the 510G. Thank you to Prairie Dusters for the use of their aircraft for the week. This was Thrush Aircraft’s 2nd Canadian Tour.

The week was a busy one, but it was one that delivered experience, training, refreshing and visiting before #spray18 takes full force. Once again, we’d like to thank everyone that supported this event in one way or another. Because of you, this event was successful!