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Dear Tom Batiuk,

On behalf of the *Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO)*, I wish to extend a wholehearted congratulations to you, Bruce Caldwell, the 908 Rainy Lake Air Cadets, and all the volunteers on the successful Fly-In & Drive-In BBQ event hosted last week at the Fort Frances Municipal Airport.

Fly-Ins, like other aviation events, do not happen overnight. I can certainly appreciate all the hard work and coordinating that was required to make it all come together in the end. Your annual Fly-In & Drive-In BBQs are a credit to the entire aeronautical community of Ontario and I hope that your airport continues to showcase the very best in general aviation and camaraderie.

I am sure that the social and economic gains of Fly-Ins are most evident to you and the volunteers. They are an opportunity to build goodwill within the local community as a whole. Participants get an opportunity to network with one another and talk-shop. Such interactions are essential for creating open dialogues amongst hobbyists and professionals alike, leading to safer and more efficient aircraft and airport operations. Fly-Ins are ideal for fundraising initiatives, and can easily attract outside charity partners, such as cancer foundations or benevolent societies. And naturally the one day increase in fuel sales can be a real boost for the airport's vitality. The most successful Fly-Ins attract participants from outside of the local region. Hopefully these outside participants will visit the airport more often now that they have enjoyed the facility during the Fly-In, and with a little luck, they will recommend the airport to their friends too.

We here at *AMCO* make it our business to be as active in the Ontario aviation community as possible. *AMCO* is a strong provincial organization committed to the sustainability of airports. We monitor and communicate developments within the airport industry, lobby and take effective action as required, provide networking opportunities and training to airports of all sizes, and help businesses and other interested parties to enhance airport operations throughout Ontario. We have over 50 Airport Members and approximately 50 Business and Associate Members. I invite you to visit our website to find out more about *AMCO*, airport operations, and Ontario aviation events.

Once more, congratulations.

Highest Regards,

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