



For Immediate Release

Pembroke & Area Airport Hosts Women of Aviation Event

Connection to international organization a first at local airport

Pembroke, Ontario – The Pembroke & Area Airport is hosting an event as part of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. The event takes place Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The event is pleased to announce that Lesley Page, Canadian Team Leader for Women of Aviation Worldwide, will be part of the event. The local event is one of 12 in Ontario.

In addition to Page, the event will include a panel of local women involved in aviation, as well as breakout sessions for conversation and a tour of the local hangar and aircraft. The event is open to the public and is free to attend.

"There are more women involved in aviation that you might think," says Natalie Granter, assistant to the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission and an event participant. "And when we held the COPA Flight for Kids as part of Expo 150, there were a lot of young girls interested in flying. We hope this event will help introduce more girls and women to aviation options."

Granter, who will be on hand for the event, has a career in aviation at the Pembroke & Area Airport for more than 10 years. She has worked in a variety of operations roles, and has liaised with many aviation organizations, both in Canada and throughout the world. Other women pilots who have confirmed attendance include: Linda Duncan of Petawawa, Ann Barr of Merrickville and Petra Vornweg of Bonnechere Valley. The 638 Algonquin Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets will be presenting and Ruth Syme, a member of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission from Deep River will provide opening remarks.

2013 marks the 45th anniversary of the Pembroke & Area Airport and the Women of Aviation event represents its first key celebration of the year. The event was brought to the Airport's attention through local pilots who are members of COPA Flight 178.

The Airport plans to have the kids fly day and an adult fly day in June to help celebrate the 45th year.



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About the Pembroke & Area Airport

The Pembroke & Area Airport (CYTA) is governed by a Commission Board comprised of six municipalities (Whitewater Region, Pembroke, Petawawa, Deep River, Laurentian Hills, Laurentian Valley) and CFB Petawawa. The Airport offers services for local and visiting pilots, and handles 300-400 flights per month. More information is available on their website at: www.flycyta.ca.

The Airport is a member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce and Association of Municipal Airports of Ontario.

About Women of Aviation Worldwide

The Women of Aviation Worldwide Week community provides a meeting area for like minded people to make new friends, keep in touch with old ones, share ideas, work on common projects and support participants in their endeavors.

International Women's Day celebrates the contribution of women to society annually on March 8. March 8 is also the anniversary of the first woman pilot license worldwide.

Activities such as flying events, factory and school open door events, museum special programs, photo contests, and flight challenges are organized to showcase today's women of aviation as well as extend a warm welcome to newcomers.

For more information, visit www.womenofaviationweek.org



WOMEN IN Aviation

Thursday, March 7
6:00pm to 9:00pm

Free to attend.
Open to the public.



Location: Pembroke & Area Airport
176 Len Hopkins Drive, Petawawa
Phone: 613-687-5300 | info@flycyta.ca | www.flycyta.ca

Meet women in the field of aviation right here in your local community. Learn about opportunities in the industry.

Each presenter will have a short overview of their connection to aviation, and then attendees will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with the presenters. There will also be an opportunity to get an up close look at local aircraft, and register for summer flights.

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