

## Canadian Arctic Aviation Tour 2017

COPA was invited to the official launch of the CAAT2017. “Elevate, Educate, Celebrate” is their motto, expressing the spirit and purpose of this tour.

One of the most ambitious Canada 150 projects is an understatement. We all know air shows are weather dependant and can be a major let down when Mother Nature does not cooperate. Furthermore this tour of almost 100 communities will be conducted north of the 60<sup>th</sup> parallel making logistics a lot of work however this tour has many other objectives outside of the Air Show component. Here is where I would add the word “Inspire” to the tour’s motto.

While this will undoubtedly be an unprecedented experience for most of those living in these communities, the CAAT 2017 organizing committee wants to do more—they want to make a difference!

This will be accomplished through the *Voices of the North* legacy project which will live on in schools and communities well beyond the air shows. <http://caat2017.com/outreach/>

In my case and many COPA members I have spoken to, as a young child, aviation was a dream career that inspired us to work hard and achieve our goals in life. This tour will expose many living in these remote communities to aviation, inspiring the younger generation towards a goal in life.

This quote is the reason “*The mind, once stretched by a new idea or new experience, never returns to its original dimensions.*”

To learn more about the Canadian Arctic Aviation Tour 2017 go to this link <http://caat2017.com/>

At the podium, Ken Fowler, Flight Operations Manager

