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BC Discovery Tour Lands in Nanaimo

Nanaimo, British Columbia (July 9, 2014) — It's going to be a bit busier than usual out at the Nanaimo Airport starting Saturday, July 12 when the Century Flights Cross Canada, BC Discovery Tour arrives.

"Thanks to the support of Tourism Nanaimo, Nanaimo Flying Club and the Nanaimo Airport Commission this is the first time we have hosted the event in the Harbour City," says Chairman of the 2014 flight, John Lovelace. "As the name suggests, it's a flying tour which this year begins in Eastern Canada and will take four days to cross Canada before landing in Nanaimo for a five day convention. While on the island, some of the participants will take part in daily fly-outs to destinations in this West Coast aviation paradise."

"The conference kicks off on Saturday, July 12 and the delegates will arrive by 100 private aircraft from across Canada," explains Mike Hooper, President and CEO of the Nanaimo Airport Commission. "15-20 private aircraft will arrive per hour starting about 1:00 pm and finishing about 7:00pm. Smaller groups of 20-30 aircraft will be taking off each day to enjoy day tours and the entire group of planes will depart for home on Thursday, July 17."

The BC Discovery Tour is organized by the Century Flight Club, formed in 2009 on the 100th anniversary of flight in Canada. The club's mandate is to immerse private pilots in aviation for a solid week with the goal to develop a better and safer pilot. Besides learning, the five day conference that takes place in downtown Nanaimo is great fun; almost like a summer camp for "adults with airplanes."

As for the types of aircraft, Lovelace explains, "The majority of the participants will be flying single engine aircraft such as Cessna, with a few larger twin engine aircraft such as the Piper that will also be taking part."

About Nanaimo Airport (YCD):

Nanaimo Airport is a ten-minute drive south of downtown Nanaimo on 224 hectares (550 acres), which includes the nearby Cottonwood Golf Course. YCD is a not-for-profit authority owned by the Nanaimo Airport Commission. Vancouver Island's third largest airport, Nanaimo Airport serves a primary central Vancouver Island area with a total population base of approximately 250,000. The YCD service area extends north from Nanaimo to Qualicum, west to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, and south to Duncan and the Cowichan Valley. YCD is ideally situated as the most convenient departure/arrival point for customers from the mid-Island area.

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