

## LIFT - Flight Safety Foundation Gala

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our first-ever black-tie gala event for the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), called LIFT. It was hosted by our BC & YT Director Kate Klassen, who navigated us through WestJet cofounder Don Bell's and astronaut Chris Hadfield's stories and presentations, keeping everyone entertained for an evening of celebration. It wouldn't have been complete without a musical performance by Chris, where he spoiled us with his unique rendition of David Bowie's Space Oddity. Amongst other prizes, the guitar on which Chris played was professionally auctioned off by the world-famous auctioneer Glenn Grenier (our counsel...) for \$4,200, a small part of the more than \$55,000 (net) going to the FSF that evening through a silent auction, a live one or just plain donations.

The goal was to raise awareness on the need for safety and to help COPA keep ourselves and our skies safe. To continue the important work of safety promotion and education throughout Canada's general aviation community, to provide training, education and scholarship opportunities, along with our sister associations across this country. By keeping ourselves safer and practising our passion safely means we are less likely to have extra regulations put into place, so it also preserves our freedom to fly.

I wish to thank everyone that participated, our partners and sponsors, but especially those that believed in this new and challenging initiative we took on and supported us, because we need to take the lead on GA safety, we need to make a difference.

## Maneuvering Speed

A safety advocate that we support, Steve Thorne of Flight Chops, has recently put out a new video that is going viral: "Fatal Loss of Control plane crash? Every 4 days! Airliner differences + GA's 4 big Failures". In your mind, is your airplane maneuvering speed a minimum or a maximum? Get hooked in the first two minutes of that video, learn and live to tell others. Check out the rest of Flight Chops' series of great videos on youtube.

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