



## ***Winter Maintenance***

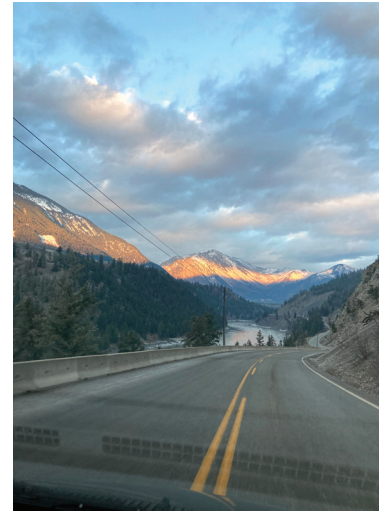
Just because it's cold or cloudy outside doesn't mean the work stops on AWA planes. During a rare sunny day this winter, Ray and I drove the 8 hour return trip from Kelowna to Lillooet with the goal for Ray to fly the Cessna 172 to Oliver. Because it is parked outside all year round, it must bear the seasonal conditions.

Hoping to take off after the heavy frost melted from the plane, we jump started the reluctant "bird" with our van, and ran the engine. Time for fuel and departure, but after a short time we realized cloudy weather was closing in around the mountains fast which would make it impossible to fly. Daylight hours are short this time of the year and ours had just run out.

With heavy hearts, we decided to end our plans for safety reasons. So, plan B was to winterize the plane as much as possible to endure the winter weather. We topped off the fuel and removed the valuable battery so it wouldn't freeze; we secured the controls and blocked the wheels. Not the outcome we had planned, but it was the best and safest thing for now.

The next day Ray, Eldon and I drove an hour and a half in the opposite direction to Oliver to do the maintenance and necessary paperwork on the other planes in our rented hangar.

Driving these distances is a challenge and especially disappointing when we are unable to accomplish our goal. This is why having a local hangar, preferably heated, is important for the mechanics to do maintenance for aircraft safety, while protected from the cold weather.



### ***Meanwhile in Winnipeg***

Brian is making sure the 185 is hangared, updating avionics, fixing smaller things and getting ready for Spring in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. It is important to keep all our aircraft in service, ready to do the important mission aviation outreach.

### ***In 2021***

Just like the AWA planes, we need to do “spiritual” maintenance. By maintaining our Seventh-Day Adventist beliefs, studying the Bible, prayer and seeking out restorative texts, we too can be ready to reach others.

We want to thank you, our financial partners - without you we could not do what we do.

### ***Our 2021 New Year Texts***

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.

—*Psalm 51:10*

Yet those who wait for the Lord  
will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

—*Isaiah 40:31*

### ***AWA Canada Project Needs:***

- Financial partners for the hangars in Oliver BC, and Sioux Lookout, Ontario
- Qualified pilots called to serve / Spanish speaking qualified pilot
- Missionaries called to serve at Sioux Lookout
- Project manager for Nicaragua

*Looking forward to a year that will draw us even closer to Jesus’ soon return. God bless you!*

*Ray and Julie Young*

