

# *Idaho Mountain Pilot, Keynote Speaker at Calgary Convention*

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Against the breathless backdrop of the Canadian Rockies, the Canadian Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) held their 2009 Fly-in Convention and Centennial Celebration of Flight. Mountain flying was a featured topic and McCall mountain flying instructor, Lori MacNichol was the keynote speaker. Lori led two workshops, July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, in which nearly 250 pilots attended each day. The day following each seminar, pilots

and planes staged for a fly-out in the early morning to several predetermined routes that viewed the glaciers while employing ridge crossing and drainage navigation techniques covered in the previous day's seminar. COPA members honored Lori at the Saturday night



**Lori speaks to a group of Canadian pilots at the COPA convention.**

banquet with a special Calgary Stampede Cowgirl Hat.

Lori, an accomplished mountain flyer in her own

right, operates one of the largest flight training schools in North America dedicated to mountain flying, McCall Mountain/Canyon Flying Seminars. Her knowledge and enthusiasm makes her a regular speaker at seminars and conventions around the country including the AOPA's annual convention.