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Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995



Rouge Airbus A321 - Hamburg, Germany

Welcome to the NetLetter, an Aviation based newsletter for Air Canada, TCA, CP Air, Canadian Airlines and all other Canadian based airlines that once graced the Canadian skies.

The NetLetter was created in 1995 by [Vesta Stevenson](#) (RIP) and [Terry Baker](#) and is published on the **second and fourth weekend** of each month. If you are interested in Canadian Aviation History, and vintage aviation photos, especially as it relates to Trans-Canada Air Lines, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International and their constituent airlines, then we're sure you'll enjoy this newsletter. Our website is located at www.thenetletter.net



ACFN/NetLetter News

We have had quite a few subscribers ask us about our



"Obituaries" area which is operated and maintained by the ACFamily Network. We are in the process of doing a major overhaul of the Obituary section and will keep you updated about our progress in future issues of the NetLetter.

After the new install is completed, we will need to move all the existing content over to the new site. As far as I know, there are no other web sites where memorial listings are accepted that cover past employees that worked for **ALL** past (and present) Canadian based airlines. We will link to any other aviation memorial sites that we are made aware of as well. We have 75% of it completed now and are making good progress.

Alan Rust
ACFamily Owner and Administrator



Coming Events



"Elvis is in the building"



You don't see deals like this very often! \$5 for an Elvis Show including lunch.

The Pionairs (Vancouver District) is having a "Member Appreciation Event" on **Thursday, September 15, 2016**. This a "special" event for the Vancouver District and is available to Pionair members only.

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Venue: Elements Casino, Cloverdale, (Surrey), BC.

Cost: \$5 per person

What's Included: A 2 hour live Elvis Show, with impersonator **Steve Elliott** and a complimentary light lunch.

Registration: if you are a Pionair member, you can find more information and register by [following this link](#). If you are **NOT** a Pionair Member, you can join by [following this link](#) (then you can register for the event). Tickets are selling fast, so please don't delay.



Women in Aviation

Pioneer Award - Rosella Bjornson.



Rosella Bjornson was the foremost first officer on a jet and is a trailblazer for women in aviation. She received her pilot's licence at 17 and earned her commercial and instructor rating while attending the University of Calgary. She became the first female first officer when she was hired by Transair in 1973, and the first

jet qualified female airline pilot in North America.

She was also the first woman member of the **Canadian Airlines Pilots Association**. She was grounded in 1979 due to her first pregnancy, and worked with Transport Canada after her second pregnancy in 1984 to help create new policy for this vital issue. Due to her efforts, female pilots were able to fly for the first 6 months during pregnancy, a major milestone for women in aviation. In 1990 she became the first female captain with a major airline in Canada (Canadian). She was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997. Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997.

(source June edition of CAHS national newsletter.)



Air Canada News

- Air Canada leased third/fourth/fifth ex-Republic Q400s (4168/4182/4186) from **Nordic Aviation Capital**. (source SpeedNews July 1/16)
- Air Canada Rouge leased new A321 (7117) with CFM56s from CIT Aerospace.
- Air Canada sold two new GEnx-powered 787-9s (37169/37170) to GECAS, and leased them back.
- Air Canada has signed agreements with three partners to establish an aircraft maintenance centre of excellence in Manitoba. The flag carrier has agreed co-operations for its Western Canada Centre of Excellence with Hope Aero Propeller & Components.

[Canadian Aviation News](#) reports that Air Canada is so thrilled with the performance of Rouge that it plans to negotiate with the Air Canada Pilots Association to grow the brand beyond the 50 aircraft ceiling as per the current collective agreement. Rouge currently has a fleet 19 B767's, 20 A319's and 5 A321's.



Reader Photos

Submitted

Jack Stephens has sent us this photo and information of the **Fairchild FC2W** circa April 1929 -



Note. F/O Forester took this photo of XO from XR (note front of float). XO flown by F/O Sunnucks. These two Fairchild were based at Senneterre, Quebec with Forester as senior F/O. A point of interest, above

the tail is the Catholic Church and parsonage, and above that the school with the various paths leading to it. Log booms and mill to the right. The seaplane base is a few miles out of town. The aircraft were equipped with Fairchild

Aero cameras complete with 3 magazines each and were electrically powered. Amazing clarity!

Thought you would be interested. Norm Forester went on to fly for CPA (DC-3's) in Quebec. He was one of the best as a photographer and Navigator. Legendary Wop May asked Norm to come to Edmonton, in 1941, to teach at the Air Observer's School. I think I mentioned he was inducted into **Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame**.

Jack



TCA/AC People Gallery



 **airOntario**
 **airNova**
 **NWT air**







1969 - April 14th - Contract signed with Raytheon for display and control equipment for ReserVec II.

Found in "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issue **December 1967**



Members of the crew of the first direct Montreal-Miami flight November 1st 1967 are shown with Sales Manager **George Kennedy**, third from left, and **Cec McDonald**, District Manager, seventh from

left, following their arrival in Miami.

From the left: Stewardesses **Verena Degen**, **Tatjana Misik**, **Peggy Boyd**, and **Argentine Paulin**; **Captain E. Bowser**; **Captain H. Hayes**; Stewardesses **Danielle Lossie** and **Margit Kobler**; Purser **Roy Dugas** and Stewardess **Alice Teboul**.

An official welcome greeted the first scheduled DC-8-61 flight into Montego Bay on October 29th 1967, heralding the start of three-flights-per-week service between Montreal, Toronto and Montego Bay, Kingston. The

MONTEGO BAY WELCOMES LONG-8



frequency of flights was increased to five-per-week in December 1967.

Shown with the flight crew and some of the cabin staff is Montego Bay's Mayor **Cecil Donaldson**. The flight crew were **Captain L. Greenlaw**, and F/O's **R. E. Thompson** and **E. F. Dow**, while Stewardesses **C. Givogue**, **B. Helme**, **M. Lightfoot**, **N. Van den Hagen**, **E. Murdock** and **G. Magnus** headed by Purser **B. Wheaton**. The article did not specifically identify the people.

Found in the "Horizons" magazine issued May 1980.

In the spring of 1980, the 17 presidents of the Air Canada Recreation Association (ACRA) met in the Air Canada executive board room at Place Ville Marie in Montreal.



A highlight of the meeting centred around the reports from each ACRA president regarding their association's most successful event or

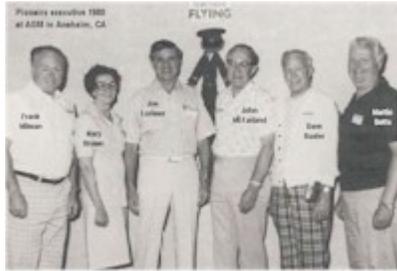
project during the previous year. One project cooked up by the Winnipeg ACRA, finally got out of the oven with the publication of a cookbook entitled "Favourite Recipes". Each president was presented with a copy.

The Halifax ACRA sponsored a lobster party set on an island rented for the occasion. The London UK ACRA sponsored a children's party with a difference. It was held at Easter instead of Christmas time. It was explained that since so many events take place over the Christmas holiday season, the idea of an Easter party was well received.

From the left in this photo we have: **George Agnew**, Vancouver; **Terry McHale**, Edmonton; **Dorothy Buss**, Winnipeg; **Ron Carradine**, London, Ontario; **Al Davidson**, Toronto; **Barry Bourassa**, Ottawa; **Gord Thompson**, Dorval; **Cory Smith**, Los Angeles; **Fred Hatchey**, Quebec; **Bill Callure**, Saint John; **Bernie Curin**, Moncton; **Brian Murray**, Halifax; **Cy Wagner**, Sydney; **Stuart Vokey**, St. John's; **Edison Rodgers**, Nassau; **Robert Neilson**, London UK; Air Canada

President **Claude Taylor**. Absent was **Steve Bulmer**, Calgary.

The Pionairs executive for 1980 are pictured here during the AGM held at the Quality Inn in Anaheim, California.



From the left: **Frank Millman**, First Vice President; **Mary Brown**, Second Vice President; **Joe Lorimer**, President; **John McFarland**, Treasurer; **Dave Baxter**, Secretary and **Martin Betts**, Past President and

Pension Committee Representative.



Alan's Space



Alan Rust

Kenn Borek rescue mission a success

(Submitted by: Barry Crawford)

*"The reason I am emailing is to ask if the NetLetter will have something on the Canadian pilots who flew with **Kenn Borek Air (Twin Otter)** to the South Pole to rescue 2 people for medical reasons. We don't take a back seat to anyone when it comes to flying! Typical Canadians - we hardly hear anything more about these courageous aircrew. We just have a "get her done" attitude and move on. Anyway just an incredible aviation feat!"*

I agree, although it was on the news, it didn't get the coverage it deserved. I've created a link to a news story that I found on YouTube (Canadian CBC News).

It's the Canadian airline that doesn't always use runways.

That's how company president John Harmer succinctly describes **Kenn Borek Air**. The Calgary-based company sends its 40 aircraft and 240 employees to some of the most remote locations, through dangerous conditions and on difficult terrain. 'We do work that a lot of people won't do or don't do.' - says Gerald Cirtwill, Kenn Borek maintenance engineer.

Recently the airline has flown planes in Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, Turkey and in the Maldives, transported oil workers in Africa and travelled in East Timor. Crews are often switching the landing gear between wheels, floats and skis. Some of its assignments include performing surveys and supporting the scientific community on every continent and travelling to both poles. Below is a news video of a rescue mission to the South Pole in June 2016.





CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery



1998

- Sept 17th Arrival of B767 Fin #645 ex Asiana Airlines.
- Dec 15th Arrival of B767 Fin #646 ex Asiana Airlines

1999

- May 27th Arrival of A320 Fin #406 ex Monarch Airlines.
- Nov 15th Arrival of B767 Fin #648 new from Boeing.
- Dec 1st Arrival of B767 Fin #647 new from Boeing

Both 646 and 647 arrived after interior work by Dee Howard in San Antonio, Texas.

Located in the "**Contact**" magazine issue dated **June 1988**.

On Mother's Day of 1988, this group performed an engine change on aircraft fin #884 in Hong Kong and considered a class act.



In our photo from the top left are: **Eric Visser, Ross Olson, Aaron Chan.**

Middle from the left: **Chris Gray, Anthony Ko, Po Kamphant, Ping Tan.**

Front from the left: **Ray Fletcher, Tam Wing Wah, Ian McMahon, Cheng Man On (Moe), Mel Himaras.**

Issue dated **December 1998**

On November 9th the Canadi>n/MTU joint venture took flight. with the official launch at the Vancouver Ops Centre YVR.

Issue dated **February 1999**



On January 13th 1999, Canadian Airlines launched their new logo. In December 1998, the design team arranged for a top secret paint test at an aircraft graveyard outside of Tucson, Arizona.

Evergreen Air Center painted the new colours complete with the new goose icon, ironically, on the vertical stabilizer and rear fuselage of a retired Air Canada B747. Canadian's executive checked and approved the new logo. B747 fin #881 was sent to Beijing and Dash 8 fin #179 was sent to Arkansas to have the aircraft prepared with full livery and interiors.

Ground equipment also got a make over. The design group favoured white, Marketing suggested red, but VP

M&E, Ken Goosen suggested blue, his reasoning was that red was still associated with the competition and fades quickly.

Issue dated **March 1999**



More than 200 Canadian employees on 17 teams hit the ice February 3-5 in Toronto to make the airline's 24th annual Transcon hockey tourney. Here we have this photo of the Division C champs, from the left top row:

Keith Folkes, "Mr Grizz", Ken Scheider, Jay Silverson, Steve Dodds, Kam Keshavarzi, Brent England, Mark MacCoubrey and Fred Novin.

Bottom row: **Bruce Phillips, Ron Mazzei, Rick Tousaw (Molson), Ray Bath and Dan Smith.** Missing in action (probably still in the penalty box) are **Bill Bedford, Bob Diwar and Bob Staniforth.**



Wayne's Wings



**Wayne
Albertson**

Airbus A321 - Flexible Fleet

The A321 entered service with Air Canada with the delivery of Fin # 451 in November 2001. The aircraft is the largest of the Airbus A320 family and has been deployed on domestic and transborder routes that warranted higher capacity than the A319 or A320 giving the company a lot of flexibility of

scheduling.

Fins 452 to 460 were delivered through to September 2002. Fins 465, 466 and 467 were leased from 2002 until 2005 but the fleet remained mostly stable at 10 aircraft until 2015 when Fins 461 to 464 and 473 were acquired after serving in the Air France fleet.

Five more aircraft have been acquired for the Rouge brand.

This is the only Rouge fleet where new aircraft have been ordered. Fins 468 to 472 were delivered between November 2015 and May 2016 and are being deployed mainly on sun destinations.

[Click Here for Skiesmag.com](#) article on the Rouge A321 delivery.

Click the image below for a YouTube video of Fin # 468 landing in Hamburg after its first test flight. Note that it still has the original registration D-AVFX (now C-FJOK).



Reader's Feedback

In NetLetter [nr 1346](#) under "Readers Feedback" we erroneously referred to **Karin Fulcher** as Karin Filcher, no disrespect intended - we are sorry - eds (Dave Townson pointed this error out to us.)

In NetLetter [nr 1346](#), in the article under "Star Alliance", Vic and Susan Rivers pointed out that the date for the launch of the B737-100 should have been February, 1968.

The mention of the **Lamb family** in NetLetter [nr 1344](#) had **Wally Hasker** send us this -

There have been many sporting rivalries between the towns of **Flin Flon** and **The Pas** in **Northern Manitoba**, however, the letter regarding **Tom Lamb** as a passenger on the CPA crash @YVR has brought the rivalry to a new

zenith. Being from The Pas and having known the Lamb family for well over 60 years please accept a few gentle observations to a previously published letter.

Regarding the letter, by Wayne Brazier, to the NetLetter mentioning the CPA crash @YVR:

Lambair may have had an agent/mechanic in Flin Flon but not the Company office. The Lambair office and main base was for many years in The Pas and latterly Thompson, Manitoba. Tom Lamb and Mrs. Lamb did patronize CPA on their trips to the Pacific Region. It was Conrad "Connie" Lamb, the youngest of the six sons, who was on board with his wife Nancy. Conrad is deceased but did publish a fine book "From Tractor Trains to Airplanes".

Speaking of books, Jack Lamb also published a fine book "**My Life in The North**" before his passing. Many may know of **Farley Mowat**, Canadian author of many books. In one book he is flown on a circular tour of northern Canada by Lambair; piloted by Douglas Lamb. "**The Last Great Frontiersman**" by noted author **Leland Stowe** is a great book which weaves the tapestry of the entrepreneurial and flying exploits of **Mr. Thomas Lamb**, the father of the six flying sons and three daughters. To find a hard copy of these books generally means a search through used book stores or the internet. There are also many internet references to the Lambs, should one be interested.

Wallace "Wally" Hasker





Odds and Ends

YVR Community Chill Out Day.

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2016

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Larry Berg Flight Path Park, Russ Baker Way, Richmond, BC V7B 1C4

Parking: Free parking available at the BCIT Aerospace Campus.

Free shuttle service will run regularly from BCIT and Templeton Canada Line Station to Flight Path Park

[Click here for full details](#)



We have received this request for help from **Robert Pelley** -

Hello!

I have, for a number of years, been doing research on the history of Gander Airport. I have recently been asked a question for which I do not have the answer. I believe it may have recently originated with the **Canada Aviation and Space Museum**. The question from the North Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander was sent to me by another person involved in the history of Gander.

The question was very simple :

"Have you ever heard of a trans-Canadian flight between St. John's and Victoria made around 1974 by Wayne Tuck and Craig Loweys?"

Given your very large aviation-oriented membership, I was wondering if there was any way they could be asked to see if anyone has any information on this subject. Any help you could give would be extremely appreciated!

Robert Pelley can be contacted at pelley1@videotron.ca or Click Here for bobsganderhistory.com



Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips



Out of province Travel Insurance.

The lesson learned? Read the fine print closely and make sure you know what you're buying to avoid getting into a



**Terry
Baker**

seriously bad situation.

Here are a few other things to keep in mind when considering travel insurance, from an easy-to-understand insurance guide:

1. You may already have it.

Start by checking your employer benefits plan to see if you're already covered. Some credit cards also include travel medical and trip cancellation insurance, but check your policy closely to make sure you understand what coverage you have. Insurers often limit how much they'll pay out for claims and restrict coverage to shorter trips—typically seven days or so.

2. Your travel agent rarely sells the good stuff.

Travel agents usually sell travel insurance and may offer it when you're booking your trip. "These policies can often be much more expensive than getting insurance from an online provider such as Travel Guard," says Gavin Prout, vice president of Special Benefits Insurance Services in Port Perry, Ont. To compare costs, use a service such as Kanetix.ca. You'll get quotes from several providers on the spot.

3. If you travel twice a year, it's cheaper to buy an annual plan.

For instance, a 40-year-old would pay \$25 for emergency medical coverage during a one-week trip to Acapulco. By contrast, he could get an annual plan that would cover him for unlimited trips of 10 days or less in duration—almost anywhere in the world—for \$60. An added benefit? If you just want to go across the border for a weekend, you'll have a plan already in place.

(We assume the 40 year old has no physical or mental challenges – eds)



Smileys





This **Dave Mathias** cartoon is from the **"Between Ourselves"** magazine issued **March 1967**.



Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson
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