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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 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.

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 ABOUT US!



Women in Aviation



Yvonne Peel, retired Air Canada flight attendant, has put together a collection of her memories and experiences during her 31 years adventure with the airline.

Below we have a link to a short story about her experience of training for a flight attendant career. Yvonne was a member of a 1969 class, the class photo is above left.



"Five Weeks of Stress" by Yvonne Peel.



Gretchen Dawson has sent us a link to a story about **Bette Nash** a flight attendant with American Airlines who is in her 80's.

Gretchen writes:

Hello, just thought you'd enjoy and find this article interesting ([Click Here](#) for the

article). Modern times, eh? WOW!! Not here in Canada!! Yet!!

Just a note.....I'm almost positive that here in Canada, certainly at Air Canada, a flight attendant must retire at age 65! It used to be age 60 back in the early '80's and even at 50 years of age before that.

From inception, 1939 to January 1, 1965 one (females only!) had to leave upon marriage. That never did apply to the male pursers/stewards!

Between 1965 and 1968 a married female flight attendant who got pregnant also had to leave as there was no "pregnancy leave" available back then! That's when I had to go! It broke my heart. Having to leave the job as a single female (never the male!), who turned 32 years old, was still in place back then too!

Cheers Gretchen



Air Canada News

- **Baltimore/Washington-Montreal:** Begins May 17, 2018; year-round service. One daily round-trip flight will be operated by Air Canada Express on 50-seat Bombardier CRJ regional jets.
- **Omaha-Toronto Pearson:** Begins May 1, 2018; year-round service. One daily round-trip flight will be operated by Air Canada Express on 50-seat Bombardier CRJ regional jets.
- **Pittsburgh-Montreal:** Begins May 17, 2018; year-round service. One daily round-trip flight will be operated by Air Canada Express on 50-seat Bombardier CRJ regional jets.
- **Providence-Toronto Pearson:** Begins May 17, 2018; seasonal for the summer schedule. One daily round-trip flight will be operated by Air Canada Express on 50-seat Bombardier CRJ regional jets.
- **San Francisco-Edmonton:** Begins May 1, 2018; year-round service. One daily round-trip flight will be operated by Air Canada Express on a mix of 75-seat Bombardier CRJ 700 and 76-seat Bombardier CRJ 900 aircraft.

The new U.S. routes come as Air Canada is becoming increasingly global in its ambitions. Since 2015, Air Canada has announced dozens of new routes to international destinations such as Algiers, Berlin, Bucharest, Prague, Casablanca, Mumbai, Brisbane and Zagreb.



Daily service between Vancouver and Sacramento commencing May 17, 2018.

This new route will operate on an Air Canada Express CRJ-705 aircraft. The flight will depart YVR at 8:55 and arrive at SMF at 11:05. It will then depart SMF at 11:45 and arrive at YVR at 13:57.

New non-stop, seasonal services in 2018 with Rouge A319 equipment.

June 21 thru October 8 between Toronto and Nanaimo.
June 22 thru October 9 between Toronto and Kamloops.
June 22 to October 9 between Montreal and Victoria.

December 1, 2017 inaugural service began from Vancouver to Melbourne, Australia with 787 equipment. Four times weekly until February 4, 2018 then year round service begins June 1, 2018.



TCA/AC People Gallery



✶ *airOntario*

✶ *airNova*

✶ *NWT air*



1982 -

May 29 - Air Canada and United Airlines commenced a small package service called United Air Express.

June 26 - The fourth annual Air Canada Employees light aircraft fly-in (aka A.C.E. Fly-in) took place at **Bernie and Alison Brennan's** farm airstrip 45 minutes NW of Toronto.



Lifted from the "**Horizons**" magazine issue dated April 1982.



A happy landing awaited **Captain Ben Wyman** when his charter flight arrived in Honolulu. In honour of Ben's last flight before going into retirement, Janet Lock, wife of Honolulu Station Manager Alan Lock, presented him with a lei made of red carnations and a cake.

Adding their best wishes were members of his crew. Shown clockwise from Captain Wyman in the centre are: **Lindley Bunting, Kristen Clarkson, Warran Wallace** and **Max Gamboa** in the background; **Erika Herzig, Marjorie Reynolds, Dorothy Coull, Deane McGowan, Nicolle Elliott** is in front of **Dorothy Summers, Marion Lunt, Terry Tedford** in front of **Gil**

Brasseur, Francine Julien, Norbert Wachter in front of **Janet and Alan Lock.**

Issue June 1982.



These eleven flight attendants were involved in The World Curling Championship for the Air Canada Silver Broom held at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany during the summer of 1982.



In this photo are, seated from the left: **Sigrun Cowan**, Vancouver; **Janis Ballanger**, Toronto; **Maridee Coulter**, Calgary; **Monique Collard**, Montreal and **Deborah Danyluik**, Calgary.

Standing: **Jocelyne Lalonde**, Montreal; **Ingrid Rigby**, Vancouver; **Karla Preston**, Toronto; **Elaine Toms**, Winnipeg; **Janice Miller**, Toronto and **Linda Tanner**, Halifax.

From the 1987 "**Report to Employees**", we have selected these photos -



In 1987 at Halifax we have, from the left: Ramp Service Supervisor **Brian Doyle**, Station Attendants **Bonny Hignoy**, **Ron Clark** and **Bruce Thompson**.



In Ottawa 1987 we have, from the left: Ramp Service Supervisor **Bill Dear**, Acting Lead Station Attendant **Stephen Cable** and Station Attendant **Gaetan Courchesne**.

Here we have Station Attendants **Jim MacCullough** and **Gary Schur** in Vancouver 1987



Jim MacCullough and Gary Schur
in Vancouver 1987.



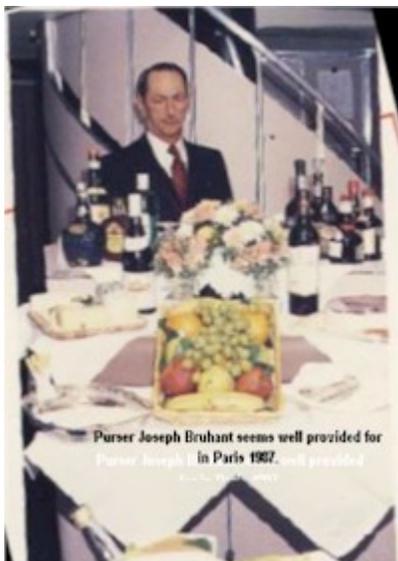
Lance Farrer, Marilyn Armoogum,
Serge Proulx in Winnipeg 1987.

Purser **Lance Farrer** and Flight Attendants **Marilyn Armoogum** and **Serge Proulx** in Winnipeg.



John Dietmar, Elisabeth Lechner (behind the counter), Ahmad Tauqir, Claudia Roux
in Frankfurt 1987.

Here are Passenger Service Supervisor **John Dietmar**, Passenger Agent **Elisabeth Lechner** (behind the counter), Senior Passenger Agent **Ahmad Tauqir** and Passenger Agent **Claudia Roux** providing "TLC" to a passenger at Frankfurt 1987.

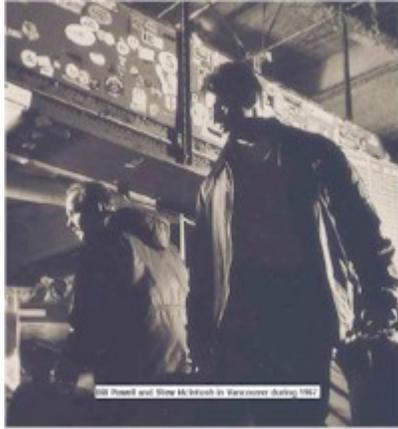


Purser Joseph Bruhant seems well provided for
in Paris 1987.

Purser **Joseph Bruhant** seems well provided for in Paris 1987.



Checking in at Flight Dispatch in Toronto in 1987 are Second Officers **Perry Baumgardt**, **Doug McKechnie**, **Yves Larin** and **Captain George Young**.



In Vancouver in 1987, we have Lead Station Attendant **Bill Powell** and Station Attendant **Stew McIntosh**.

[World Airline Road Race 2017](#) was held in Singapore last October.



These employees were running for Air Canada competing in the 5K race at the Singapore WARR 2017 which had a total of 687 competitors.

For the men, not in alphabetical order: **Ray Robichaud**, **Clifford Russell**, **Gregory Bayang**, **Bruno Gaudette**, **Scott McCaul**, **Paul Kinney**, **Robert Squires**, **Forbes Nelles**, **John Siroki**, **Norman Wheaton** and **David Houston**.

For the ladies, not in alphabetical order: **Joan Stibbaard**, **Ania Edwards**, **Lisa Siroki**, **Tiffany Smitz**, **Suzanne Huva Kim Salerno**, **Barbara Legun**, **Teri Seaboyer**, **Karin Houston**,

Catherine Brett, **Judy Byrne**, **Marguerite Silvain**, **Mary Follo**, **Sharon Ayee**, **Susie Clare**, **Sheryl Williams**, **Bernadette Lynch**, **Angela Elliott**, **Sheila Sarne**, **Charlotte Birmingham** and **Judy Vitek**.

Competing in the 10k race at the Singapore WARR 2017 which had a total of 301 competitors.

For the men: **Clifford Russell** and **Ray Robichaud**.

The ladies: **Joan Stibbaard** and **Simona Cercel**.

(Unfortunately, we did not locate any photo of the above employees - eds)


 **Alan's Space**

Alan Rust

Alan and his wife, Mary Lou, are celebrating the holidays in Australia and New Zealand.


CP Air, Canadian People Gallery

Unfortunately we are short of magazines or information for this section. We would appreciate any information from our readers to share.

From the "**CPA Newsletter**" magazine issue March 1967.



A record time of nine hours was set from Toronto to Honolulu on the new non-stop weekly service on February 8, 1967

The DC-8 with 101 passengers and a crew of nine, benefited from unusual tail winds of 50 mph at 35,000 feet. Westbound flights usually must buck head winds most of the journey, especially in the winter.

Track of the aircraft took it from Toronto over Chicago, Sacramento, Oakland and on to Honolulu.

Flight crew consisted of: **Captain Sandy Tweed, First Officer Tony Merry, Second Officer Gary Gallant** and **Navigator** Jack Bowers.

The return sector, Honolulu to Toronto on April 24, a CPA jet covered the 4,733 miles in seven hours 59 minutes under **Captain R. B. Birch**, with 91 passengers and a crew of nine.

The DC-8 "Empress of Mexico City" flew at a top speed of 670 mph at 33,000 feet. Previous record for this route was eight hours seven minutes set on October 30, 1966.

CP Air opened a sales office in Athens under the charge of **Alexis Gasparintosas** the DSM for Greece.

CP Air's first sales office in Nagoya was officially opened on February 23. The office was located in the Nagoya Miyako Hotel and is staffed by **Shinichi Nakashita**, Sales Supervisor and **Miss Fumiko Suzuki**, Passenger Agent.



Wayne's Wings



**Wayne
Albertson**

Christmas Around the World

As mentioned in Alan's Space, Alan and Mary Lou are celebrating Christmas and New Year's in style by cruising in Australia and New Zealand.

Lately, I have found myself thinking of a very special Christmas season for myself ten years ago. I had some vacation time in early December 2007 and a C1 pass to use before the end of the year so I decided to enjoy an Executive Class ride to Beijing. I had toured China earlier in the year and wanted to see more of this historic city.

I certainly was not expecting to see Christmas decorations around the city but, to my surprise, my hotel was beautifully decorated for the season. My first impression was that this was simply for the benefit of tourists but over the next few days I learned that the people very much into the 'spirit' of Christmas.

One of my guides on this trip was very knowledgeable about western culture and was able to explain to me the meaning of Christmas from a non-Christian perspective.

My guide also mentioned to me that there could be good deals on hotel rooms in China during the Chinese New Year celebrations because the people returned home to be with their families during this time. So I returned to Beijing in February 2008 to see people carrying gifts of flowers and small red envelopes (containing currency) as they travelled around the city to celebrate the holiday with their loved ones.



The concept of a day when everyone is at peace and the joy of giving is universal and can be celebrated within all faiths and cultures.



Reader's Feedback



Vern Swerdfeger has sent us these comments referring to the Canso article by Bill Cameron in [NetLetter # 1378](#).

I don't agree with some of the dates shown, I was a radio-operator and weather observer for the DOT at YZP in 1952 and I'm darn sure the Canso was flying at that time and the DC4 from YVR to YZP. Because as junior man-on-base I got

to hold the pole at the tail of the 4 when it started up. Lots of sand.

Vern

Bill Cameron continued the dialogue with the following -

About dates for Canso operations:

Yes, there was a CPAL Canso in operation between YPR and YZP in 1952 when you were based at YZP as you noted. And, the DC-4 operated between YVR and YZP, with payloads exchanged at YZP.

It was Canso CF-CRV that was in operation between YVR and YZP - In 1952 when you were at YZP with the DOT. That aircraft was written off in an accident on the Harbour at YPR in 1953.

Captain was **H. Clegg**, and F/O **E. Abbey** - a stewardess and a passenger lost their lives. But in my article, the date of 1954 is given for the operation of Canso CF-CRP, the aircraft that had been transferred from the Quebec District.

In 1955 the other remaining Canso CF-CRR was also moved from the Quebec district, and based at YPR. There were two Canso aircraft there until 1960.

CF-CRP is now in the Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander, Newfoundland. CF-CRR was last noted as in-storage at an airfield in France.

The fourth Canso that CPAL acquired in 1946 - CF-CRQ, was written off in an accident at Osisko Lake, Ontario in 1949. (No fatalities)

Bill Cameron

In a further e-mail from Bill Cameron was the following information:

Attached is a short history of the four Consolidated 28A-5 Canso aircraft in CPAL service, 1946 to 1960. This information is included in the two PDF documents below.

As you will note, the Canso service YPR-YZP began in late 1949 or early 1950 - with Canso CF-CRV...

Sadly, many of the colleagues/friends that we worked with, or that flew those great airplanes are no longer with us...

Cheers, Bill Cameron



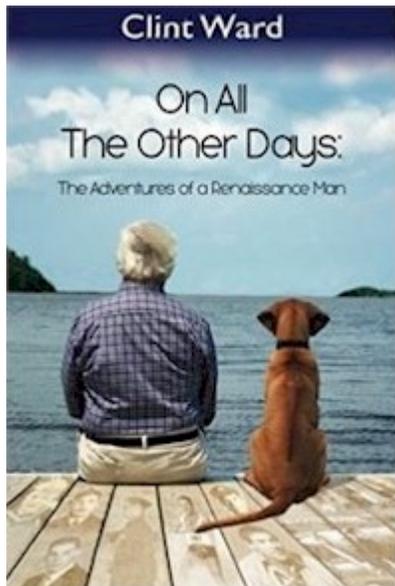
Consolidated 28-5A - 'Canso A' Aircraft - In Service with CPAL 1946-1960.



List and history of each of the four 28-5A 'Canso' aircraft of CPAL .

Having read the article regarding the Viscount in NetLetter # 1379. **Clint Ward** sent us this information.

It is a very important aircraft in my career because it's the one I got promoted on and I flew it for almost 12 years before I embraced the jet years.



There are three important airplanes for me - the very first I ever touched the controls on, the Harvard, then the Viscount for the reason already stated and finally the 747 which I was lucky to be on in my last 12 years.

I have written a Memoir called "On All The Other Days." The title is from a Peanuts cartoon where Charley Brown and Snoopy are sitting a dock looking out on a lake. Charlie breaks the silence, "Someday we will all die, Snoopy."

"True," Snoopy replies, "but on all the other days we will not." They are words that daily inspire me because several years ago, I was within a close death and was very fortunate to survive so all the other days have great meaning. There is second interpretation as well. I was a professional pilot but on all the other days I managed to indulge in many things, flying, sports, theatre, music and film. Writing occupied my spare time and it is all covered in the book. It is available on [Amazon](#) in colour or black and white.

More about Captain Ward:

"On All The Other Days" is a memoir of the multi-dimensional renaissance journey of author, Clint Ward. It is a rare glimpse "behind the curtain" of a life well-lived, interwoven with epic proportions of high flying adventure, sportsmanship and world travel. After high school, a short stint in Canada's Royal Canadian Air Force set him on his vocation as a professional aviator.

Throughout a career that spanned nearly 40 years with Trans-Canada Air Lines and Air Canada, he piloted seven

different aircraft, including 12 years as a captain on the Boeing 747.

[Click Here](#) for his Facebook page.



Odds and Ends



Border Cities Aero Club, Windsor, Ontario.



In 1920, two years after the end of the "war to end all wars," a local group of Royal Air Force veterans formed the Border Cities Aero Club in remembrance of their wartime service.

This association was the first and oldest group in Canada to be granted a charter as a member of the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association.

Here we have this photo of a Border Cities Aero Club moth aircraft in November 1930 being loaded with newspapers which travel to London, Ontario in 70 minutes.

(Source: [The Windsor Star](#))



In 1946 British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines (BCPA), the joint Australian (50%), New Zealand (30%), British (20%) government-owned airline, based in Sydney, established the first Trans-Pacific route between the

South Pacific and North America.

When service started in 1946, BCPA had no aircraft that could operate the route so they chartered DC-4s from privately-owned domestic carrier Australian National Airways (ANA), pending delivery of BCPA's own DC-6s in 1948.

The BCPA routes to HNL/SFO/YVR, initially operated for BCPA by chartered ANA aircraft (in ANA livery) were later transferred to Qantas when BCPA was shut down in 1953.

Ken Pickford

Japan Airlines is investing \$10 million into **Boom Aircraft**, the Denver-based startup promising to bring back supersonic air travel. The deal includes options for 20 aircraft.



The Boom passenger jet, according to the company's target specs, will fly for 4,500 NM between refueling stops—just enough to carry 55 passengers on the 4,452-NM trip from Tokyo

Narita International to San Francisco International at Mach 2.2.

Boom hopes to fly its one-third scale technical demonstrator next year at subsonic speeds before moving into supersonic testing on the Edwards Air Force Base test range.

(Source: AVwebFlash December 5, 2017)





Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips



Terry
Baker

Terry Baker, co-founder of the NetLetter scours the internet for aviation related **Trivia** and **Travel Tips** for you, our readers, to peruse.

TCA/Air Canada, over the years, have operated 25 different aircraft types of which 11 aircraft types have been retired.

Ways to avoid paying too much to travel. (Source: MSN.COM)

Weekend Departures

Sure, it might be more convenient to pack up and go on a Saturday or Sunday, but the cost of convenience might be more than you realize. From a mini getaway to long trip, you can cut costs in a big way by booking your flight out for mid-week.

"Charging It" Overseas

You pack the plastic because it's one of the most convenient – and safe – ways to keep money on hand while away, but

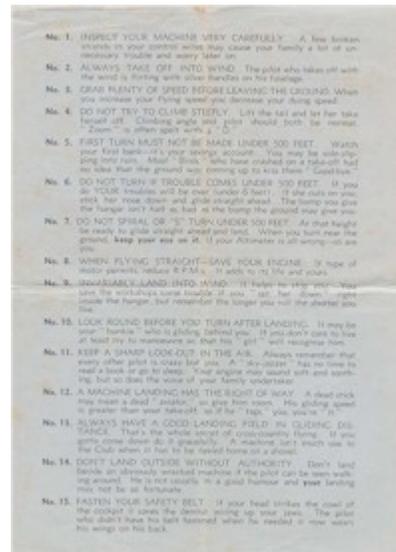
beware of any fees or foreign transaction charges that your credit card company might apply once you cross the border. If you travel often, it pays to do some research into companies that offer discounted rates for credit card use while abroad – some even offer perks that can benefit you at the airport and give you breaks on travel insurance.



Smileys



Alan Evans, out in South Africa, sends us this the Aerial Rule for Aerial Fools: Natal Aviation a set of safety rules for its pupil pilots. Here we have the first list of the rules, the rest will following in NetLetter # 1382.



Alarm Bells

"The Donald's" recent trade mission to China paid dividends for US manufacturer Bell, with a further 50 orders for its [Bell 505 Jet Ranger X \(JRX\)](#) helicopter. Initially introduced in June 2013 as the Bell SLS (Short Light Single).

All good for President Trump's "America First" policy. Mind you, perhaps the celebrations will be more vigorous elsewhere; the Textron subsidiary manufactures the Bell 505 in Montreal, Canada using the Arrius 2R power plants supplied by France's Safran.

(Source: Flight International November 11, 2017)



Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson
Ken Pickford (missing from photo)
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(you can read our bios at www.thenetletter.net/history)