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Worldways L1011

Dear Reader,

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

The NetLetter was created in 1995 by <u>Vesta Stevenson</u> (RIP) and <u>Terry Baker</u> 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 <u>www.thenetletter.net</u>





A late **New Years Greeting** to you all from Terry, Alan, Wayne and Ken! (as this is our first NetLetter in 2017). We are working on major changes to the ACFamily Network and the NetLetter which will be announced in this space.

All the best for 2017,

Your NetLetter Team





Air Canada and **Cathay Pacific** have announced that they have finalized a strategic cooperation agreement that will enhance travel services for Cathay Pacific customers when travelling within Canada and for Air Canada customers travelling via Hong Kong to Southeast Asian countries including the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand.

Visit <u>aircanada.mediaroom.com</u> for more information



Celebrating the **inaugural Rouge service** between Vancouver and Dublin June 10th, 2016.

(Anyone wish to send us any

names here? - eds)

Air Canada and Brisbane-based **Virgin Australia** will implement the first stage of a codeshare agreement in early 2017, the two carriers announced Dec. 14, 2016.

Air Canada's code will be placed on Virgin Australia flights to Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns, Melbourne, Perth and New Zealand cities Christchurch and Auckland. Virgin Australia flights from Sydney to Brisbane, Sydney to Gold Coast and Brisbane to Wellington, New Zealand will also be Air Canada codeshare routes. Reciprocally, passengers on Virgin Australia flights from Sydney and Brisbane to Los Angeles will be able to connect on Air Canada flights to Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and Montreal.

(source ATW Dec 14/16)

Air Canada has named Lucie Guillemette EVP and CCO.



Guillemette will report directly to Air Canada president, passenger airlines, **Benjamin Smith**, who previously held the chief commercial officer position.

She will also serve on Air Canada's executive committee. She joined Air Canada in 1987. Her previous position was SVP revenue optimization, to which she was appointed in May 2015. Prior to that, Guillemette was VP

revenue management, a position she held since 2008. (source AVWeb Dec 22/16).



Submitted

Shirlee Schacter has sent us this information and photo



Happy times once again as the Friends of Front St. (FoFS) group got together for their 15th Annual Reunion at **Hooter's** in Toronto on Sat. Oct. 22nd, 2016.

While the attendee size varies from year-to-year, the fellowship that's enjoyed from meeting up again with old friends and colleagues never wavers!

Names in group picture from left to right: Evangeline Kubin, Tim Mallory, Bob Newson, Jeannie Lindo, Liveen Richards, Tony Bruch, Shirlee Schacter, Frank Marando, John Pallin, Linda Haywood, Brian Speed, Russ Martin, Sadru Kassam, Bob Haywood, Ted Zubek, Helen Donaldson, Bruce Castator, Rick Morris and Jackie Murdoch.

Thank you, Shirlee.

Talking about Hooters (where the group above meets) - A Little Humor

Two Air Canada employees grow up together playing golf, but early in their careers one transfers to British Columbia, the other to Nova Scotia. They agree to meet every ten years at the Lionhead Golf & Country Club in Ontario and play golf.

At age 30, they finish their round of golf and go to lunch. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "Well, you know, they've got the pretty girls there." "OK."

Ten years later, at age 40, they play. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters. "Why?" "Well, you know, they've got cold beer, big screen TVs and everybody has a little action on the games." "OK." Ten years later, at age 50, they play. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "The food is pretty good and there is plenty of parking." "OK."

At age 60 they play. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "Their wings are half price." "OK"

At age 70 they play. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "They have six handicapped spaces right by the door." "OK."

At age 80 they play. "Where do you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "Cause we've never been there before."

Tony Walsh has found these two photos among his collection –



I've taken a lot of conventional airliner photos over the years in my Air Canada airport ops career, but sometimes a simpler photo has more punch when reliving those times on the ramp.

Picture at left is Vickers Viscount CF-THL fin 630 c/n 272 at YUL September 1971.

The shot of AC 630 shows #4 engine about to be started, #3 running, and captain showing 4 fingers out the cockpit side window to the ramp LSA. Back then, perhaps due to its daily familiarity, I sometimes thought the Viscount with its high-pitch turbine scream if heard from the ramp close-up, was a bit of an ugly duckling, but in fact it was as seen in this photo an aerodynamically slick and good looking airliner.

A moody close-up 1971 shot of a DC-8, shows her good lines in Air Canada livery and that great matte-black topof-nose scheme that showed a bit of moxie.



Tony Walsh – Retired AC – Mgr Airport Ops Srvcs – Western NA & Pac Rim



April 15th, 1947 - North Star service commenced between Montreal-Prestwick-London, under the command of Capt. "Gil" McLaren. The North Stars were DC-4M1's the unpressurized cabin version - imagine!

December 22, 2016 - Air Canada Rouge flight AC1844 marked the inauguration of new, twice-weekly non-stop service from Montreal to Costa Rica's **Juan Santamaría International Airport** that will operate until April 23, 2017.

(source The Daily Dec 22/16)

From "Between Ourselves" magazine issued May 1947.

1947 April 1st - Inaugural service between Halifax and Boston with DC-3 equipment.

Found in the **"Horizons"** magazine issue dated **November 1980**.

Now here's an employee who takes his work home with him every night. **Joe Foss**, Passenger Service Coordinator, San Francisco has trouble remembering his teletype code - his personalized plates let all San Francisco drivers know where he works.



Issue December 1980



The 5th annual System Soccer tournament was held in London, England in late September. Teams from London, England (host),

Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal.

The hard fought final was between Montreal and London, with London prevailing after a full time game followed by extra time and then penalty kicks.

Here we have this photo of London, the System Champs.

Back row, from the left: Steve Cope, Dave Sickland, Brian Porter, Peter Lay, Mark Porter, Neil Oliver, Mike Bailey, Eric Abbott and Rick Snape.

Front row from the left: Frank Sanchez, Mark Taylor, Barry Eade, Bill Pow, Garry Marsh and Colin Clarke.

Past ACRA President honoured.



Ron Castelli, Los Angeles ACRA Past President, receives his certificate of appreciation for his efforts during his term of office.

Shown during the presentation are, from the left: **John Lucas**, CSA, Cargo; **Dick Schiano**, CSS, Cargo: **Ron**

Castelli, CSC, Cargo; **Len Zak**, Cargo Sales & Service Manager; and **Bob Lane**, CSA, Cargo.

Bowling Champs.



One of the Cargo teams captured the "Bowling 1980" cup at a tournament for Air Canada employees in France. The event was set in a Paris

suburb and it was followed by a dinner and dance.

Pictured at the trophy presentation, from the left: **Yves Canu**, Senior Sales Agent and member of the "Comité d'établissement"; **Pierre Paquin**, General Manager, France and Western Europe; **Christian Evezard**, Cargo Agent; **Sylviane Laffargue, Marc Laffargue**, Cargo Agent; **Serge Trossail**, Warehouseman and **Micheline Breton**, Sales Representative and member of the "Comité d'établissement".





Alan's Space



Alan Rust

Vintage Wings Restructuring

(From <u>www.vintagewings.ca</u>)

Vintage Wings of Canada is restructuring the way it conducts its flying operations and public outreach programs. To understand these changes and their implications, it is helpful to recap the nearly 20-year history of the collection

and its 14 years of operations under the Vintage Wings of Canada name.

In the late 1990s, Ottawa high-tech entrepreneur **Mike Potter**, a lifelong aviation enthusiast and pilot of high performance aircraft, embarked on an ambitious plan to acquire a world–class collection of classic aircraft in flying condition. The **Michael U. Potter Collection** was to have a distinctly Canadian focus, comprising the finest examples of types that played an important role in Canadian military and civilian aviation history.

The power of this collection to inspire emotions and open up dialogue came into focus in the summer of 2001. Potter had completed the repaint of his beloved Supermarine Spitfire Mk XVI in the markings of one that flew on combat operations with 421 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. In August of 2001, with the help of volunteers, he planned an unveiling event at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa and invited Canadian air force veterans and their families. With scores of eighty-something veteran pilots among the 3,000 or so in attendance, Potter demonstrated the flying qualities of the Spitfire with several emotional and inspiring flypasts for the invited guests. The sight and snarling sound of a Spitfire in swift flight, light glinting from her elliptical wings in the afternoon sun, brought tears to the eyes of many of the veteran fighter pilots in attendance. For many, it was the first time they had seen a Spitfire since their demobilization after the war.

At the end of the demonstration, Potter taxied the Spitfire up to the crowd and volunteers helped veteran pilots to step up on the wing and into the cockpit. Memories were rekindled. Tears and laughter mingled with silence and pride. Families saw their aging grandfathers in a new light, one swelling with both admiration and compassion. Everyone in attendance felt it — the obligation we have to remember the brave young men from Canada who flew in combat, many of whom paid the ultimate price, deprived of their future so that we might have one.

Click here or on image to read the full article



CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery





Canadian Pacific Air Lines timetable effective December 1943. From collection of Bjorn Larsson.

From the **"PWA Flightlines"** magazine Issue dated August 1986.



It was fun and lots of action at the **sixth Annual Winnipeg Slo-Pitch Tournament** on August 8th and 9th.

There were 20 Pacific Western teams (with employees, their

families and friends) along with a number of other teams from the Winnipeg area participating.

Following the two day event two Pacific Western teams ended up as winners of the B and C Divisions and came in second and third respectively in the tournament.

In our photo, B Division winners, the PW Aces from Vancouver are (from left to right, back row). **Ken Miller**, WG Ramp; **Rick Sedola**, VR Training; **Shaun McCracken**, VR Maintenance; **Ken Schneide**r, YC Maintenance (loyalty to his old team); **Glen Hancock**; **Terry Gledstone**; **Doug Hamphill; Rick Jobling**, WG Sales (another case of old team loyalty); **Terry Rose; AI Huculak;** (front row) **Tracy Walton**, VR Credit Dept.: **Margaret Reinger; Karen Wilman**, VR Accounts; and **Lisa Ferguson**, VR Credit Department.

YYC CAB Slo-pitch team.



In our photo, standing back (L to R), Linda Wood, Secretary; Ernie Yurkiw, Charters; Bryce Paton, Charters; Peggy Gallant, Timekeeper and Cherry Merryweather, Manpower.

Right side, (top down), **Brian Merryweather, Kathy Smith**,

Crew Routines; **Andy Casper**, Tariffs; **Ron Whitehead**, Sales.

Front (L to R), **Ken Hinatsu**, Marketing; **Alex Klein**, Budget Admin; **Lisa Deyaegher**, Casual; **Karen Deyaegher** and **Ciaran Rafferty**, YYC Counter.



Wayne's Wings



Worldways Canada 1973 - 1991

"Anyone Remember Worldways Canada Ltd?" is the title of a forum at <u>Airliners.net</u> with several posts written by former employees who certainly seemed to enjoy their time with the airline. There is also a <u>Facebook</u> page to commemorate the company.

Founded in 1973 by **Roy Moore**, Worldways competed with Wardair in the Canadian charter market and, as I recall, was doing quite well in the early 1980's and had built a maintenance hangar on Convair Drive in YYZ. Does anyone know if this hangar is still standing and, if so, who is occupying it today?

<u>Rzjets.com</u> lists 20 aircraft operated by the airline during its existence including 5 L1011 Tri-Star's (N336EA, pictured, was a brief lease from Eastern Airlines from June

to September of 1990), 4 DC-8s purchased from CPAir, 3 Boeing 707s, 2 Boeing 727s, 2 Convair 640s (Acquired from Pacific Western Airlines), 3 Learjet 35As and 1 Learjet 25.

Unfortunately, it appears that Worldways Canada became one of the first casualties of the turbulent and highly competitive 1990's in the airline industry. It has left behind many fond memories from former passengers.



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Deedee Lannon sent us this correction for the photo in <u>NetLetter nr 1356</u> -

The picture in the article about Williamson retiring shows Ed Griff as District Manager Gander. His name was **Ed Goff.**

Best regards Deedee Lannon

Bernie McCormack has sent us another of his memories - Called **"My Longest 24 Hours"**.

Hi Chaps,

I have been holding back about four or five of my best and most interesting flying experiences for the possibility that I will write a book of anecdotes and stories. <u>Click</u> <u>Here</u> for the story in PDF format.

Bernie.

Frank Adler sends us this comment regarding the Tampa photos in <u>NetLetter nr 1357</u> -

It probably should be more clearly highlighted that these pictures are from 2004, as noted in the tiny print on one of the photos. Although I transferred out of TPA RES in 2000, I remember well every face and name (but one) in the two pictures from TPARR and TPATRAC, many of whom, like me, have since moved on to 'rewirement'!

Greetings to all! -Frank Adler (1987-2015, Retired)

When **Doug Davidson** saw the Loganair timetable in <u>NetLetter nr 1357</u>, he decided to share this memory -

Loganair timetable, oh my! Willie Logan owned a large construction company that built, amongst other things, the Tay Road Bridge when I were a lad. He started the airline.

Ironically, he was killed in the crash of a Piper Aztec (not Loganair) not too long after he started the airline. It has gone through a few different owners since then but has managed to survive.

Happy New Year to y'all, Doug Davidson

From Guy Goodman

The Christmas stories brought back a memory of my own, related to a Christmas time DC-8 mercy flight carrying famine relief supplies to Addis Ababa (ADD) in the mid 1980's. Captain Dave Walker had given up his holiday time to operate the flight.

He was in charge when the flight left on Christmas Eve, fully equipped with Take Off Weight Limitation charts for the return from ADD. On the way to the refueling stop at LHR, he realized that the Landing Distance tables in the Aircraft Operating Manual (AOM) didn't go to a high enough altitude (ADD is over 7,600 ft, much higher than any other airport we catered to) so I was summoned to the office to prepare them from the Douglas documentation.

It didn't take long and the results were teletypes to be at LHR Flight Dispatch before the flight got there to refuel and head off to ADD - and with only a short delay to the start of my Christmas festivities. Happy days.

And a Happy New Year to all of you dedicated folks.

Guy Goodman.





Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips



The Government of Canada has introduced a new entry requirement for those travelling to or through Canada who are not Canadian or American citizens, or permanent residents of Canada.

Terry Baker

You may require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). For more information, consult <u>canada.ca/eta</u> to

determine if this requirement applies to you.



John Moore Brabazon was the first person to receive a pilot's license in Britain and the first Englishman to fly an aero plane on December 4, 1908

Found on the internet - A Ramp Rat's Pet Hate -

As so often happens, I got this idea after reading another post on F/A's pet hates...so here's our view of things.

- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE make sure that you intend to embark on the flight.
- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE retrieve any and all needed items first (passport, medicals, books, toys or whatever), and place them in your carry-on bag.
- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE make sure that the bag is built to withstand the weight & amount of stuff you place in it.
- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE, carefully wrap something shock absorbent (like a towel or something) around any fragile items.

- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE consider the final weight of the bag, if it's too heavy for you to handle without any greater inconvenience, lighten the weight by adding a bag.
- When you as a passenger check in your bags, PLEASE be in time at the check in counter!!!
- When you as a passenger waits to pick up your bags, PLEASE don't go ballistic if it should take a few extra minutes before your bag shows up....think of it...on major flights there are well over 300 bags to offload and transport to them bag carousels.

(source Airliners.net)





Our cartoon by **F.G.Freeland** appeared in the "Between Ourselves" magazine issued March 1956.

The caption reads "Better step on the gas a bit Charlie, the Service Observer's got his eye on you."



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