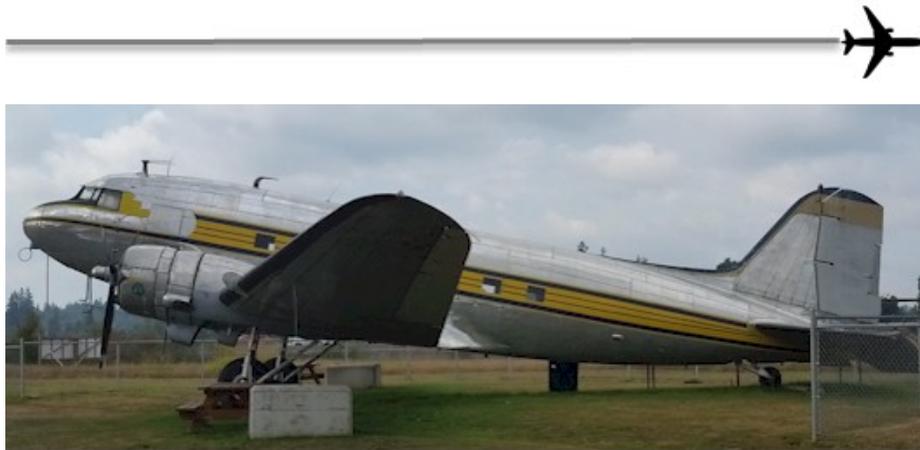




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The 'Spirit of Skeena' at The Canadian Museum of Flight

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



A group of students from the **Montpelier School of the Arts in France** have produced a short animated film based on the true story of **Jacqueline Auriol, a French pilot, who, in 1953 became the first European woman to break the sound barrier.** The effort won an award early this year for best student film at the Paris Images Digital Summit, and recently the creators have begun to post the full seven-minute video on social

media.

Auriol learned to fly in 1948 and was an accomplished aerobatics flier and test pilot. She logged time in more than 100 aircraft types, and set five world speed records for women in the 1950's and 1960's.

Several times, Auriol's records broke the previous record set by Jacqueline Cochran of the U.S., and the two maintained a famous rivalry for years, according to The New York Times. That story was told in a 2015 TV movie, "Supersonic Women: A Duel in the Sky."

Auriol published her autobiography, "I Live to Fly," in 1970. She passed away in 2000 at age 82. At the time, according to the Times, French president Jacques Chirac called her "The incarnation of courage and modernity for the French people."

[Click Here](#) for YouTube videos about Jacqueline Auriol.

(Source: [AVwebFlash](#) August 10, 2018)



Air Canada News

Air Canada prepares Rouge subsidiary for ULCC competition.



As the Canadian ULCC market heats up, Air Canada said it is prepared to leverage the significant flexibility of its rouge subsidiary to ward off competition, from adding flights in major domestic markets to re-configuring aircraft to match rivals' all-economy offerings.

(Source: [ATW Daily News](#) August 9, 2018)



Air Canada COO **Ben Smith** to take Air France-KLM helm.

Air France-KLM's board of directors appointed Air Canada COO Ben Smith as its new CEO, the first non-French national to head the group.

(Source: [ATWonline.com](#))



Star Alliance opened its passenger and baggage expedite service at Toronto Pearson International Airport last month, bringing personalized and streamlined transfer handling to passengers with tight connections between two Star Alliance member airline flights to its fifth network hub.

Branded as Star Alliance Connection Service, the program launched at Chicago O'Hare International Airport in 2017 and has since expanded to Star Alliance hubs at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, and Germany's Frankfurt and Munich airports.

Toronto Pearson is a hub for 13 Star Alliance member airlines, including Air Canada, Austrian Airlines, Avianca, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, EgyptAir, Ethiopian Airlines, EVA Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, TAP Air Portugal, Turkish Airlines and Chicago-based United Airlines.

(Source: [atwonline.com](#) August 7, 2019)



TCA/AC People Gallery



 **airOntario**

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 **NWT air**



Air Canada NAVI magazine was launched in March 2017.

Here we have the issue for October 2017 cover page.

Below is a photo of the crew.

From the left: **Serge Corbell, Sara Hamm, Geoff King, Eric Hansen, Lindsay Sande, Krista Robb, Chase Myhill, Stephanie Werte, Syed Hussain, Zulma Fomo, Donald Wall, Twyla Robinson, Shaun Utrl, Bambina Marcello, Caroline Johnson, Chadd Oltean, Marc Danto, Rod Rance and Michael Kolsun.**



From the "**Horizons**" magazine issue dated **November 1983.**

Shown at the Pacific Area Passenger Sales Conference in

Vancouver are:



Front row from the left: **Vic Leonard**, Manager San Francisco; **Doug Russell**, General Manager, Cargo; **Ralph Bouchard**, Sales & Service Director; **Hal Cameron**, Public Affairs Director; **Chuck Wilson**, Manager, South Pacific; **Anita Leung**, Manager, Hong Kong, China & Macao; **Al Knapp**, Manager Japan & Korea and **K. Nemoto**, Passenger Sales Manager, Tokyo.

Second row from the left: **Terry Woodford**, Passenger Sales Manager, Singapore; **Hank Dziekan**, Passenger Sales Support Manager; **Bill Rowe**, Vice President Western Region; **Guy Chiasson**, Vice President, Passenger Marketing; **David Bryce-Buchanan**, Vice President - European Region; **Jenny Hurley**, Advertising Manager, International; **Zachary Clark**, General Manager, B.C. & Pacific Northwest, Vancouver; **Helen Meurant**; Executive Secretary and **Bill Lau**, Young & Rubicam, Hong Kong.

Back row from the left: **Peter Barker**, International Product Planning Director; **Marc Rosenberg**, International Merchandising Director; **Brian Sygrove**, Sales & Service Director; **Bernie Keller**, Manager, Southeast Asia, Singapore; and **John Burghardt**, Director, Advertising

Issue dated **April 2010**. (Used with permission)



Air Canada was a sponsor for the **YVR 2010 Winter Olympics**. This photo shows the most recently delivered B777 (at the time) in YVR on July 8, 2009,

painted with the VANOC livery for the 2010 winter Olympics. It flew in the special livery from entry into service in 2009 until the games the following year. It was repainted in standard AC livery soon after the end of the games.

Concierges, as ambassadors for Air Canada and already in the habit of offering personalized, seamless service to Super Elites, Executive First customers and corporate VIPs, worked round the clock to assist athletes, VIPs and dignitaries with the level of service that consistently set Air Canada apart from other carriers.

Welcoming the world.

Air Canada concierges from all over the system have come to Vancouver to assist our customers.



Front left to right: **Deborah Ann DeSouza, Maxine Thomson, Alfrida Corlevic, Micheline Klintmalm, Beate Rothacker, Mila Ubungen-Chee, Helene Larway, Dianne Bertoncini, Valinda Leitner, Pasqualina**

Luongo, Lori Lemire, Jacqueline Dupont and Julia Howard.

Back (left to right): **William McGhie, Louise Thériault, Mike Tomasevic and Stephen Pilato.**

Team Air Canada places 7th in Brazil Soccer Cup.



Station Attendants from Montreal Airport and Cargo placed 7th in the **Point Eventos' Brazil Soccer Cup 2005** and actually made it to the quarterfinals. These employees took the initiative to form a team and invited a few fellow amateur soccer players. In its third year,

the five-day event was held from November 1 - 6 in Salvador Bahia.

The 32 teams were made up primarily of employees from various airlines and Air Traffic Control centres from around the world.

In our photo we have -

Back row: left to right: **Roberto Mignacca, Dwayne Mightley, Jonathan Giaccio, Lead Attendant; Francesco Lombardo, Station Attendant; Jean Constantineau, Lead Attendant; Martin Garnache, Station Attendant.**

Front row: **Enrico Di Marzo, Station Attendant; Benedetto Giallo, Lead Station Attendant; Gary Yessaian, Station Attendant; Chris Turkot, Lead Station Attendant; Alex Bruschi, Station Attendant**

(Unfortunately, the url quoted in the article no longer exists so we were unable to find the current situation for this event - eds)



Extract from '**Regional News**' magazine issue **March/April 1981.**

Thirty-five years and still hanging on.



The year was 1946, the name was **Trans-Canad Lines**, and the symbol was TCA rampant on a maple leaf when these "students" joined at Winnipeg in what has become the self-styled College of Airline Knowledge--the indoctrination course for new employees of the airline that became Air Canada.

This year seven of the original 19 of the class of '46 gathered in San Francisco for a third reunion (others were held at the 25th and 30th anniversaries).

From left to right: **David Young**, now area manager, western U.S.; **Reginald Cook**, (retired); **Walt Mannell**, former sales rep., New York and now a Kansas City travel agent; **Dick Forrest**, retired AC personnel director; **Bob Nicholson**, AC D.M. Winnipeg; **Vince Brimicombe**, Sales rep., SFO and **Hugh Dolduc**, retired.





Alan's Space



Alan Rust

Historic Avro Lancaster bomber heading to North Saanich museum

(Submitted by Rob Hemmett)

Article from the **Times Colonist**, for full article [visit this page](#).

A historic Avro Lancaster bomber will soon be heading to its new home at the **B.C. Aviation Museum** in North Saanich.

Toronto City Council voted Tuesday to transfer the vintage plane to the museum, where restoration will start immediately.

"It's absolutely exciting," said museum president John Lewis. "The Avro Lancaster is an iconic aircraft with a distinguished record in war and in peace. It was a major contributor to the strategic bombing offensive in World War II. After the war, it served for many years on both coasts in reconnaissance and search-and-rescue missions."

This Lancaster, FM104, was built in Toronto in 1944 and stationed on the East Coast for 20 years. It was retired in 1965 and displayed on a plinth in Coronation Park on the

Toronto lakeshore until 1999. The aircraft was removed, disassembled and partially restored, then placed in storage away from public view for several years.

The aviation museum's long-term goal is to see the Avro Lancaster bomber take flight, a project Lewis acknowledges could take 10 to 15 years.

"It will be only one of three Lancasters in the world that are still flying," Lewis said. "But we believe ultimately it can be restored to flying condition. We're under no illusion this is a major project, larger than any we've undertaken before, particularly because every piece of the restoration has to be done to airworthy standards."

Victoria Air Maintenance, an internationally known firm of vintage aircraft restorers, will have overall supervision of the project. A number of local aircraft manufacturing specialists and vintage aircraft enthusiasts have pledged their time and knowledge to volunteer on this project. "We've had a real upsurge of interest and pledges of support from a lot of other people around the airport," Lewis said.



FM 104 on pedestal in Toronto near Ontario Place



FM104 being dismantled in Toronto before being moved to museum (1999)



CP Air, Canadian People Gallery



CP Air applies to fly to U.S.

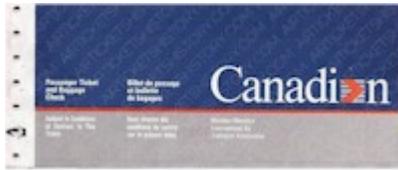
CP Air hopes to get Federal Government approval to fly scheduled services from Toronto to points in the United States. Dan Colussy, the airline's president has said that Air Canada dominates the trans-border business and will have no reason to complain if CP Air adds some routes to Eastern U.S. cities out of Toronto.

"There would be nothing to justify an Air Canada demand for entry into the B.C. to California market either," he said "as there is currently an imbalance". CP Air serves California from B.C. as the sole Canadian carrier.

(Source: Horizons (In the News) October 1983)

Here are some Canadian tickets and a boarding pass.

(Source: airticketshistory.com)



Nordair wins contract from Sabena.

Nordair has been awarded a contract by **Sabena Belgian Airlines** to provide twice-weekly Boeing 737 service from Montreal's Mirabel airport to Detroit effective immediately. The Nordair planes will provide continuation of Sabena's 747 service from Brussels. Sabena decided Nordair could operate the route leg at a much lower cost while still providing a high standard of service.

(Source: AC Horizons October 1983)

Nordair-EL AL agreement.

Nordair and EL AL Airlines have been given a temporary license by the CAB valid until April 30, 1984 to operate a B-737 wet-lease agreement between Montreal and Miami on the final leg of El Al's Israel-Miami service. The service, which had been running for two years, was withdrawn by the CAB in June of this year due to the Israeli government's failure to approve Capitol Air's attempts to serve Israel in conjunction with Arkia, an Israeli Charter carrier. The Israeli government has now stated that the Capitol Air service can commence clearing the way for the return of the El Al-Nordair agreement.

(Source: AC Horizons November 1983)



The Spirit of Skeena



**Wayne
Albertson**

Reading the stories (below) sent to us by retired "Stews" Dorothy Horton, Betty Morgan and Marlene Bradshaw, regarding their memories of working on the DC-3, reminded me that I frequently drive by a preserved DC-3 on my way to my weekly card games.

The '**Spirit of Skeena**' has been preserved by volunteers of the **Canadian Museum of Flight** at **Langley Municipal Airport**, only a short drive from my home in the 'Cloverdale' area of Surrey, B.C.

Built in 1940 and originally delivered to American Airlines, it has flown under the colours of Trans Alaska Airlines and, registered in Canada as CF-PWF, for Queen Charlotte Airlines, Pacific Western Airlines, Great Northern Airways and finally Trans Provincial Airlines.

Click on the links below for more info on the history and restoration of 'The Spirit of Skeena'.



[Canadian Museum of Flight](#)
[Peterson Photography on Flickr](#)





Reader's Feedback

After receiving and reading her copy of the [NetLetter #1395](#), **Dorothy Horton** sends this memory -

I really enjoy the NetLetter. I read every word. I am very proud of being a 'Stew' in 1954, from Ontario. Of course, in those days you couldn't be married. When I married in November of 1954 I had to resign.

However, I married the man of my dreams and we were so happily married until recently when he passed away. I am back in Alberta where I originally joined [Maple Wings](#) many years ago in Sherwood Park, Alberta. I also joined Maple Wings in Kelowna, with Gretchen Marsh Aird as the President.

Many great stories of the old DC-3 Days. **Billy Houseman** was our Instructor.

Dorothy Horton.

After receiving and reading her copy of the [NetLetter #1395](#), **Betty Morgan** sends us this memory -

My first flight ever was on a DC-3 from Moncton to Shearwater in 1945. I have a picture of myself all dressed up with a suit, hat and gloves for the adventure. I think there was one other passenger on the flight. It cost my mother \$15 and she thought that was "exorbitant" for such a short trip!!!

Anyway, I was picked up at the airport by a boyfriend and we went to his graduation dance at the Lord Nelson. I can't remember if it was the same day or the next. I remember I had a new evening dress made for just that event. It was white with red polka dots and I had a red carnation too.

The ticket was one way so I came home by car with a girlfriend and her father. I don't remember eating, but I do remember dancing. I do miss dancing.

Betty Morgan

Marlene Bradshaw shares her memory with us -

I have such 'Great! Good! Wonderful Memories' with the time I spent being a 'TCA Stew' along with all kinds of friends. I have maintained through these years of true friendship - the kind you cannot have unless you were there - makes them even more special.....of course.

It all started just right after I found in the local newspaper Trans Canada announced that you no longer had to be a nurse. Being raised, and coming from, the little town of Picture Butte, Alberta of 1,000 people, I was able to travel and see the world I knew was out there! Dreams sometimes work out and coming from a family that did not have a dime it was my impossible dream that came true for me - thanks!...so very very personal for me to have had the experience of the world I knew was waiting just for me.

Turned 80 years old October 5th this past year and October 5th is coming round again. I was a lucky duck and all my memories are treasured - the good and the bad - I love them all.

Keep trucking you guys and I will do so I at my end to enjoy the old, and the wake-up reality of where we have come from and where it can take us into the future.

Love and Hugs, Marlene



Odds and Ends



History of the "Quarter Century in Aviation Club"

Web

Site: quartercenturyinaviation.ca

Quarter Century in Aviation Club History



Our Founding Members circa 1952.

This Club was formed in 1952 in Vancouver by **Bill Windrum**, a pilot who flew for Canadian Airways out of Thunder Bay, Prince Albert and Edmonton. While a member of management at Canadian Pacific Airlines in

Vancouver, Bill wanted to find a venue where people from all areas of Aviation could meet as friends to share their experiences without interference from the constraints of competition that were common in this fledgling industry.

The Club Archives do not reveal how the founding members settled on 'A Quarter Century in Aviation' as the threshold for membership. Considering that the Wright Brothers had made their first successful flight only forty-nine years earlier, individuals with twenty-five years in the industry in 1952 would have formed a very exclusive group. The inaugural dinner meeting was held at the Alcazar Hotel in Vancouver with twenty-two charter members in attendance Dinner was \$3.00, the drinks were three for a dollar and Annual dues were set at \$5.00.

There are over one hundred fifty registered members. These members make up a complete cross-section of the industry. Anyone who has been associated with aviation, in any form, is welcome to join this unique Club.

We are always looking for new members, so please join us at one of our dinner meetings, have a great meal and meet new and old friends! The Dinner Meetings for this season will

commence on October 16, 2018, full meeting details [can be viewed here](#).

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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.



[Victoria Flying Club](#)

Website: flyvfc.com



* Mae Frame, one of VFC's earliest members, takes her first flight in the club's Fleet Canuck, 1947.

This photo of **Mae Frame**, one of VFC's earliest members, takes her first flight in the club's Fleet Canuck aircraft in 1947.

By 1965 – The Victoria Flying Club fleet consists of three Fleet 80s, one Cessna 150, one Beechcraft 23, and a Piper PA-23.



Hangar 4E is deemed surplus, and after extensive negotiations with the federal government, The Victoria Flying Club purchased the hangar for three installments of \$3000. This becomes the permanent home of the club.



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Smileys



A very messy departure.

One lady in Moscow discovered that divorce can be a costly business when she chose to quarrel with her husband after boarding a Rossiya service to Vladivostok on July 3. She subsequently decided to leave the aircraft, in spite of efforts by the crew to persuade her otherwise, forcing the captain to halt the departure.

"A decision was made to disembark passengers from the aircraft," says Rossiya. This involved being towed to a remote stand, because air bridges were unavailable, and conveying the occupants by bus back to the terminal.

Rossiya says the flight was delayed for 6 hours and 500 passengers were affected; while it faced extra costs for security, cleaning and catering.

The women at the centre of the chaos blamed the beginning of divorce proceedings for her action, but Rossiya had precious little sympathy for her situation, instead taking advantage of new Russian legislation for dealing with unruly passengers.

She was charged with the Rb140,000 (US\$2,200) cost of holding up the flight. There might be 50 ways to leave your lover but most of them are probably better than waiting for push back.

(Source: Flight International August 9, 2018)



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Ken Pickford (missing from photo)
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