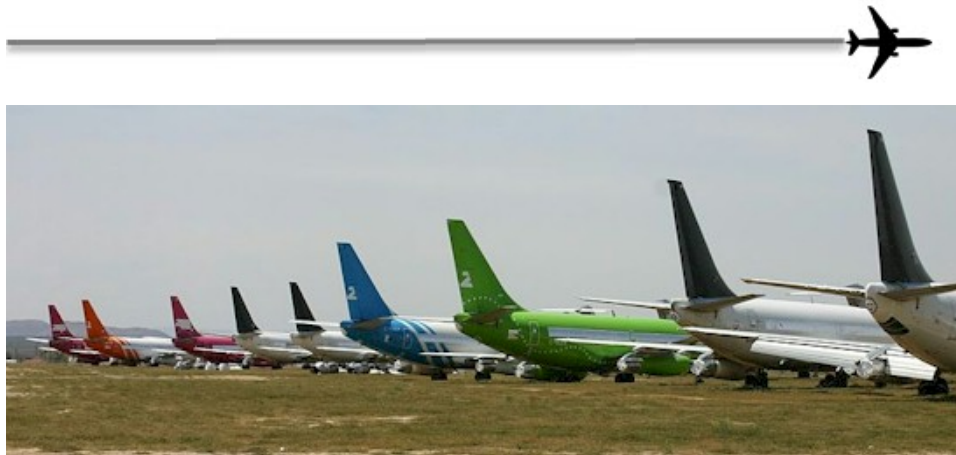


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Former Zip Fleet at Mojave Desert
Photo by Aeroprints.com posted on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zip_Aircraft)

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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Coming Events

D-Day Squadron Finalizes Plans.



Possibly the largest flotilla of C-47's and other DC-3 variants since the Second World War will cross the Atlantic in late May to take part in a re-enactment of the first stage of the D-Day invasion.

A total of 18 "Daks" will fly to Scotland for the 75th anniversary of the most pivotal battle of the war. The 18 U.S.-based aircraft will be joined by 17 European aircraft for the flypast, which will include parachute jumps by reenactors using round canopies.

Many of the aircraft took part in the original raid, including "That's All Brother", the plane that led the assault and was the first one over the beaches. The aircraft, which flew at Sun 'n Fun, was rescued from a scrap heap and refurbished by the Commemorative Air Force over the past three years.

(Source: avweb.com April 6, 2019)

Additional reference: ddaysquadron.org



Aviation Football Club World Series

Seven a-side soccer tournament.

When: **October 03 - 06, 2019.**

Where: **Barcelona & Salou, Spain.**

Deadline to register: **August 31, 2019.**

Between 2005 - 2017 Air Canada ranked 31.

(Source: afcseries.wixsite.com/aviationcup/tournaments)



Women in Aviation



Elizabeth "Elsie" MacGill was the first woman in Canada to receive a degree in electrical engineering, likely first in the world to hold a master's degree in aeronautical engineering and the first woman to work as a professional aircraft designer.

She was dubbed "**Queen of the Hurricanes**" in a wartime comic book for her work in overseeing design refinements and production of Hawker Hurricanes.

The fighter plane was a stalwart workhorse in the Second World War, and especially the Battle of Britain.

(Source: Canada Post)

Additional references:

[Library and Archives Canada](#)

[The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

[Wikipedia](#)



Air Canada News



Air Canada is in exclusive negotiations to buy the company that owns Air Transat, the two companies say.

The proposed deal would value Transat at \$13 per share, a 22 per cent premium from the \$10.58 a share the company was valued at on Wednesday. At \$13, Transat is being valued at roughly \$520 million.

(Source: cbc.ca)





Star Alliance News



Lufthansa Group carrier Swiss turned in the most profitable performance of its parent's network airlines over the first quarter 2019. Here we have this photo of the colour scheme for

one of its aircraft.

(Source: Flight International magazine May 7-13. 2019)



TCA/AC People Gallery



 **airOntario**

 **airNova**

 **NWT air**



Dates in Air Canada history

- 1985 - January 15, Inaugural service between Toronto - Bombay/Singapore.
- 1985- December 14, Inaugural service between Toronto - St. Lucia using B-767 equipment.
- 1986 - February 2, "Executive Class" service launched in B-767 aircraft.
- 1986 - April 27, Service between Toronto - Manchester U.K. via Glasgow with B-747 equipment.
- 1986 - June, Service between Toronto and Manchester U.K. direct with L1011 equipment.
- 1987- April 26, Service from Toronto - Vienna resumed, previously served from May 1, 1959 to March 26, 1977.
- 2000 - November 16, Service between Toronto and Sao Paulo and Toronto and Buenos Aires commenced.
- 2003 - December 3, Service launched to Lima and Santiago.

Here is the cover of the enRoute magazine issued November 2012.

(Source: enroute.aircanada.com/en/magazine/past-issues)



Extracted from the "**Parts and Pieces**" magazine issue dated June 2003.

These are some of the retirees that stepped aside to reduce potential lay-offs to younger Stockkeepers due to the downsizing of the Purchasing & Supply branch.

Seen in our photo are I.A.M. Chief Steward **Neil McGlinchy**, Chauffeur **John Hore** leaving June 1, Lead Stockkeeper at FSES **Real Murphy**, Stockkeepers **Jim Biggs**, **Vincent Floccari**, **Robert B-Bob Gagnon**, **Ian Tyer**, **Donato Caivano**, **Gilles Palmieri**, **Barry Tremblay**, **Errol Chatham**, Lead Stockkeepers **Bill Braidwood**, **Ted Thurston** and **Bill Robson**. Absent from the photo is stationery Stockkeeper **Steve Chatham**.



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Issue dated October 1985.


Atop of Mount Spirstock in central Switzerland - 1985
 Back left: Bona Stickler, Joan Lovegrove, Mr. and Mrs. Sieben, Heidi Lang, Rolf Weinmann. Front: Miss and Mrs. Christener, Tali Englert, Shirley Dunn, Martina Steffl, Marion Linder.

A group of European employees take the opportunity to hoist the Air Canada Rondelle atop Mount Spirstock (7,152 feet) in central Switzerland. The third annual hike was organized by **Rolf Weinmann**, Manager, Switzerland, a strong believer in 'Participation'.

This 1985 year's summit surmounters are, back row, from the left: **Ilona Stickler**, Passenger Agent, Frankfurt; **Joan Lovegrove**, Passenger

Agent, London; **Mr. and Mrs. Sieben**, South African Airways and Continental Airlines, respectively; **Heidi Lang**, Reservations & Sales Office Supervisor, Frankfurt and **Rolf Weinmann**.

Front row, from the left: guests **Miss and Mrs. Christener**; Passenger Agents **Tali Englert**, Frankfurt; **Shirley Dunn**, London; **Martina Steffl** and **Marion Linder**, Frankfurt.

The Winnipeg Pionairs' executive preparing for a busy season, the executive for the 1985-86 term includes President **Winnie King**, Vice Presidents **Maurice Camyre** and **Carol Malec**, Treasurer **Mary Vanstone** and Secretary **June Morris**.

(No photo available - eds)

Issue dated November 1985.


Ninth annual System darts tournament, London, England team at Vancouver 1985.
 Back left: Karin Olsen, Doug Allen, Leo Allen and Leo Barnes. Front row: Ron McRae, Karin Olsen, Helen Allen, Zachary Clark, Wey All, Dipsy Lane and Alan Latta.

The ninth annual system darts tournament was held at the Airport Resort Hotel in Vancouver. The event was well attended, with some 180 employees and family members participating. In total, 35 teams battled it out, but London hit the winner's circle in

both the men's and ladies' events, despite stiff competition from Vancouver and Winnipeg. The 1986 event will be held in St. John's towards the end of October.

Shown at the awards presentation are, back row, from the left: **Kevin Clews, Greg Aitken, Les Avis** and **Les Barnes**.

In the front row are, from the left: **Ken McKenzie**, System darts chairman; **Karen Clews, Helen Aitken, Zachary Clark**, General Manager; B.C. and Pacific Northwest, who presented the trophy; **Mary Avis, Dilys Lane** and **Moe Larter**, chairman of the host committee.

Issue dated January 1986.

The wind-up meeting of the 1985 Employee Campaign for Funds was held in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal on December 17, 1985. Some 24 employees representing every branch in the company were on hand to receive trophies and plaques on behalf of their respective groups in recognition of their efforts to achieve the goals established at the beginning of the campaign. Annual contribution for 1985 was \$687,677.00.

Employee representatives received plaques indicating the percentage of employee participation in their respective areas and branches. In our photo from the left, are: **Yvette Ste-Marie**, General Clerk, Human Resources; **Sylvie Lefebvre**, Secretary, Cargo; **Monique Booth**, Secretary, Law; **Ed Spaiches**, Manager, Telecommunications, Central & East, Computer & Systems Services; **Jeannine Rivard**, General Clerk, Marketing & Planning Support; **Jack Kantor**, Vice President, In-Flight Service; **Pauline Noel**, Executive Secretary, Passenger Marketing - International; **John Gomes**, Senior Economic & Pricing Analyst, Finance; **Lynda Bowles**, Customer Relations Representative, Transportation Services; **Bob Doret**, Director, Processes & Program Development, Facilities & Supply; **Johanne Legault**, Secretary, Government & Public Affairs and **Rhanda Spotton**, Public Affairs Assistant, Sales & Service - International (U.S.).



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Issue dated February 1986.

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Back row, from the left are: **Jim Miller, Noel Ebdon, Butch Butchart, Bernie Allardyce, Bernie Curwin, Bill Kent, Jack Inouye, Bill Sansom, Fred Boudreau and David Paxton.**

Middle row, from the left, are: **Ken Rodgers, Ken Mackenzie, Dave Childs, Keith Windsor, Chris Pulley, Roger Bernard, Michael Gargouzi, Bob Preiss, Joe Holmes, Crispin Colvin, Barry Drinkle, Evan Quick, Gil Gilbert, Dan Thibault, Jim Batten, Hugh Riopelle, Brian Connolly and Michael McHenry.**

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Issue dated June 2012 (Used with permission)



"Horizons" magazine launched a new semi-permanent 75th anniversary column in the February 2012 edition.

We had the first photo of the page in NetLetter #1410. Here is the 1980's version.

Issue dated July/August 2012. (Used with permission)

Our greenest flight ever - Perfect in more ways than one.

On June 18, 2012 we operated our greenest flight ever! Airbus A319 C-GBHM fin #274 operating flight AC991 YYZ-MEX under the command of **Captain Todd Martin** and First Officer **Jeff MacLellan**.

It also happened to be our first bio-fuel flight, our first "perfect flight" (defined as "one which helps meet aviation's short-term goals of improving fuel efficiency by 1.5 per cent every year until 2020"), and a world first - the second flight

in a relay of four commercial bio-jet flights. Three successes rolled into one.

On July 24, Air Canada celebrated its second bio-fuel-powered flight! AC864 departed from Montreal for London using jet fuel derived from recycled cooking oil as well as employing other fuel-saving measures.



CP Air, Canadian People Gallery



Canadian Pacific Air Lines inaugural flight to Lima on October 24, 1953 and Santiago on September 23, 1957.

New flights to Brazil set.

A bilateral agreement between Brazil and Canada has resulted in the establishment of non-stop, scheduled air service between the two countries.

The federal Department of Transport says that Canadian Pacific Air Lines will be entitled to operate flights from anywhere in Canada to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

Varig, the Brazilian national carrier, will be able to fly from points in Brazil to Toronto and Montreal. The department expects direct service to begin in the spring of 1986.

(Source: AC "Horizons" magazine issue November 1985)

CP Air changes name and colours

CP Air is going back to its former name, Canadian Pacific, and adopting its former red, white and blue colours.

One DC-10 has already been repainted and the new colour scheme will appear on the fleet over a three-year period, with newly acquired Eastern Provincial Airways planes among the first to be painted.

The cost of the switch is being minimized by timing the painting to coincide with major maintenance work. The main

reason for abandoning the shorter CP Air name is the lack of public recognition abroad.

The existing orange and red emblem will give way to a combination of 'sky' white, 'corporate' red and 'Pacific' blue, and the words 'Canadian Pacific' will be painted in 'corporate' grey.

(Source: AC "Horizons" magazine issue January 1986)



Wayne's Wings



**Wayne
Albertson**

Zip – Some fun during a turbulent time

After all the uncertainty and controversy in the Canadian airline industry in the 1990's, we began to see some resolutions in the early 2000's. However, few people were pleased with the emerging outcome and there was little relief for those of us whose main interest was just to remain employed.

With the merger of Air Canada and Canadian Airlines, new and formidable competition came in the form of WestJet in Western Canada.

Air Canada's response to WestJet was to form a similar 'no-frills' airline called 'Zip'.

I thought that this was a fantastic idea because, at long last, there was something fun happening. The bright neon paint jobs in blue, fuchsia (just a fun word to say), green and orange were, to me anyway, very amusing. Just seeing one of these aircraft taxi by made me smile.

The airline was formed in September 2002 and ceased operation only two years later in 2004; much too short a time. Air Canada also introduced Tango around the same time and is currently having great success with its Rouge subsidiary, but 'Zip' could bring a chuckle to a passenger by just boarding the aircraft.

I came across the video below on the JustPlanes YouTube channel just recently. It was posted on March 15, 2019 and I can't help but wonder where it has been for the past 17 years.

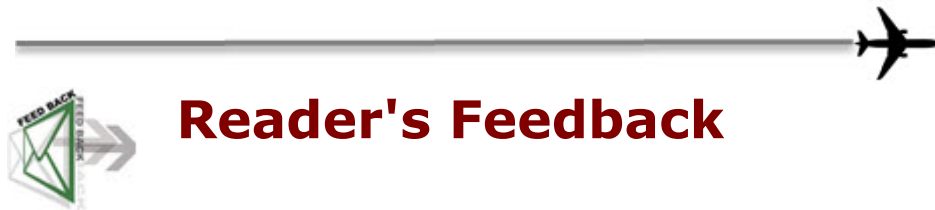
Air Canada allowed the JustPlanes crew to film C-GCPP (painted in beautiful fuchsia) during an hour flight around Vancouver.

Additional references:

Zip Fleet at Planespotter.net

Zip at Wikipedia

Canada Newswire press release at Airliners.net forum.



Reader's Feedback

Gretchen Dawson sent in condolences for Alan

Jim and I have been very saddened to learn of Alan Rust's passing. It came as quite a shock to read. The Canadian Maple Wings Association members who receive the NetLetter are also included in these words of Condolence.

I'm so glad we got to sit with you, "The Team" at the Pionairs' 40th AGM held in Richmond, B.C. - celebrating their 40th. Anniversary! It gave us a chance to get better acquainted with you, Alan and Wayne.

Alan was so dedicated to the NetLetter and The Team (yourself Terry, Wayne Albertson and Ken Pickford). I'm sure he'll be sorely missed by all of you and his readers.

Our Sincere Sympathy to his family and friends. R.I.P. Alan.

In addition, **Gretchen** refers to "Now that's service" article in the [NetLetter #1412](#) -

Here are a group of the Toronto based flight attendants I flew with through the '60's, with both **Pat McAllister** and **Marion Clark** off my course - April 1960. The others were off courses just ahead of us!

Helen (Nelder) McEwan was my neighbour, and long-time friend, living in Guelph, still flying, who helped me get flyers

out about the planning of a TCA Alumni Reunion in 1980, out to all the base's crew rooms, back in 1977/78!

The May 1980 Reunion resulted in the full creation of Canadian Maple Wings Association, federally incorporated as a not-for-profit Association, with over One Thousand Members around the world, with Chapters across Canada gathering and forming!

Here's to Canadian Maple Wings Association's 39th Anniversary this May 2019!! With many of these gals still members supporting this Association all these years! Most of them in the "Silver Wings" Chapter!!

Best Regards,
Gretchen (Aird) Dawson





Odds and Ends

Croydon Airport, U.K.



London Croydon Airport was once Britain's major and only international gateway airport.

As global air travel developed after World War One it played a significant part in early twentieth century British history and shaping global air travel.

With the March 1920 closure of the temporary aerodrome at Hounslow Heath, it became operational as London Terminal Aerodrome from March 29, 1920 until September 30, 1959.

It began life using the former 1915 World War One airfield with commercial operations commencing when the RAF vacated the aerodrome in March 1920.

Britain's first airport expansion Act of Parliament in 1925 led to the 1926 redevelopment of the airport with the completion of the new buildings in 1928.



Some of the significant historic events and achievements at London Croydon Airport include:-

- Amy Johnson's record-breaking flights
- Birthplace of Air Traffic Control
- Innovation of "Mayday" international distress call
- World's first integral airport terminal
- World's first Air Traffic Control Tower
- Establishment of Britain's national airline, Imperial Airways
- Britain's first international air routes across Europe, Asia and Australia
- Site of multiple world record- breaking flights

Significantly, the new airport introduced the world to two new types of specialized building:-

- Airport Terminal
- Air Traffic Control Tower.

These two types of new building were the first built in Britain, Europe or across the world and are instantly recognizable features of all modern airports. The buildings were of importance as they identified the key functions and processes needed in these transport buildings and were designed around those functions.

A de Havilland Heron stands outside marking the airport's final flight by Morton Air Services to Rotterdam on September 30, 1959.

(Source: www.croydonairport.org.uk)





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.

Canadian ULCC Jetlines postpones start-up date to December 2019. Aspiring Canadian ULCC Jetlines said its first day of revenue flights will be December 17 — later than its most recent plans, but for the first time pinned to a definitive date.

(Source: [ATW Daily News](#) April 5, 2019)

The early days, a Canadian review in 1946.

Mr. H. J. Symington, president of Trans-Canada Air Lines, in a review of the activities of the company during 1946, referred briefly to its history. Incorporated in April, 1937,

T.C.A. reached the stage of operating a full daily service between Montreal and Vancouver two years later. During the war years, in spite of the shortage of men and materials, it expanded, linking Canadian centres with Chicago, Cleveland, Duluth and Seattle. Trans-continental flights were increased to four a day in each direction and larger aircraft were purchased.

The Trans-Atlantic operation began in July, 1943, as the Canadian Government Trans-Atlantic Air Service, entrusted to T.C.A. It was designed primarily for the carriage of mails to and from the Canadian Forces overseas, and for urgent delivery of medical supplies and other equipment. When the war finished it developed into a fare-paying passenger service.

Within the next few months T.C.A. will assume full control under a wholly owned subsidiary company, Trans-Canada Atlantic Limited. A decline in air-mail traffic has given the company serious concern, particularly as the new contract with the Post Office department, which became effective in April, 1946, has resulted in decreased compensation for the carrier.

This contract is based on the amount of mail carried rather than, as formerly, on miles flown, so it is important that the

transport of mail should be fostered and encouraged. In the United States this has been accomplished by a reduction in the air-mail surcharge. This diminishing mail revenue was the disappointing factor of the year's operations.

T.C.A. have had to face those increasing costs which normally attend great extensions of airline services, involving, as they do, the engagement of new personnel, their training and familiarization with new types of aircraft, as well as with the opening up of new offices, airfields and communications. These difficulties were accentuated by the failure in delivery of some new equipment due to the lack of materials arising from industrial strikes.

(Source: Flightglobal.com 1947 - 0048)

(Part two will be in NetLetter nr 1415 - eds)



A sample of the deals from
Dargal Interline.

7 Night Alaska - Holland America Line - ms Noordam

Jun 09 | [More Dates...](#)

Vancouver; Cruise Inside Passage; Ketchikan; Juneau;
Skagway; Cruise Glacier Bay; At Sea; Seward (Anchorage);
From: Inside: \$329 Oceanview: \$349 Balcony: \$599 Suite:
\$999.

7 Night Alaska - Princess Cruises - Star Princess

July 14 - [More Dates...](#)

Seattle; At Sea; Ketchikan; Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord; Juneau;
Skagway; At Sea; Victoria; Seattle;
From: Inside: \$649 Oceanview: \$699 Balcony: \$1099 Suite:
\$1499.

Asia.

8 Night Asia - Princess Cruises - Diamond Princess

Jun 20 - [More Dates...](#)

Kobe; At Sea; Hakodate; Sakata; Kanazawa; Sakaiminato;
Busan; At Sea; Kobe;
From: Inside: \$479 Oceanview: \$599 Balcony: \$689 Suite:
\$1289.

14 Night Asia - Holland America Line - ms Maasdam

Aug 14 - [More Dates...](#)

Yokohama; Shimizu; Kobe; At Sea; Kochi; Cruise Kanmon
Strait; Kanazawa; At Sea; Vladivostok; At Sea; Otaru;

Hakodate; At Sea; Yokohama;
From: Inside: \$1124 Oceanview: \$1199.

Canada & New England.

11 Night Canada and New England - Oceania Cruises -
Riviera

Oct 19 - More Dates...New York City; Newport; Boston; Bar
Harbor; Bay of Fundy; Halifax; Sydney; Charlottetown;
Cruise St. Lawrence River; Quebec City; Montreal; From:
Balcony: \$1925.

Caribbean.

5 Night Caribbean - Carnival Cruise Lines - Carnival Valor
Sep 09 - More Dates...
New Orleans; At Sea; Cozumel; Progreso; At Sea; New
Orleans;
From: Inside: \$239 Oceanview: \$265 Balcony: \$373 Suite:
\$609.

Europe.

9 Night Europe - Norwegian Cruise Line - Norwegian
Getaway
Jul 31 - More Dates...Copenhagen; At Sea; St. Petersburg;
Helsinki; Tallinn; Nynashamn (Stockholm); Visby; At Sea;
Copenhagen;
From: Inside: \$999 Oceanview: \$1099 Balcony: \$1249.

12 Night Europe - Royal Caribbean International - Brilliance
of the Seas
Jun 24 | More Dates...
Amsterdam; At Sea; Skagen; At Sea; Tallinn; St.
Petersburg; Helsinki; Stockholm; At Sea; Copenhagen; At
Sea; Amsterdam; From: Oceanview: \$1210 Balcony: \$1330.

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Smileys

On arrival at an airport, this passenger faced a customs official -

- Customs Official: 'May I have your name?'
 - Passenger: 'Batman'
- Customs Official: 'What's your name!?'
 - Passenger: 'My name is Bat-man'
- Customs Official: 'Trying to be funny!? What's your surname?'
 - Passenger: 'Super-man'
- Customs Official: 'So you're telling me your name is Batman Superman?'
 - Passenger: 'Yes'



Customs Official called security: 'Arrest this man...'

When they had him in custody, he was asked to show his identification card: Click on the image for full view.

(Source: jethros.org.uk)

Headlines -



Canada to purchase surplus aircraft from Australia.

(Source: Flight International - March 2, 2019)





Terry Baker | the late Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson
Ken Pickford (missing from photo)
NetLetter Staff for 2019
(you can read our bios at www.thenetletter.net/history)