



Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

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[**Air Canada Cargo Express DC-8-73F
C-FTIK, August 1992**](#)

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



Quarter Century Club.

Dinner Meeting - Tuesday, April 16, 2019

From 17:00 until 21:00.

At Richmond Curling Club.

Pork Buffet dinner with all the "fixins" will be served, including Coffee/Tea, dessert and tip.

Tentative Speaker TBA. Cost \$25.00. More information at

www.quartercentury.ca

[Worldwide Airline Tournaments.](#)

28th 5-side Czech Airlines Soccer Tournament.

June 20-24, 2019:

Cost: Pkg. 330 EURO

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2019

Team List: **(NEED 14 MORE)**

Note: Air Canada Vancouver participated in the 2018 tournament and reached 7th place in the "Elite" group, they played 8 games and won a game 6:3.

Air Canada results 4 : 5, 0 : 4, 2 : 11, 4 : 6, 6 : 3, 3 : 15, 2 : 4, totals 21 : 48, points 3, place 7.

The soccer tournament will be held on the natural grass field near the hotel. Approximate time to get to the soccer field is 15 minutes by bus.

In case of bad weather conditions, games may be transferred to the very last (third) generation synthetic grass in their latest modification, which is placed in same territory.

Rubber sole stud soccer shoes are allowed to be used on synthetic grass.

(Source: www.soccerclubcsa.com)

Here we have this photo of the 2018 team, but no names, if

someone would supply them, we would be happy to print them – eds)



Women in Aviation

In [NetLetter #1400](#) we mentioned plans for the launch of Canada's first Indigenous women-owned airline to launch out of YVR.

[Iskwew Air](#) officially began service on March 9, 2019 coinciding with International Women's Day. The word 'Iskwew' means 'woman' in the Cree language.

[Click Here](#) for the YouTube video of the CBC report.

[Click Here](#) for the Richmond News article.



Air Canada News

Kia ora, Auckland!

Air Canada announced a new non-stop route from YVR to Auckland, New Zealand.

Flights begin December 2019 through to March 2020.

(Source: [YVR News](#) February 2019)

April 2019 - Non-stop service between Toronto and Vienna, Austria.

(Source: aircanada.mediaroom.com)



Reader Submitted Photos

Here we have a photo of **CF-TGX** fin #616 at Thunder Bay airport for "Open House Day" July 1958.

(Source: Marlane Sutherby)



CF-TGX fin 616 at Thunder Bay airport for "Open house day" July 1958.



TCA/AC People Gallery



✳ *airOntario*

✳ *airNova*

✳ *NWT air*



- **1943, July 22** - Service commenced Montreal - Prestwick for C-GAS with Lancastrian equipment.
- **1951, April 1** - Inaugural service Montreal-Paris via London (LHR).
- **1958, May 15** - Inaugural service Montreal - Paris direct.
- **1966, June 1** - Service commenced between Canada and Moscow..
- **1985, June 15** - Inaugural service between Ottawa and London England using L-1011 equipment.
- **1986** - Replacement of Connoisseur service by the new Executive Class.
- **2011, December 18** - Air Canada Rouge launched.



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

(Source:

enroute.aircanada.com/en/magazine/past-issues)

Results from Bermuda

Following the meeting between Canadian and British Government representatives in Bermuda, a bi-lateral Canadian-British agreement has been signed whereby a maximum of three hundred and fifty passengers every week will be able to fly each way on Trans-Canada Air Lines and B.O.A.C - aircraft, the companies operating jointly.

The two terminals will be Dorval, Montreal, and Prestwick, Scotland - the latter until Heathrow is fit for all-weather use. In the meantime, Trans-Canada Air Lines have reduced their Atlantic fare to £83 for the single journey, as against the £127 previously charged.

The service is now opened to non-priority passengers.

(Source: [Flight International](#) archives 1946)



Found in the "Horizons" magazine.

Issue dated March 1985.



The company recently honoured a group of 12 Toronto-based employees who retired with a combined service date of close to 300 years. Friends and co-workers shared a chuckle or two over posters of the guests of

honor taken from photos that had appeared on their applications for employment.

In the photo are, standing from the left: Reservations Supervisors **Bruce Maxim** and **Bill Schultz**; **Claire Shields**, Personnel Services Manager; **Ralph Martin**, Reservations Supervisor; **Ken Bruce**, Sales Representative, Hamilton, Ontario and **Bill Hendry**, Sales Office Supervisor.

Seated, from the left, are: **Jinny Bradshaw**, Project Manager, Marketing; **Pat Ford**, Regional Training and Development Instructor; **Enid Jordison**, Customer Relations Representative and **Don Morrison**, Regional Customer Relations Manager.

Absent from the photo, but not to be forgotten, are **Barry Nye**, Manager, Human Resources Programs and **Bob Rathwell**, Sales Representative.

Issue dated April 1985.

The presidents or their representatives of the Air Canada Recreation Associations across the system met recently in Montreal for a daylong exchange of views and ideas concerning their programs of upcoming activities planned for employees. Early in the day, President Pierre Jeannot dropped in to meet the group which is shown here in this photograph.

Back row, from the left, are: **Crispin Colvin**, London, Ontario; **Jim Miller**, Toronto; **Brian Connolly**, Halifax; **Jim Batten**, Ottawa; **Bob Preiss**, Winnipeg; **Naish Batten**, Sydney, Nova Scotia and **Jason Trehas**, Regina.

Middle row, from the left: **Dave Leslie**, Edmonton; **Noel Ebdon**, Saskatoon; **Ken Rodgers**, London, England; **Bernie Curwin**, Moncton; **Bernie Allardyce**, Vancouver; **Roger Bernard**, Quebec City; and **Andy Joy**, St. John's.

Front row, from the left, are: **Gail Ellis**, Employee Services Coordinator, Montreal; **Robbie Willianen**, Thunder Bay; **Deidra Roberts**, San Francisco; **Pierre Jeannot** and **Diane Drury**, Montreal and **Cory Smith**, Los Angeles.



Sales and additions to the company's fleet underline the need for an update in April 1985.

- DC-8-54, fin #812, was sold on December 19, 1984 to the Lift Foundation of Liechtenstein. Its market value was \$300-\$500,000 U.S.
- DC-8-54, fin #815, was parked at Dorval, and was used for spare parts. The hull, which had no market value, was sold to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in November 1984. Subsequently broken up in November 1993.
- Three DC-8-63s (fins #868, 869 and 870) went to ATASCO Inc. of Zug, Switzerland on December 29, 1984. The aircraft remain parked at Marana, Arizona, until delivery which is slated for the middle of the year 1985.
- DC-8-63 fin #879 was sold to LAP, the Paraguayan national airline, on December 21, 1984. Its market value was \$4 million U.S.
- B-747, fin #302, was delivered to the GPA Group at the end of May 1, 1985 – its market value is \$19 million U.S.
- B-727-233A, fin #403, was sold to Federal Express, delivery on April 3, 1985, re-registered N220FE named "Emily Rose". Its market value was \$7-\$8 million U.S.

Current surplus aircraft (as of March 1985) were:

- Seven DC-8-61s parked in long-term storage at Marana.
 - Two DC-8-63s, also at Marana.
 - Two L-1011s leased to Gulf Air were delivered in June 1985.
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Farewell to old friends.

Place Air Canada staff honored their fellow employees who took early retirement.

Shown during a get-together at Montreal's Four Seasons hotel are, front row, from the left: **Eleanor Prevost, Reine Coole, Edna Morrison, Dorothy Bissonnette, President Pierre Jeannot, Pat Hare, Marion Forbes, Fred Miles** and **Joe Mastro**.

Second row, from the left, are: **Malcolm Ross, Peter Henderson, Jean-Guy Longpre, Chris Irwin, Ed Marsan, Ray Dicaire, Bill Downard, Doug Wilson, Kevin Rothwell, Elton Cleford, Viggo Carstensen, Murray McAuslane, Bill Fox, Leo Brammall, Roy Pennell, Clayton Glenn, Jacques Gaucher, Peter Kralka** and **Gilles Menard**.

Back row, from the left, are: **Al Read, Mike Pitchford, Kal Kalinowski, Gilbert Gibson, Ralph Reid** and **George Clifford**.



Issue dated October 1984 & March 1985.

The 224 passengers embarked on a worldwide journey of a lifetime under the command of **Captain Don Stinson** travelling in the luxury of a 747 aircraft and stayed at first class hotels along the way. Each passenger paid a base price of \$5,600 and the surcharges for 'J' and 'F' seats were \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

The price was all inclusive: air fare, accommodation, many meals and conducted tours. The exotic trip departed from

Toronto on January 25, 1985 and visited such destinations as Rio de Janeiro, Capetown, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Bali and Sydney. The airline had never visited many of the cities before. The tour wound up in Toronto on February 11, 1985.

Issue dated May 1985.



The eagle eyes of three Heathrow passenger agents prevented five illegal immigrants from entering Canada and earned the trio some very high praise from the Canadian High Commission in London.

The incident occurred when five Asians holding Pakistani passports checked in for Flight 865 to Montreal. They checked in at different desks where **Mandy Huckins, Kate McDonald** and **Françoise Jolly** were on duty.

The passengers each had visas which, to the layman's eye would appear genuine, but not so to the staff. A tiny smudge on the visa wording triggered an inquiry and cross-referencing among the agents. A thorough examination revealed several faults with the documents though the forgeries were generally acknowledged as excellent.

Ian Williamson, Senior Passenger Agent who trains agents to spot such items, was called in and he, in turn, contacted **Bob Lynch**, Airport Passenger Service Manager. The five were refused carriage and were handed over to British Immigration who arranged repatriation to Pakistan.

The eighth AGM of the Pionairs was held at Anaheim, California April 25-28, 1985.

The new for 1985 Pionairs executive were Treasurer **Ray White**, Secretary **Gene Brown**, First V.P. **Jack Somerset**, President **Frank Dunlop**, Second V.P. **Blake Austin**.

Issue dated June 1985 - Alumni plans.

Alumni President **Jim Gehlsen** advised that the 14th annual get-together of the TCA Alumni will be held at the Breckenridge Resort Hotel at St. Petersburg Beach November 11-13, 1985.

Issue dated March 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 1950 version.

Issued July/August 2011 (used with permission)

It's not every day you run or walk on a runway with airplanes either taking off or arriving on another runway close by. On June 18, 2011 more than 2,000 people experienced just that as they participated in the Toronto Pearson Airport's fourth annual Runway Run/Walk for charity. This popular event saw people either run 5 km or walk 2 km on an inactive runway.

A group of Air Canada pilots represented our airline and took on other companies and agencies including the GTAA and Peel Police for the best average score. Our pilots finished in first with an average run time of 25 minutes and 43 seconds.

From left to right are Captain **Luigi Torano**, First Officer **Shawn Wilson**, First Officer **Zan Vetter**, First Officer **Gord Wright**, First Officer **Glennis Walsh**, Captain **Doug Morris**, Captain **Doug Cochrane**, First Officer **Brent McCarroll**, Captain **Brian Godberson**, Captain **Ryan Bradley**.



Luigi Torano, Shawn Wilson, Zan Vetter, Gord Wright, Glennis Walsh, Doug Morris, Doug Cochrane, Brent McCarroll, Brian Godberson, Ryan Bradley.



CP Air, Canadi>n People Gallery



CP Air selects President.

Canadian Pacific Airlines has named **Donald Carty** as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Carty, who was formerly Senior Vice President and Controller at American Airlines, replaces Dan Colussy, who resigned from the position after two years, but remains CP Air's Chairman.

A native of Toronto, he has held a number of senior positions with American Airlines since joining the company seven years ago. He also worked briefly for Air Canada and Celanese Canada before moving to the U.S. in 1984. He has served as chairman of the Economics and Finance Council of the United States' Air Transport Association.

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

Mackenzie Air Service Ltd.: Canada (1933-1942).



WW-I flier, **Leigh Brintnell** formed Mackenzie Air Service in 1932. In 1935 MAS used a Bellanca 66-70 Aircruiser (called Eldorado Radium Silver Express - CF-AWR) to carry uranium ore concentrate from the Eldorado Gold Mine located on Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories to Edmonton, Alberta for further shipment to Eldorado's refinery in Ontario.

Two more Aircruisers were added to MacKenzie's fleet, CF-BKV in 1938 and CF-BTW in 1940. MAS also purchased a Noorduyn Mark-III Norseman (CF-AZA) to carry air mail. While Brintnell was president of Northwest Industries in Edmonton, MacKenzie Air Service was amalgamated into Canadian Pacific Airlines in 1941.

(Source: bushplane.com)

Air Mail had begun to make a return not long after this and Canadian Airways joined with MacKenzie Air Services to form United Air Services Limited. Together, both companies competed with Trans-Canada Air Lines and offered services spanning from Edmonton, right up to the Arctic.

(Source: onfinalofficial.wordpress.com)

Inaugurates operations on January 1, 1933 by flying fresh vegetables from Edmonton to the Eldorado Mines at Great Bear Lake. The route to Great Bear Lake is continued. During 1938, scheduled flights are undertaken linking the company's base with Port Radium via Yellowknife and Gordon Lake. During the spring of 1941, the carrier is purchased by Canadian Pacific Railway and is merged with the Canadian Airways, Ltd. service from Edmonton to Prince Albert under the marketing title United Air Services, Ltd. in July. Six months later, on January 30, 1942, MacKenzie is one of several air transport companies merged to form Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Ltd.

(Source: worldhistory.biz)

The Canadian government has authorized Wardair to operate scheduled service between Canada and the United Kingdom. The carrier has permission to operate into London, Prestwick and Manchester and will likely begin service this 1985 fall.

(Source: AC "Horizons" magazine issue dated May 1985)



Wayne's Wings



**Wayne
Albertson**

Revisiting the McDonnell Douglas DC-8

It's been a while since we have visited the history of the DC-8. I seem to go back to this aircraft from time to time because its story is always fascinating.

It was the first aircraft type that I flew on as an Air Canada employee back in 1980 at a time when it was destined to be replaced by the Boeing 767. Gradually the remaining "Stretch 8's" in the fleet were converted to all cargo configuration and eventually fully retired.

I have always felt that I missed a significant part of aviation history when it was the class of the fleets of many airlines.

Here are links to my previous DC-8 items: [NL #1325](#) & [NL #1343](#).

Below is a link to an interesting YouTube video detailing the development and launch of the DC-8.





Reader's Feedback

Hugh MacCallum is looking for some help -

"I am trying to find the registration letters for 2 aircraft (photos below) that I photographed 22 March 1977 parked on the ramp at CYHD / Dryden, Ontario.

Please refer to my URL

www.hughmaccallum.ca/gallery3/index.html (page 2, pictures 12 and 13)

The first is a **de Havilland DOVE**, which I thought was owned by **AirDale**.

The second a **Saunders ST-27** that was owned by **ON AIR LIMITED** in 1977.

I am unable to find any reference to these 2 carriers or any data bases for either carrier regarding defunct status? My photograph notes respectively said CF-ED and CF-MEW; however upon close inspection with magnifying glass & stronger eye glasses they are not correct???

I and Ken Kalynuk (CYWG) have been struggling with these identifications for 2 years +/- !!!! Your assistance (would be) very much appreciated.

Thank you, Hugh MacCallum



In NetLetter #1409 we had information regarding the seating for the Viscount – **Robert Arnold** has a large collection of drawings relative to the Viscount, and sent us some information of the various proposals for seating, but not necessarily implemented.

Drawing No.	Drawing Date	Layout	
33-10002	22-Sep-1953	Viscount 752 / 57 Passengers	Viscount 724 / 53 Passengers
		9 - 3 abreast seating	9 - 3 abreast seating
		15 - 2 abreast	13 - 2 abreast

		seating	seating
05-10004	10-Aug-1954	Viscount 724 / 40 Passenger cabin / 20 - 2 abreast seating	
33-10171	13-Jan-1959	Viscount High Density Seating - 58 Passengers	
		14 - 2 abreast seating	10 - 3 abreast seating
SK-3788	6-Oct-1960	Viscount 724 & 757 TCA / 54 Passengers	
		15- 2 abreast seating	8 - 3 abreast seating
33-10197	2-Mar-1960	Cross Section Layout - proposed Viscount High Density seat type only.	
33-10198	8-Mar-1960	Proposed Viscount High Density seat type only	
Aerosmith / T-1378	22-Jul-1960	General Seating Specification Viscount 700 Series - 54 passengers.	
		12 - 2 abreast seating	10 - 3 abreast seating
32-10222	19-Jan-1962	Divider Bulkhead - Mixed Class Seating Proposal.	
05-10157	24-Jan-1962	Layout - 51 passengers Mixed Class Seating / 12 - First Class 39 - Economy	
		15 - 2 abreast seating	7 - 3 abreast seating
05-10181	6-Jul-1962	Layout - 36 Economy, 38 First Class, Mixed Class Chair Spacing - 51 Passengers	
		15 - 2 abreast seating	7- 3 abreast seating
		(Note: water filled fire extinguisher)	
32-10307	5-Jun-1970	Restraint Install - Under Seat, Baggage	
33-10620	30-May-1971	Proposal Royal Family VIP Arrangement, Viscount, 46 passengers.	
		23 - 2 abreast seating	





Odds and Ends



Atlas Air was operating B-767-375 c/n 5865 first flight February 23, 2019 on behalf of Prime Air performing a delivery service for Amazon when it crashed recently en route to Miami.

Originally ordered for Canadian Airlines International registered as C-GCAW in 1992 but not delivered.

(Source: aviation-safety.net)

Soviet Concorde.

The Tupolev Tu-144 SST made its initial 38 min flight on December 31, 1969, 50 years ago, after a 3 day delay due to bad weather, from an unnamed Moscow airport.

The prototype had been assembled and ground tested at the Tupolev plant at Zhukovsky, near Moscow.

(Source: Flight International, January 15, 2019)

British Airways rolls back years with BOAC livery.



British Airways' celebration of its 100th anniversary got underway on February 18, 2019 with the unveiling of the first of several aircraft with retro colour schemes. The initial jet, a Boeing

747-400 (G-BYGC), has been repainted in the BOAC livery of BA's predecessor in the 1960's and early 1970's.

Further details soon of its plans for further "retro jet" liveries, rumoured to include earlier British Airways schemes along with that of BEA, BOAC's short-haul contemporary which is believed to be destined for an Airbus A319.

(Source: Flight International February 26. 2019)

Ken Pickford provides additional info on the A319 in BEA livery:

The A319 (as mentioned above) in BEA livery went into service 2 weeks ago. [Click Here](#) for a link to a YouTube video showing it arriving LHR March 4 on its ferry flight from Dublin where it was painted (as was the 747-400).

Later that day it operated a round trip LHR-MAN-LHR. Departing MAN here on the return trip. Click the image below.





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.

Memorable BNB accommodation.

If you've ever wanted to experience life off-the-grid, book a stay at this remote adobe dome, promising solar-powered living and incredible stargazing opportunities

(Source: MSN.com)



Formation flying.



As the Learjet 25B passed in front of the sun, it cast a shadow on the Boeing 737 MAX 8 during our recent Air-to-Air photo shoot.

According to **Brian Losito**, Air Canada Corporate Photographer, the pilots have special skills and experience in formation flying.

The photo platform and target aircraft fly at a low level while dealing with moderate to high G-forces.

(Source: The Daily February 20, 2019)



Smileys



This sent in by **Steve Charlton** -

A flight crew is landing at an unfamiliar airport. The control tower gives them a runway assignment, and they start their approach.

The pilot says, "Does that runway look kind of short to you?"

The co-pilot says, "It sure does."

"I thought it was supposed to be longer than that"

"Me too"

"Better set full flaps."

"Full flaps set."

"I want thrust reversers the minute we touch."

"Standing by on the thrust reversers."

"And full power once thrust reversers are set."

"Roger that."

"I'm gonna try to catch the very end of the runway and stand on the brakes. Stand by to reverse thrust."

They touch down, blast the thrust reversers, stomp the brakes, and just manage to get the plane stopped before it runs off into the grass.

The pilot says, "Damn, that was a short runway."

The co-pilot says, "Yeah, but look how wide it is."



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)